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of Ventura-East**

The Breeze

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Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes & Deborah Perkins

May 24, 2012

2012 R.I. Convention - Jordan Eller

May 31, 2012

Scholarship Awards - Tom Crozier

June 7, 2012

Anatomy of a DUI - Doug Ridley

June 14, 2012

Antarctica - Marc Charney

Greeter

May 24 - Nikki Sloan

May 31 - Carol Marquez Olson

June 7 - Nikki Sloan

June 14 - Deborah Roberts

June 21 - Jeff Hata

June 28 - Deborah Roberts

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date
November 29, 2012

Rotary Bullseye Shooting Contest

July 4, 2012

Music Festival

August 18, 2012

Featured Performer

Ray Fresco

With the Ojai Youth Symphony

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Club Events

Important Dates

Club Visioning Training.....	Jun 4
Rotaract Ventura Stepdown.....	Jun 18
D.G. Wade's Demotion.....	Jun 23
President Tom's Step Down	Jun 29
Rotary Bullseye Shooting Contest.....	Jul 4
Push em Pull em Parade.....	Jul 4
Tom & Georganna's Annual Fireworks Extravaganza	Jul 4
RCVE Concerts - Music Festival	Aug 18

Raffle Prize Donors

May 24 - Judy Hoag

May 31 - Ken Kagan

June 7 - Danielle Brinkman

June 14 - Husam Hishmeh

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Presidents Message ...



Tom Swan
President 2011-2012

Fellow Rotarians;
In true RCVE fashion, we are getting ready to celebrate the year's achievements, then immediately embark on a whole new series of adventures. The month of June will be very crowded with parties, celebrations, awards presentations and new officer installations.

First, I think we should start it all off with a warm-up party, a chance to stretch the indulgence muscles prior to a vigorous workout. We will be celebrating the two most momentous occasions to impact the world; my birth and the birth of the Rotary Club of Ventura East! Come out to the Watermark Restaurant on the corner of Main and Chestnut at 6:00PM. We will be up on the top floor overlooking Ventura and celebrating our achievements.

On June 4, we will work to plot a new course for the next several years and redefine the focus of our club. We will be meeting in the GoCare conference room at 770 County Square Drive at 5:00PM. Food and drinks will be provided. Plan to stay until 9:00PM to help us forge a new path. This will be your big chance to help us move forward.

On June 18, we will have the opportunity to party with the Ventura Rotaract Club as they celebrate TWO fantastic years of leadership under Cheney Caldwell. For those new members and the other club members who have been living under a rock, our club helped form the Ventura Rotaract Club through the strength of several young professionals. Cheney Caldwell stepped up to the leadership position and the club has made great strides and has made a HUGE difference in our community. The Rotaract Club has proven they are a viable force for change and improvement for those they serve. The event will take place at the Wedgewood Banquet Facility, at the Buenaventura Golf Course. They kick everything off at 6:30PM. Let's show our appreciation for the Rotaractors and fill the room with Rotarians.

On Saturday June 23, Wade Nomura will be stepping down as the 2011-12 District Governor and elevating Frank Ortiz to the position for the 2012-13 Rotary year. This will take place at Moorpark Country Club and will be a luncheon event, to cut costs. This will be a spotlight event for the district and I encourage all of you to attend.

Finally, after all the aforementioned party practice, the main event is scheduled for Friday June 29 at the Ventura Museum of Art at 6:00PM. The demotion of yours truly, the election of new officers and the installation of the 2012-13 Board of Directors. With all the party warm-ups behind you, this event will feature a full-on catered event with an OPEN BAR!!!! Who knows, maybe I will have something stronger than a diet coke. I have been informed, on good authority, that there will be a decadently, gooey, over-the-top chocolate dessert in attendance. You will not want to miss this event!!

I know Jordan Eller has an action-packed July waiting for us, and we need to celebrate to the fullest in anticipation.

Let's Party!!

Tom

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Meeting May 17, 2012

Reported by Jeff Hata



Jordan Eller led us in the Salute to the Flag.

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

President Tom welcomed PE Jordan Eller back from the RI Convention.

Jordan then led us in the salute to the Flag.

Jeff Hata introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

We did not have any guests or visiting

Jordan passed out Rey Fresco flyers and asked club members to please get them out into the community. Tickets go on sale June 1st.

On the Fourth of July we have the 2nd Annual Rotary Bullseye Shooting contest as well as the Push-em Pull-em parade. We will need all hands on deck to handle both of these events.

Vocational Service - Bill Spellman announced that we will not be presenting Student of the Quarter for the remainder of the year.

President Tom spoke about advertising in the Breeze as well as the website. We are integrating more and more often now our fundraising efforts with the website. This is driving more and more traffic to our club website. Business card advertising on the website provides you with the opportunity to get the interest of potential clients. Please note that all business card ads on the website also include a link to your company website or link to your email.

Deborah Roberts told the club that Main Course California will be catering the VIP and band area and is on board for a Stage Sponsorship. Deborah also pointed out the QR code, Quick Response code, which when scanned with a "Smart" phone will take the user directly to the RCVEConcert.com website.

Happy \$'s: Bill Gray, Rocky Ludes and Wendy Pazen.

Wendy then conducted the opportunity drawing and our lucky winner was Augie Ponce de Leon! We raised \$69 today.

In celebration of the Club's 49th Anniversary, Bill Spellman, Andy Corliss, John Masterson, and Tom Shilton shared their memories.

Andy, who was the Club's third President, recalls attending the Rotary International Convention in Denver, Colorado with John Masterson. After enjoying the convention, the two of them headed to the Coors Factory in Golden, Colorado. Inside the factory, they were taken into the bar in the basement where they could



President Tom presented Honorary Member Augie Ponce de Leon with a blue badge.

