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of Ventura-East

The Breeze

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Programs

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January 12, 2012

Club Runner - Jeff Hata

January 19, 2012

Club Assembly

Greeter

January 5 - TBA

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date

November 29, 2012

Rotary Bullseye Shooting Contest

July 4, 2012

Latin Music Festival

July 28, 2012

for information on fundraisers go to:
www.RotaryVenturaEast.org

Club Events

Important Dates

Mid Terms	Jan 14
Master PRLS 2	Jan 21
Mid Terms	Feb 4
Poverty Conference	Feb 4
Foundation Gala	Feb 4
Master PRLS5	Feb 11
Fat Tuesday Party	Feb 21
PETS	Feb 24 - 26
District Assembly	Apr 7
Basic PRLS	Apr 7
RYLA	Apr 19 - 22
Rotarians at Work Day	Apr 28
R.I. Convention	May 6 - 9
D.G. Wade's Demotion	Jun 23
Rotary Bullseye Shooting Contest	Jul 4
Latin Music Festival	Jul 28

Raffle Prize Donors

January 12 - Husam Hishmeh

January 19 - TBA

January 26 - Jim Emch

February 2 - TBA

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www.RotaryVenturaEast.org • www.IrishFestivalVentura.org
R.I.: www.rotary.org • District 5240: www.rotarydistrict5240.org

Presidents Message ...



Tom Swan
President 2011-2012

President Tom sends his regrets at not writing an article this week.

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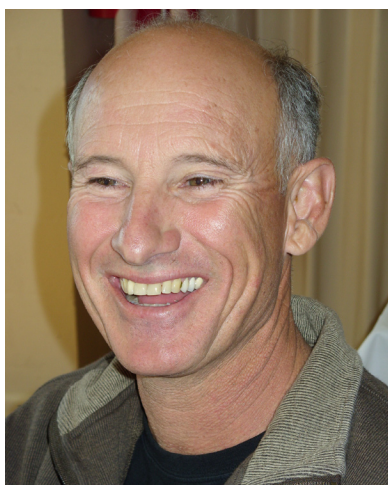
First ... Is it the TRUTH? Second ... Is it FAIR to all concerned? Third ... Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Fourth ... Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Meeting January 5, 2012

Reported by Jeff Hata



Ron Polito gave a Vocational Minute.

President Tom Swan invited everyone to lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians first!

Ron Polito led us in the salute to the Flag.

Deborah Roberts introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Visiting us was former Rotarian and Past President of our club, Warren Brown. Visiting Rotarian from Santa

Clarita was Bob Noville and visiting from Ventura Downtown was Gary Wolf. Our speaker Bill Hendricks and Shaena Singer were introduced.

Wendy Pazen announced that the raffle prize was \$50 cash donated by Tim Hughes.

Avenues of Service:

Community Service - Craig Miller spoke about an article in the paper covering our last Rotary Rehab project!

Vocational Service - Bill Spellman told the club that the last project for 2011 conducted by Buena Interact was Adopt a Grandparent.

New Generations - Husam Hishmeh announced that the next Balboa Interact meeting will be 12:30 on Wednesday January 11th.

The Ventura Rotaract club will be holding a membership drive / mixer on January 16th at 6:00 pm.

Judy Hoag asked everyone who needs a club shirt to try on her samples to make sure you get the right size.

President Tom announced that STEPS will be January 28th. The club is paying the club price so if you want to go, register and you can attend for free!

President Tom urged all club members to attend the January 19th meeting. There is a continuing resolution that the board feels the club should vote on.



Al Jonas received his blue badge. Pictured with his sponsor Deborah Roberts

Vocational Minute: Bill Spellman called on Ron Polito to give a Vocational Minute.

Ron is a property manager by trade and this time spends much of his time on roofs doing roof inspections.

Jeff Hata announced the Fat Tuesday party at Main Course scheduled for Tuesday February 21. Please register for this event on the website.

Happy \$'s - Ron Polito, Rocky Ludes, Bill Spellman, Midge Stork, Husam Hishmeh, Wendy Pazen, Craig Miller and Pete Gallagher.

January Birthdays - Vance Thompson.

President Tom then presented Al Jonas with his Blue Badge.

Deborah Perkins introduced our speaker. Bill Hendricks.

Bill Hendricks and Shaena Singer gave a delightful presentation regarding a project they are working on that will take place in Cuba. Bill has been a professor of photography for 21 years and is currently working at Ventura College. He also does a variety of projects for the advertising industry and shows some of his work in galleries. Bill has made approximately 46 trips to Cuba. Shaena is a senior at Foothill Technology School. She intends to study pre-med in college. Shaena is a ballerina who has loved dancing since she was four years old.

