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of Ventura-East

# The Breeze

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## Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes & Deborah Perkins

### July 19, 2012

Official D.G. Visit - Frank Ortiz

### July 26, 2012

Interview Nikki Sloan - Joe Strohman

### August 2, 2012

RCVE Youth Exchange Student - Iris Dudek

### August 9, 2012

Civil Air Patrol

## Greeter

**July 19** - Jeff Hata

**July 26** – TBA

**August 2** - TBA

**August 9** - TBA

## Fundraisers

### Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date

November 29, 2012

### Rotary Bullseye Shooting Contest

TBA

### Music Festival

August 18, 2012

Featured Performer

Ray Fresco

With the Ojai Youth Symphony

for information on fundraisers go to:  
[www.RotaryVenturaEast.org](http://www.RotaryVenturaEast.org)

## Club Events

### Important Dates

D.G. Frank Ortiz's official visit .....Jul 19  
RCVE Concerts - Music Festival .....Aug 18

### Raffle Prize Donors

July 19 - TBA

July 26 - TBA

August 2 - TBA

August 9 - TBA

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## Presidents Message ...



**Jordan Eller**  
President 2012-2013

Fellow Rotarians,  
Another great week in Rotary! Several events this week that I'd like to discuss: The first Board of Director's Meeting of my year, our first off-site meeting, Tom Swan's BBQ, and Pete Gallagher's 90th Birthday Party. There are also several events coming up in the near future to be discussed.

The first Board of Director's meeting was held Wednesday the 11th, at my office in Ventura. It was the first time the new Board met in its official capacity. The meeting was attended by ten of the Board members and lasted approximately one hour. The meeting went well and general Club business was covered and several decisions were made. Board meetings are designed to address current and ongoing issues as well as future planning with the Club and occur the first Wednesday of every month, 5:30 PM at Capital Mortgage Services located at 4253 Transport Street in Ventura. All members are welcome to attend and learn more about the Board and what they do.

Our first off-site meeting was held at Four Brix Winery in Ventura and was very well attended. Karen Stewart (a fellow Rotarian) was our gracious host and co-owner of Four Brix Winery. Lunch was served and included a Birthday Cake (thanks to Harriet Clune and Rich Stewart) for Judy Hoag and Pete Gallagher's 90th Birthday. Following lunch, there was a 25 minute tour of the facility and we all learned a little more about wine. It was a terrific off-site meeting and I'm quite sure that all who attended had a great time.

On Saturday the 14th, Immediate Past President Tom Swan had a paper shredding party that was catered by the RCVE BBQ Team. Guests of Tom's enjoyed a full sized shredding truck that shredded guest's personal documents on the spot while they enjoyed BBQ tri-tip sandwiches made by our BBQ team. A special thanks to all that helped with the event.

Last but not least was Pete Gallagher's 90th Birthday Party at the Sportsman Restaurant in Ventura on Sunday evening. It was attended by at least forty people, many of them active Ventura East Rotarians. The cocktails started at 6:00 and it was a full dinner with birthday cake being served after 9:00. A roast was attempted, but the harshest critique of Pete by one of his admirers was that he was the most stubborn man she had ever known. Congratulations to Pete!

This week we have the upcoming District Governor's Visit on Tuesday at 5:00 at the Downtown Art Museum. This is a joint social with the Downtown Club to welcome our current District Governor, Frank Ortiz, to our Clubs. On Thursday,

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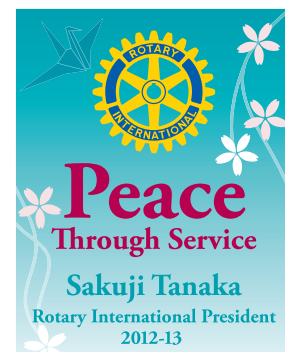
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# Meeting July 12, 2012

*Reported by Jeff Hata*



*Happy Birthday Judy Hoag!*

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

Joe Strohmman then led us in the salute to the Flag.

P.E. Nikki Sloan introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Former club member and Past President Steve Tucker visited us today all the way from Henderson Nevada. Along with

Steve was his wife Jan. Steve gave his current occupation as "Philatelist." Guest of Ken Kagan was Laura. Our speaker from last week William Aura came back to check us out somemore! Guest of Deborah Roberts was Larry Stephenson and our speaker and Rotarian Karen Stewart. Guest of the club was Bruce McGee.

John Borneman led us in a song and then we sang Happy Birthday to Pete Gallagher and Judy Hoag.

We then presented a birthday cake to Pete & Judy.

Club Service - Nikki Sloan invited everyone to attend Pete's Birthday party on Sunday July 15th at the Sportsman. 6:00 pm and the cost will be \$21 per person. Please RSVP.

Immediately after the Sportsman the evening will conclude with nightcaps at the Benchwarmer. I hope everyone has cab money!

We will need help this Saturday for Tom Swan's BBQ from 10:00 - 2:00. Please let Jordan know if you can help.

Judy Hoag passed around a sign up sheet for the Rey Fresco fundraiser. We will need **FULL** club participation so please volunteer for a job so Judy won't need to track you down!

Vocational Moment - Rich Stewart called upon Bill

Spellman. Bill received his D.D.S. degree from USC. Bill's motto was "Drill, fill and bill!" Bill maintained his practice for 40 years!

Bill now is heavily involved in theatre, mostly with the Ojai Arts Center and in his "spare" time does "some" work with Rotary. Bill is currently involved with a production of Sound of Music. The run will be for 4 weeks.