Rotarians.

As long as Jeff was at the lectern, he announced a Club Social / Anniversary Party at the W20 on Thursday May 24th. However the actual date will be Wednesday May 23rd.

Also, our club will be hosting an Exchange Student from Spain. Our student's name is Maria del Pilar Gonzalez Largacha. We have our first host family lined up, but we still need to more families to commit. Tom Crozier volunteered if we needed him. Please, if you do not wish to host, ask your friends and neighbors if they would.

John Borneman led us in a song.

Wendy Pazen announced that our opportunity drawing was a \$50 cash donated by John Masterson.

President Tom invited honorary member Augie Ponce de Leon up to the lectern and presented Augie with a club badge.

Avenues of Service.

Club Service - Jordan Eller told the club he had a fantastic trip to the RI Convention. He will speak more about it next week. The major celebration at the convention this year was India being polio free for one year! This is a major accomplishment in Rotary's drive to end Polio worldwide.



Wendy Pazen conducted our raffle this week.

drink as much beer as they wanted. Interestingly, they each recall that going to the Coors Factory was the other person's idea.

John, who was the Club's fourth President, recalls that it was considered a great honor to be a Rotarian. There were lots of good times including when women were allowed to join Rotary. There were also some not-so-good times like when the Treasurer stole money from the Club. Overall, John cherishes his many years in Rotary. He is thankful to have had the opportunity to meet lots of wonderful people and to serve others.

Tom explained why people sometimes say (with a smile) that the Club used to push drugs. Years ago, drug companies provided doctors with samples of their drugs. With the help of pediatrician Wendell Sear, the Club collected these samples. Wendell then took the samples with him when he traveled to other countries for humanitarian projects.

Bill explained why Bob Beckwith's 59 years of perfect attendance is quite amazing. For many years, about the only way to make-up a meeting was to attend another Club's meeting. Board of Directors meetings, committee meetings, etc. did not count as make-ups. Bill remembers having to start over after ten years of perfect attendance because he was out of town for three weeks and was not able to make-up at other meetings.

Thank you Bill, Andy, John, and Tom for sharing your memories.

Deborah A. Perkins



John Masterson, Andy Corliss & Pete Gallagher, three of our Charter Members.

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Letter From Tigran Parsadanyan, 2011 President's Scholarship Recipient

Hello Mr. Doyle,

Just earlier today I finished my last final exam for the year, as I sit here thinking about where the time has gone I thought the least I can do is thank the very people that allowed me the amazing opportunity to be able to strive for everything I have always dreamed for. Among the highest on my list of people to thank is not only you sir, but the entire Ventura-East Rotary Club for believing in me and investing in my education and my future.



Tigran "Tico" Parsadanyan

At this time I would like to sum up a little summary of how my year at San Diego State University has gone so far so that you may report back to everyone that their decision to invest in me did not go in vain. I entered SDSU a Political Science major with big dreams, and realized that the majority of individuals in this field end up unemployed after college and on average spend an extra year in this institution due to the high demand of the major. Thus I searched around for the right major for me and found one more along my original goal. I changed my major to one that is fairly new to SDSU and the United States in general. The major International Security and Conflict Resolution is only offered in SDSU on the West Coast, and is only offered in a handful of other Universities in the United States. I jumped at this opportunity and immediately went headstrong into the major,

I met with representatives of the State Department, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All of which gave me advice and mentioned how strong willed and organized I was, they were not accustomed to speaking to a freshman so ready to be involved in any way that I was. I then proceeded to become involved in my community and joined a Fraternity of respectable gentleman by the name Phi Kappa Psi, in which I rapidly stood out from my fellow peers and proved myself enough to now hold a leadership role in. In return they also gave me a scholarship for my achievements and dedication throughout the first semester. Most students struggle with a full schedule

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was \$50 cash, donated by John Masterson.

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Our lucky winner this week was Augie Ponce de Leon!

Congratulations Augie and thank you to John Masterson for your generous donation.

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of 15 units in their first semester but being as ambitious as I am I chose to take 17 units my first semester and ended the semester on the Dean's List with a nearly perfect 3.81 GPA. This semester I proceeded to take 16 units and from what I expect will definitely be on the Dean's List yet again. I entered University a year ahead in units from my fellow peers, therefore as this semester is over I will return to SDSU in the Fall 2012 semester as an upperclassmen or a "Junior" in other words.

I quite often spend my evenings and free time attending public lectures that I believe more people should go to. I have heard lectures and debates ranging from representatives of the International Criminal Court to his Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama regarding topics from Genocides to compassion without borders. In addition to my major I have picked up an additional minor in History with a focus on Eastern Europe and am considering another minor in Russian Language and am currently in the thought process and scout process to possibly start my own Non-Profit Organization in regards to the USA's habit of not recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

I already have two summer jobs confirmed for me back home in Ventura and begin working as soon as this coming weekend and will also be taking one class at the local community college to continue striving to my full potential. Also for those wondering I have proven the Freshman 15 myth to be false and have not gained any major weight while away in University. Instead, I have gained such an enormous amount of new knowledge in San Diego State that it is shocking how far greater it is to actually learn what you love to learn rather than being forced to take the same classes as your peers in High School and be chained from your full potential.

I have had the best times here and will continue to make you all proud Ventura-East Rotary Club. Thank you all once again for believing in me and giving me this amazing opportunity that I otherwise may not have been able to attain. I would very much like to attend another one of your meetings now that I will be home for the summer and would also be honored to speak if you would like.

-Tigran "Tiko" Parsadanyan



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