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September 13, 2012

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September 20, 2012

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September 27, 2012

KDB 93.7 FM - Tim Owens

October 4, 2012

TBA

Greeter

September 13 - Jim Word

September 20 - Deborah Roberts

September 27 - Jeff Hata

October 4 - Carol Marquez-Olson

October 11 - Alison Thompson

October 18 - Tom Swan

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date

November 29, 2012

Rotary Bullseye Shooting Contest

TBA

Music Festival

TBA

Upcoming: Committee Formation Meeting

for information on fundraisers go to:
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Avenues of Service Meetings

Club Service

Vocational Service Hishmeh Enterprises 1st Tues 5:30

Community Service

New Generations Hishmeh Enterprises 1st Tues 5:30

International Service

Standing Committee Meetings

Marketing GoToMeeting 3rd Tues 10:30

Membership GoToMeeting 4th Tues 10:30

Club Events

Important Dates

District Conference	Sep. 28 - 30
Piggy BBQ	Oct. 21
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
STEPS Seminar	Jan. 26
Mld Terms	Feb. 2
Master PRLS5	Feb. 16
PETS	Feb. 22 - 25
Basic PRLS	Apr. 12
District Assembly	Apr. 13
RYLA	Apr. 18 - 21
District Awards Recognition Night	Jun. 2
Grants Seminar	Jun 8
RI Convention	Jun 22 - 26
D,G, Frank Ortiz Stepdown	Jun 29
Push-Em Pull-Em Parade	Jul 4

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Presidents Message ...



Jordan Eller
President 2012-2013

Fellow Rotarians:

As many of you know, I spent the last week visiting with Jan and Pam Lindsay on a brief but colorful trip seeing just what GoCare does in Nicaragua. It turns out we do so much and to capture it all, we were traveling along with a film crew to capture to make a documentary about the different projects.

GoCare, for those of you who don't know, is the organization founded by the Lindsay's that administers the preschool, Lindsay Community Center and the other vocational programs in Granada and surrounding areas. It's no small undertaking by any means: Full time administrative staff plus onsite staff at the different locations with hundreds of children and adults in the various programs. GoCare runs an annual budget of approximately \$250,000, which RCVE helps support, and that money goes a long way in Nicaragua which is currently the second poorest country in the hemisphere behind Haiti.

What stood out in my mind as so surprising about GoCare's work was the size of the program, the diversity of the programs, and finally the sustainability of the project. The project's size is large: Within a relatively small geographic area we visited three separate vocational venues where computer classes, a sewing school and English classes were going on. We also visited another pre-school that Tom Crozier was instrumental in constructing and a large community center. The diversity of the programs was quite unique too because the programs ranged from teaching young children basic reading skills to middle aged women learning sewing skills as a new career. The sustainability of the program was also surprising: Every graduate from the GoCare program is asked to work onsite at the various projects as their way of giving back to their community and GoCare.

I would strongly encourage everyone to go and visit Nicaragua. Good deeds are being done there, the people are friendly and the rum is outstanding. Jan and Pam Lindsay were also great hosts and I give many thanks to their wonderful hospitality! I will be giving the Club a more detailed description of all this in later months as a Club Program.

As always, make it a great week!

Jordan

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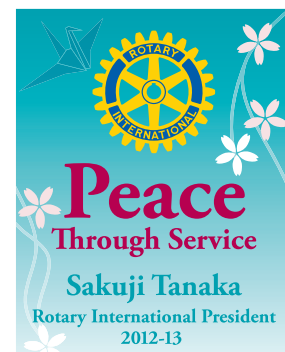
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First ... Is it the TRUTH? Second ... Is it FAIR to all concerned? Third ... Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Fourth ... Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Meeting September 6, 2012

Reported by Jeff Hata



Tom Crozier led us in the Flag Salute!

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

President Jordan then asked Tom Crozier to please led us in in the salute to the Flag.

President Jordan then recognized Wendy Pazen's birthday & anniversary and thanked P.E. Tim Hughes for bringing the birthday cake.

Alison Thompson introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. We did not have any guests for visiting Rotarians today!

Vance Thompson announced that our raffle prize was \$50 cash donated by Ken Kagen.

