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Interview Nikki Sloan - Joe Strohman

August 2, 2012

RCVE Youth Exchange Student - Iris Dudek

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Civil Air Patrol - Capt. Bob Phillips and Capt. Daniel Cuvier

August 16, 2012

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July 26 – Nikki Sloan

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August 16 - Jim Word

August 23 - TBA

August 30 - Jeff Hata

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

Committee Meeting

Every Tuesday @ 6:00 PM

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Club Events

Important Dates

District Seminar (Membership/PR)	Jul. 28
Ventura County Fair Parade	Aug. 4
District Seminar (Membership/PR)	Aug. 4
RCVE Concerts - Music Festival	Aug 18
President Elect Retreat	Sep. 7 - 9
District Conference	Sep. 28 - 30
Basic PRLS	Nov. 3
Basic PRLS for Interactors	Nov. 10
Master PRLS3	Nov. 17
Poinsettia Delivery Day	Nov. 29
Master PRLS4	Dec. 8
Master PRLS1	Dec. 15
Master PRLS2	Jan. 19, 2013
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PETS	Feb. 22 - 25
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District Assembly	Apr. 13
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District Awards Recognition Night	Jun. 2

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July 26 - TBA

August 2 - TBA

August 9 - TBA

August 16 - TBA

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Presidents Message ...



Jordan Eller
President 2012-2013

Fellow Rotarians:

There are two distinctly different topics I'd like to discuss for this week's Breeze Article: First, our visit by District Governor Frank Ortiz and second, a new focus on getting to know our membership through vocational spotlights.

This past week we were honored to have a visit for current District Governor (DG) Frank Ortiz and his wife Scottie. DG Ortiz has the daunting task of overseeing all the Rotary Clubs in his District and be accountable to Rotary International for their successes and failures. District 5240 is a massive District compared to most and he really has his hands full! Being a DG is not an easy job and DG Ortiz and his wife are constantly on the road with a full time schedule often involving one, two or even three Rotary events a day.

During a District Governor's year, he's expected to visit every Club in his District and meet with the Club's Board of Directors. Many Clubs elect to have a social event to welcome the DG to their area. Our joint social for the DG Ortiz held last Tuesday with the Downtown Club was well attended and greatly appreciated by all. Two days later, the RCVE Board of Directors met with DG Ortiz an hour before our Thursday meeting and we all shared our efforts in Rotary. Thanks to all for making this year's social and visit a success!

Many of you may have noticed that I have structured this year's Club programs to focus more on Club Members and getting to know each other by vocational moments during the general Club meetings and by having monthly programs spotlighting two of our members as the program. At some point in Rotary, an emphasis on networking was marginalized and I believe that was a mistake. Rotary International's original roots were geared toward networking as well as philanthropic endeavors and I have always believed that networking in Rotary provides added value to membership.

So for this year we should all look forward to those candid moments when Rich Stewart, Bill Spellman or Joe Strohman approach the lectern for a Vocational Moment and randomly select someone to be briefly interviewed. They're all great at it and I look forward to it each week. Next week's program is an interview with Nikki Sloan and in every month following we'll continue to have a Vocational Programs interviewing two Members, fifteen minutes each.

Make it a great week!

Jordan

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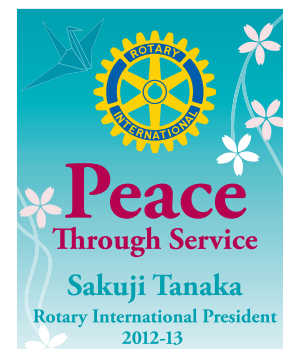
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Meeting July 19, 2012

Reported by Jeff Hata



John Masterson led us in the Salute to the Flag.

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

John Masterson then led us in the salute to the Flag.

President Jordan then wished Deborah Roberts "Happy Birthday!"

Tim Hughes gave our Inspirational Message.

Jeff Hata introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Visiting from Ventura Downtown was Gary Wolfe, from Santa Clarita and submitting a club transfer request was Bob Noville. Guest of Tom Swan was Susana Rangel and guest of Ken Kagan was Laura Shannon.