Bill has also written a play called the Debt. The Debt was first performed by the Ojai Art Center in 1997. Since then it has been performed at a few other theatre's.

President's Announcements:

Our new board had their first "official" meeting last night. They are very excited about the upcoming year and foresee many exciting things happening.

We will be doing a vocational program every 4 weeks. Our next vocational program will be Nikki Sloan. You won't want to miss this one!

Make-ups? If you do a make-up we are asking that you write it on the clip board that will be passed around. Be forewarned you may be called upon to report on your make-up at a club meeting.

We will be holding a social for the District Governor Frank Ortiz on July 17th at the Museum of Ventura County at 5:00. This will be a joint meeting with the Downtown club.

D.G. Frank Ortiz will be making his official visit to the club on July 19th. The current Board of Directors is requested to be at the Poinsettia Pavilion at 11:00 to meet with Frank.

Karen Stewart then took us on a tour of Four Brix Winery and gave us the history of the winery. Four Brix is basically a hobby gone really bad, or in the case of Four Brix really good.

Four Brix was started by three families, Rotarians, who wanted to take their garage wine making to the next level. They opened their Ventura winery last September after producing their wines at a co-op in Paso Robles the last few years.



*Joe Strohmman led us in the Flag Salute*



*Happy Birthday Pete!*

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The name Four Brix comes from their "Four" favorite wine producing regions in the world and "Brix" the measurement of sugar used to calculate what the final alcohol content will finish at after fermentation. The wines made by Four Brix are made to remind you of Italian, French, Spanish and California wines.

Karen also went through the production cycle from bringing the grapes down to Ventura to the crush, fermentation, press and barreling. Karen also explained how they bottle their wines. There is a mobile bottling company catering specifically to the small wine makers that comes in and does the whole bottling process for you. All you need to do is load the bottles to start the process and take them off after they are filled, corked and foiled. An amazing process!

Thank you Karen for opening up your business to us and for giving us such a great tour!



Rotarian Karen Stewart hosted us at Four Brix today!

## Vocational training team shares expertise with Aga Khan University faculty in Uganda

By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News -- 9 July 2012

Members of a vocational training team shared their expertise in nursing education with faculty at Aga Khan University's School of Nursing and Midwifery recently.

The training team, the first funded by a Rotary Foundation packaged grant, visited the campus in Kampala, Uganda, 27 February-12 March. Led by physician and Past District Governor Matthias Oladeinde Shoga, the three nurse educators from Nigeria trained their counterparts in teaching practices that promote student learning and improve effectiveness in education.

The training covered research techniques, the use of anatomical models, simulated classroom situations, and how to assess students' attitudes through body language.

"To demonstrate their acquired experience, the faculty conducted classes for students with the team in attendance as observers," says Shoga.

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“The [VTT] experience was enriching for both the team and the university, as we had things to learn from each other.”

**Maternal and child health**

The Foundation entered a strategic partnership with Aga Khan University last year, creating new opportunities for Rotarians to serve in the maternal and child health area of focus. Packaged grants are available under the Foundation’s Future Vision grant model.

The team also met Dr. Yasmin Amarsi, dean of the school, who describes the launch of the partnership between the university and The Rotary Foundation through the VTT as a “history-making opportunity” to help improve maternal and child health in East Africa. She notes that it was particularly significant that the first VTT came to the university from another African country to forge stronger continental links and to learn from each other’s experiences.


Team members also participated in a community service project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Muyenga, assisting the treatment of patients at a health clinic in Kassamu Kyali. The clinic is part of a large,



*Top: Dr. Yasmin Amarsi, dean of Aga Khan University’s School of Nursing and Midwifery, welcomes VTT leader Matthias Oladeinde Shoga to the university’s campus in Kampala, Uganda. Photo by Jan Damery Bottom: The team meets staff from the Mpigi Health Center near Kampala. Photo courtesy of Matthias Oladeinde Shoga*

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sustainable Foundation grant project active in three areas of focus. It has established a clean water system, a bakery, a goat-breeding program, a vocational center where women sew dresses and uniforms for orphans and free mosquito bed nets for the community, and a solar-powered cold-chain facility that stores vaccines. The effort is sponsored by the Muyenga club and the Rotary Club of Genk-Noord, Belgium.

“This was a revelation -- to see a single project touching so many areas of the lives of the inhabitants,” says Shoga.

In addition, team members conducted a prenatal and health education clinic at the Mpigi Health Center, which serves about 120,000 people in an area near Kampala.

**Understanding Rotary**

As a result of the VTT, team members say they have gained a better understanding of Rotary and have since become involved in service projects with their sponsor clubs.

“One of the team members has shown interest in joining her sponsor club,” says Shoga. “All have been invited to join the Rotary Foundation alumni association [and] are enthusiastic about joining.”

As for future contacts between the VTT and Aga Khan University, Shoga says the university’s faculty are committed to continuing to improve their skills as educators and excited to be part of opportunities that offer outside assistance.


“Our findings of a survey made of students and faculty, as well as recommendations of the team, have been [provided] for future use by the faculty,” says Shoga. “The VTT plans to remain connected to the nursing education faculty at Aga Khan University.”

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the RCVE Board will be meeting with him one hour before our regular Thursday meeting and then DG Ortiz will be the program for that day.

Summer is a busy time for Ventura East Rotarians. There’s a lot going on and much to take part in. Look forward to seeing you all at our next event!

Jordan Eller  
President 2012-2013




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