Presidents Announcements:

September 22 - 23 the BBQ team will be cooking at the Oktoberfest for the Rotary Club of Conejo at Camarillo Airport.

October 6th is the Moorpark Beerfest.

The District Conference will be Sept. 28 - 30 at the Queen Mary in Long Beach. Rooms are going form \$119 - \$140 per night. You can register online.

Joe Strohmman interviewed Sam Marsh for our Vocational Moment.

Sam is a teacher at Ventura High School for the last 58 years. Sam's main course was driver's education, but Sam also taught 7 other subjects. In all those years of teaching drivers ed, Sam was happy to report that he was involved in only 3 minor fender benders.

Sam has been married to his wife, Mary, for 58 years and has 3 daughters and 6 grand children.

Joe Strohmman reported that Past President Dave Tipton has passed away.

Deborah Perkins asked for a volunteer to co-chair programs with her.

Jeff Hata spoke briefly about membership. We are

currently holding membership meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. We are doing there meetings by conference call using GoTo Meeting.

President Jordan gave a brief report on his trip to Nicaragua. Jordan was very impressed by the size of the projects being done in Nicaragua and would encourage everyone to go down at least once to see what's happening!

Judy Hoag reminded everyone to get out and sell, sell, sell poinsettia's.

Wendy Pazen reminded everyone that the Piggy BBQ will be October 21 from 10 - 5 at Arroyo Verde Park.

John Borneman led us in a song.

Vance Thompson conducted the raffle and the lucky winner was Carol Marquez-Olson. Carol donated the money back to the club.

Happy \$'s: Wendy Pazen, Midge Stork, Bill Grey, Joe Strohmman & Deborah Perkins.

President Jordan thanked Past President John Masterson for leading the meeting last week.

Deborah Perkins introduced our speaker Jonathon Light.

Jonathon Fraser Light gave a presentation titled "Legal and Business Pitfalls That Can Decrease Your Bottom Line and Increase Your Blood Pressure." Mr. Light is very active in the community working with such organizations as the Ventura County Bar Association, Volunteer Legal Services Association, Ventura County Taxpayers Association, Ventura County Boy Scout Council and the Channel Islands Ballet. He is the author of the award winning book "The Cultural Encyclopedia of Baseball." Mr. Light practices employment law at his firm Light Gabler Law in Camarillo.

One of the first things a business can do to protect itself is to purchase employment practices liability insurance (EPLI). This will cover many things except for wage and hour claims and punitive damages. Be sure to get coverage for employee theft which happens all the time.



Alison Thompson introduced our guests & visiting Rotarians.



Wendy Pazen celebrated a birthday and anniversary this week!

Mr. Light recommends entering into an arbitration agreement with your employees. The result is that any dispute you have will not be heard before a jury. It would be heard by a private arbitrator outside of court. Jury trials are expensive to conduct and often result in high awards against the employer so it is good to avoid them. Offer, but do not force, current employees the option of signing an arbitration agreement. With new hires, send the agreement with the offer letter and do not hire them unless they sign the agreement.



Jonathon Light spoke to us about the pitfalls of running a business.

Business documents and website content need to be continually updated. For example, review the written terms and conditions that you have on your invoices and vendor contracts.

Employee performance reviews can be helpful if the employee later sues the company. As a result, Mr. Light recommends that you actually write out your comments as opposed to just rating the employee on a number scale. As part of this process, you can also ask your employees what you do that helps them and what you do that does not help them. This feedback can be used to create a more productive team.

Thank you Mr. Light for a very informative presentation.

Deborah A. Perkins

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Clubs Nearby ...