Vance Thompson announced that our raffle prize was \$50 cash donated by Andy Corliss.

Bill Spellman conducted a vocational moment with Wendy Pazen. Wendy's job is doing the billing for both of Bob's offices and keeping the Dr. "Happy!"

Tom Swan announced that he has travel grants for the upcoming Nicaragua trip ready to go. See Tom if you need one.

Tom Swan also announced that our matching grant request has been approved for Operation Splash so we will be donating \$6,000 to the YMCA to continue this program next year. We are working with the Y to expand this to a regional project.

The Boys & Girls Golf Tournament will be on August 18th.

President Jordan then asked about make-ups:

Midge Stork attended the District Governor's Social Tuesday night and had a great time!

Husam Hishmeh attended the Music Festival Meeting.

Deborah Perkins went to the board meeting and reported

that it was "Excellent!"

President's Announcements:

Tom Swan's shredding Party and BBQ was fun and successful as was the District Governor's Social.

The Rey Fresco Concert is less than a month away.

Deborah Roberts reported that she has a fantastic committee.

Judy Hoag is the volunteer coordinator. Please see Judy and get a job assignment. We are running ads in many local print publications.

July 28th in Camarillo is the Membership / PR seminar.

Vance Thompson conducted the raffle and the winner was Bob Lynn! We raised \$95 today.

Happy \$'s: Wendy Pazen, Tom Crozier, Harriet Clune, Bill Spellman, Husam Hishmeh, Alison Thompson, Jeff Hata & Pete Gallagher.

John Borneman led us in a song.

Our Club was honored to have District Governor Frank Ortiz and his wife Scottie join us at our meeting. DG Ortiz has been a member of the Santa Maria Breakfast Club since 1998. He held a variety of leadership positions within his Club including serving as President for the 2003-2004 year. DG Ortiz also held positions at the District level including Group Representative and Assistant Governor. DG Ortiz has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and a Master's Degree in Emergency Services Administration. DG Ortiz is retired from the fire department where he served as Fire Chief for many years.

DG Ortiz spoke highly of our Club and the projects we are involved in. He felt that our project with the YMCA and our annual scholarships are great examples of the services we provide to the local community.

DG Ortiz recognized that Rotary is truly an international organization that is doing great things globally. DG Ortiz felt that our Club is part of that great international work as demonstrated through our efforts in Nicaragua.



Vance Thompson conducted the raffle.



Happy Birthday Deborah!

Scottie Ortiz discussed her experience as a Court Appointed Special Advocate ("CASA"). CASA is an organization that matches adults with children who are dealing with difficult issues at home. Scottie read a story that one child wrote which explained that he felt his advocate is a true hero because she is always there for him.

DG Ortiz recognized several individuals. He recognized John Masterson, Pete Ghallager, and Andy Corliss for their efforts in starting this Club so many years ago. DG Ortiz also recognized Tom Swan and Dick Norman for their choice to introduce Rotary to Nikki Sloan and Deborah Perkins who are now slated to be future leaders of the Club.

DG Ortiz spoke about the wonderful experience that he had with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. He hosted a girl from Argentina and she became like a member of his family. Several years later, he traveled to Argentina for her wedding.

DG Ortiz urges everyone to get involved now and not wait for a better time. He reminded everyone that the District Conference will be September 28-30 on the Queen Mary, and hopes to see all of us there.

Thank you DG Ortiz and Scottie for your inspiring words.
Deborah A. Perkins



District Governor Frank Ortiz and Scottie Ortiz spoke to the club today.

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It took a village

by Stephen Yafa
The Rotarian -- August 2012

Seated in a circle of men, women, and children at the base of a sprawling fig tree in the remote Ugandan village of Oduworo, Rotarians Steve and Vicky Wallace are asking the villagers about their needs. At least a thousand people have come together at this "meeting tree," and agree that everyone wants clean water, better food, medical care, and vocational training, especially for the young.

If you were to sit in on this gathering in 2009 and gaze at the healthy, animated villagers, it would be hard to envision the despair, disease, and near starvation they had endured. The Wallaces know about the deprivations in detail. Without the couple's persistence, ingenuity, and caring, those conditions would still plague the village, a loose assemblage of huts spread over several miles of caked dirt, six hours by car from Kampala.