Bill, Shaena, Bill's daughter Madison, and another teenager, Savannah, have developed a project in which the three girls will travel to Cuba for four weeks and train at one of the highly respected dance schools, ProDanza, in Havana. The girls will study for approximately 40 hours per week. During this time, they will share an apartment in the Havana neighborhood of Kohly. A chef will be available to prepare meals for the girls.

This entire cultural project will be video taped and eventually turned into a documentary. The Cuban government has already approved the project and the



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girls are set to leave on June 20, 2012. Bill will travel with the girls to oversee the project and ensure their safety. It is anticipated that the documentary will eventually be available for viewing on the internet at www.cubadanceproject.com. In the meantime, you can find information about the project at that website.

The cost to send the girls to Cuba to participate in this project is approximately \$12,000. Bill and the girls have already raised \$7,000 and are hoping to raise an additional \$5,000 by April 15, 2012. If you are interested in donating to this project, you may contact Bill by e-mail through the above-referenced website.

We thank Bill and Shaena for sharing this project with us and wish them great success.



Our speaker today was Bill Hendricks with Shaena Singer.

Deborah A. Perkins

Canadian vocational project seeks employment opportunities for the disabled

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News – 11 January 2012

Several Rotary districts in Ontario, Canada, are helping to expand employment opportunities for people with physical or developmental disabilities by educating business leaders on the benefits of hiring them.

Districts 6290, 6400, 7070 and 7090 partnered with Community Living Ontario, a nonprofit association that advocates for people with disabilities, to create a vocational service project that provides resources and training for business owners interested in hiring people with disabilities.

By working with employment agencies, the project connects disabled individuals with job openings. Since its launch in 2009, the program has helped more than 130 disabled people find employment.

Project manager Joe Dale, a member of the Rotary Club of Whitby, says about 16 percent of the province's population has some kind of mental

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or physical impairment; of those, 49 percent are unemployed. It's one of the largest minorities in the country and a significant labor pool for businesses to tap into, he says.

"This project has helped a growing number of employers dispel the myths about the disabled by connecting them to [potential] employees with disabilities," says Dale, executive director at Ontario Disability Employment Network. "We go around the province encouraging Rotarians and other businesses to hire those with disabilities and inform them of the benefits that come with it."

Studies conducted by Community Living Ontario and surveys of employers have shown that employees who have a disability demonstrate average or above average work performance, are willing and able to work many different types of jobs, and improve staff morale.

Whitby club member Mark Wafer, who helped launch the project, says hiring people with disabilities gives him a competitive edge. An owner of six Tim Hortons, a Canadian-based coffee and baked goods chain, Wafer has employed more than 80 people with disabilities over the last 16 years for positions ranging from customer service to management.

Wafer says the benefit is "substantial." People with disabilities tend to stay with an employer longer, he says, because it has taken them such a long time to find a job. That reduces the cost of having to interview, hire, and train replacements. "Turnover is expensive."

Wafer says his overall turnover rate remains low because all his employees "want to be a part of something special, they feel good about the inclusive workplace. It changes the nature of the work force."

Expanding the project

Dale hopes to see Rotary clubs and districts across Canada take part in Canadian, cont'd on page 6



Rotarian Mark Wafer (right) recognizes Tawnya Walsh as 2010 Employee of the Year at one of his six Tim Hortons in Ontario, Canada. Walsh was a beneficiary of the district's service project. Photo courtesy of Mark Wafer

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Weekly Raffle

This weeks raffle prize was \$50 cash donated by Tim Hughes

Our lucky wnnr this week was Bob Pazen! We collected \$125 which will go towards Buena High School Scholarships this spring!

Congratualtions to Bob and thank you to Tim Hughes for your generous contribution!




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
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this vocational project.

Rotarians can use their influence in the community to demonstrate leadership when it comes to hiring people who have a disability, he says. "If business owners hear that this hiring won't be a deterrent to profitability, then that's a strong message."

Participating clubs can use connections in their community to conduct informational sessions for business groups, chambers of commerce, and trade and professions associations.

David Onley, Ontario's lieutenant governor, who contracted polio as a child and remains partially paralyzed, says the project "reflects an important partnership between Community Living Ontario and Rotarians to assist Ontarians with disabilities find appropriate employment by forging relationships with businesses."

The hiring of people with disabilities is one of the last frontiers of discrimination, says Wafer. "Rotarians, as business owners and professionals are well positioned to break down this barrier and open the doors to a more inclusive community."


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