Ventura-South	12:00 pm	Monday
	Wedgewood Banquet Center	
Santa Paula	12:00 pm	Monday
	The Glen Tavern Inn	
Ojai West	7:00 am	Tuesday
	Soule Park GC	
Camarillo Breakfast	7:00 am	Tuesday
	Spanish Hills CC	
Oxnard	12:10 pm	Tuesday
	Courtyard by Marriott	
Fillmore Sunrisers	6:45 am	Wednesday
	Varies, go to their website	
Ventura	12:00 pm	Wednesday
	The Derby Club	
Camarillo	12:00 pm	Wednesday
	Camarillo Center for Spiritual Living	
Oxnard Sunrise	7:30 am	Thursday
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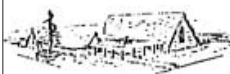
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WELCOME BRUCE MCGEE

By John Masterson

All the way from Australia via Santa Paula comes our newest Ventura East Rotary member, Bruce McGee and his wife Kathy. A pearls graduate, 15 year member and past President of Santa Paula Rotary, Bruce is another former Rotarian to choose Ventura East as their new home of "Service above Self".



Raised in Melbourne Australia, he graduated with an economics degree and was teaching school when he met a cute American girl teaching English and Australian history. Offering help to stranger in a strange land eventually led to a permanent connection now into its 32nd year. "I married my wife twice," Bruce remarked. "Once in Australia with my family and another in the States with hers." Kathy is a school teacher in Santa Paula and they have two married children, Connor, 30 who lives in San Diego and Kylee, 25 all the way across country in Boston.

Seven years ago they moved to Ventura and as the location change wore on, it was decided that the best way to get to know more Venturan's was to change Rotary Clubs. Being active in Santa Paula gave him a pretty good perspective of the clubs available and soon, Bruce was breaking bread on Thursdays at the Poinsettia Pavilion. He likes a smaller, very active club with good projects.

His time in the States has been spent in the food industry. He currently is Wholesale Food Service National Sales Manager for Cargill Inc. Previous to that he was a District Manager for Carrows Restaurants overseeing 8 establishments.

He likes to do home renovation, gardening and in sporting events, is active in tennis and hiking. He is looking forward to joining our boisterous group and getting to learn every ones names. He has already pitched in with hours worked on our Ojai event.

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize today was \$50 cash generously donated by Ken Kagan.

We raised \$75 today bringing our total for the year to \$686. Remember, all donations to the raffle go to our college scholarships!

Our lucky winner was Carol Marquez-Olson!

Congratulations to Carol and thank you to Ken Kagan!

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Fifty years of Rotary Youth Exchange in Japan

By Megan Ferringer
The Rotarian -- September 2012

When Yoko Sekimoto arrived in Melbourne that year as Japan's first Rotary Youth Exchange student, she didn't realize that many people were wary of her visit. Fifty years later, she continues to marvel at the graciousness of her hosts.

"Everyone treated me like a daughter or sister. It was only 17 years after the war, but I felt a warm welcome and great hospitality," says Sekimoto (her married name – at the time, she was Yoko Miyazaki).

Japan's Youth Exchange program began with help from an Australian Rotarian. Don Farquhar addressed the 1961 RI Convention in Tokyo about the need to build friendships and cultural understanding throughout the world – particularly with Japan. He considered student exchange to be the best way to do that.

"Don was a person of both immense courage and foresight," says Stuart McDonald, program development officer for Youth Exchange in Australia. "In 1942, during World War II, Don was blinded in action against the Japanese. However, he maintained a desire and a mission in life to promote peace and goodwill."


After Farquhar delivered his speech, he was approached by a Japanese district governor, who asked him to help arrange the first Youth Exchange involving a student from Japan. The Rotary clubs of Rosebud and Kurume coordinated Sekimoto's year abroad. A few weeks after her arrival, another group of Japanese students came to Sydney, and the next year Japan welcomed several Australian students. The country's exchange program had officially begun.

Sekimoto's visit to Australia, along with the beginning of Youth Exchange in Japan, was considered so historically significant that photographs from her exchange are now housed in the National Archives of Australia, McDonald says.

"It was a hard time for Japan when I was 16," Sekimoto says. "When I came to Australia, it was just like heaven. It was such a different style of living. That became a big turning point for me – it completely changed my life."

Her experience as an exchange student awakened a curiosity to explore the rest of the world. After returning home to finish high school and college, Sekimoto worked as a flight attendant, married, and lived in Egypt before going back to Japan.

"Yoko's story is just one great example of Youth Exchange," McDonald says. "Fifty years later, thousands of friendships have been formed between people from all over the world and Japan."




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