The journey that led Steve and Vicky to Oduworo began in northern Nigeria. The Wallaces – members of the Rotary Club of Lake Elsinore, Calif., USA, and Rotary Foundation Major Donors – learned about polio eradication work there when they attended the RI Convention in Chicago in 2005. A Nigerian Rotarian, captured on video, described the plight of the disease's victims in the country. "We're going," Vicky declared. The Wallaces had rarely traveled outside the United States, and never to Africa. What they soon experienced as members of a polio immunization team would change their lives. "We were not ready for it in any way," Vicky recalls. "Polio sufferers crawling in the dirt, children digging through garbage for something to eat." When they returned to their sunny California suburb, they stayed home for four days and revised their plans for the future.

"At the time," explains Steve, the 2011-12 governor of District 5330,

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Children from the Kanapa Primary School near Oduworo, Uganda.



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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was \$50 cash donated by Andy Corliss.

We raised \$95 bringing our total for the year to \$165! Our lucky winner was Bob Lynn.

Thank you to Andy for your generous donation and congratulations to Bob Lynn.

Remember, all donations to the raffle go directly to our scholarships for next year!



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"I owned a business and was under contract to the Walt Disney Company, building props for the rides at Disneyland. Vicky and I both knew I had to quit. We knew we were going to downsize our lives and do humanitarian service from then on."

Two years later, in 2007, the District 5330 multiyear project committee asked the Wallaces to get the district involved in an international service effort. There was a single stipulation: They had to choose a village that had never received any outside help.


The Wallaces had never heard of Oduworo. They sent out a slew of emails to Rotarians around the globe, and one response, from the Rotary Club of Kampala-West, offered a compelling description of this village of about 2,500 inhabitants. Kampala-West club member Sam Bwaya assured them that Oduworo needed help but had never received aid from any humanitarian group or government agency. After seeing five other potential project sites in four countries, the couple traveled there. "This was the only village that didn't have its hand out, asking for money, when we first visited," Steve remembers. "Even in the face of starvation, one man stepped forward and presented us with a live chicken to thank us for showing up."

The men, women, and children the Wallaces encountered were sick, malnourished, and so lethargic, Vicky says, "they just sat there all day with their heads in their hands." Malaria was rampant. The villagers existed on scraps of food and drank from a contaminated water supply – shallow holes with muddy water, which they shared with animals, and where they also washed their laundry and bathed. The nearest potable water source was 2 miles away on foot. They had no farming tools and no livestock. An elder explained that 25 years earlier, a neighboring tribe had raided Oduworo, killed scores of resisting adult villagers, and stolen all the village's cows. Ten years later, Oduworo was raided again, this time by the Lord's Resistance Army, for child soldiers. Many people fled, and the village still had not recovered. Anyone who knew how to raise crops either had been killed or had run off. The Wallaces learned that the survivors of Oduworo called their home "the forgotten village."

With each visit, the couple would learn "another piece of the puzzle. The villagers were extremely cautious, even reluctant to share information about the atrocities of their past," Steve explains. "Vicky and I were determined to respect and to help preserve the culture of people wherever we went, and to not rush to impose solutions. Our first goal for Oduworo was a fresh water supply, but the elders had to decide on it, not us. In time, I offered a proposal: If they'd dig 10 latrines, we'd provide two boreholes for new wells. The elders met for half a day, then came back and announced, 'We accept your deal.'"

So began Oduworo's transformation. With support from Mark Howison,

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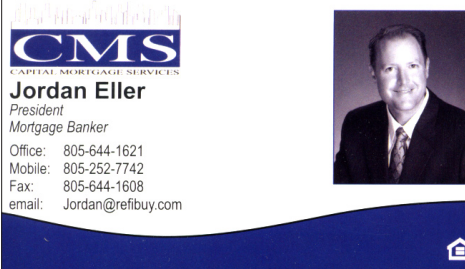
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2007-08 governor of District 5330, the Wallaces helped start a Rotary Community Corps in the village, which has advised the Rotarians on local needs. At one point, the multiyear project committee back home thought to replenish Oduworo's livestock. But Steve and Vicky stepped in to veto the idea. "If we do that, we're setting up the village to be raided once again," Vicky said. "We'll be putting them in danger." Clubs in the district have raised about \$23,000 for projects in the village. A portion has gone toward agricultural training; villagers have learned how to use farm tools, and 40 people enrolled in an organic farming class last year. "When we arrived in Oduworo," Steve recalls, "they were digging seed furrows with sticks and twigs."

Throughout the process, the Kampala-West club has provided critical support. Club members have worked with District 5330 to obtain Rotary Foundation Matching Grants for water and sanitation projects, including one to repair nine nonfunctioning borehole wells and to provide vocational training to villagers so they could construct 120,000-liter water tanks at two schools. Solar lighting has been installed, extending the villagers' day by three to four hours. Recently, an effort got underway to train villagers to make bio-sand filters, a vital defense against waterborne pathogens. An Ambassadorial Scholar living in Uganda found out that Tex Tychon, of the Rotary Club of Muyenga, built the filters in his backyard in Kampala. Made from concrete containers and filled with rock and sand, each filter is about 4 feet tall and 1 foot square, and poured to harden inside a steel mold. Tychon sold the Rotarians some molds and sent his assistants to Oduworo to teach the villagers how to make the filters.

The Wallaces return to Oduworo every year. In 2009, when they arrived with Howison and his wife, Barbara, and Rotarians Gerry and Paula Porter, over 1,500 villagers turned out to greet them. A party erupted. An elder told the Wallaces that he had never expected to see a celebration in his village. And he had something to say about the numerous villager projects underway: "You didn't bring us a fish," he told them with a broad smile. "You brought us a fishing line. We thank you."

While the revival of a forgotten village might have satisfied the humanitarian inclinations of many Rotarian couples, Oduworo motivated the Wallaces to seek out new challenges. Their latest project has taken them to Nagaland, a state in northeastern India bordering Myanmar. The terrain is so remote and heavily guarded that the couple and their travel partners discovered they were the first Westerners to cross the southern border into Nagaland since World War II. Fierce and chronic tribal warfare has dominated the region, creating a constant state of political unrest and presenting a real danger for foreign visitors.

When an observer points out to the Wallaces that they are adventurous, Vicky laughs: "It's funny you call us adventurous. Our friends call us stupid." Now in their 50s, they routinely take on risks far beyond the comfort zone of most of us, and appear to thrive on implementing projects where no other humanitarian has ventured before. Flexibility, they've learned, is crucial. On their way to help build hand-dug wells in the Indian state of Manipur, the Wallaces arrived at the airport to discover that the host Rotary club had decided not to participate. Instead of jettisoning their plans, the Wallaces managed to contact a club in neighboring Nagaland. As they were crossing the border, military police with machine guns searched and detained them, and assigned an armed guard to shadow them. The couple entered Nagaland with a permit indicating that they would be visiting a Rotary club there. They met a small group of Rotarians, who told Steve and Vicky that they'd never have been allowed in without "Rotary" on their permit. The club members were initially reluctant to get involved in the water projects in Manipur – "We were asking them to support their tribal enemy's village without knowing it," Steve says – but in time they relented. "Not only relented," Vicky adds. "They helped organize a new Rotary club with their enemies."

The Wallaces' goodwill and hands-on approach plays havoc with hardened prejudices and ancient hostilities. For the better part of decade, they've pushed no agenda in the places they've visited other than living a fulfilling and healthy life. That almost always begins with finding fresh water. Twice a year, for 40 days, the couple tour projects they've helped initiate. They're in service to the villages they assist, but even more so to the ideal that all people, from Uganda to India and beyond, need only have a chance to help themselves through the gift of a hook and not a fish.



Announcement

The following
has been proposed as new member of
the Ventura-East Rotary Club:

Name:	Bob Noville
Classification:	Civil Engineering
Proposer:	Jordan Eller

Any objections to this person becoming a member of our club should be brought to the attention of the President, President-Elect or any Director within ten (10) days of this publication.

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