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February 28, 2013

Job Shadow

March 7, 2013

Chasing Sunshine - Cheney Caldwell

March 14, 2013

Member Interview - Dr. Robert Pazen

Greeter

February 21 - Laura Shannon February 28 - Deborah Roberts March 7 - Alison Thompson

March 14 - Jeff Hata

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date December 5, 2013

Rotary Bullseye Shooting Contest

Music Festival

May 10 & 11, 2013

Next Meeting: Every Monday 5:30 pm GoCare Conference Room

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

Avenues of Service Meetings

Club Events

Important Dates

PETS	Feb. 22 - 25
Club Social @ Four Brix Winery	Feb. 28
Basic PRLS	Apr. 12
District Assembly	Apr. 13
RYLA	Apr. 18 - 21
Club Anniversary Party	May 23
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
President Tim's First Meeting	Jul 11

Club Service	TBD
Vocational Service	TBD
Community Service	TBD
New Generations	TBD
International Service	TBD

Standing Committee Meetings

Marketing	GoToMeeting	3rd Tues	10:30
Membership	GoToMeeting	4th Tues	10:30

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Presidents Message ...



Jordan Eller President 2012-2013

Fellow Rotarians:

Every month Rotary International has a theme to help promote the many beneficial things that Rotary does in the world. This month is World Understanding Month, and I've always believed that the work done internationally by Rotary is not recognized by the general public nearly as much as it should be: Whether it be the End Polio Now campaign, the cooperation between domestic and foreign Clubs to work together on mutual grants or

simply Rotarians travelling abroad for a specific mission, public exposure for our good deeds is little known.

You may have heard other Rotarians speak about their "Aha Moment" in Rotary. This occurs when a Rotarian has an experience that personally affirms their service and affiliation with Rotary. I must confess to having more than one but a recent one was when I attended the International Convention in Bangkok. The first time I went to the giant event center where general business for each day was discussed, I recall walking into a room that had easily thirty thousand Rotarians there from nearly every country in the world. Many were dressed in traditional clothes from their home country and it truly gives an international flavor to the entire event. After attending a convention like this, one quickly realizes how large of an international organization Rotary really is and one begins to have an understanding of the great things Rotarians are doing around the world.

Rotary Clubs have always embraced a call for peace at the grass-roots level by addressing the underlying causes of conflict and violence through thousands of community-based service projects around the world. International cooperation between Clubs has always been fostered by Rotary International as further evidenced by the grant writing process of domestic and foreign Clubs which require the two to work together for specific projects. Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, chair of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International said, "Since 1905, Rotary clubs have worked locally and internationally to make the world a better and more peaceful place one person, one family, one community at a time." If one is to consider all of the Rotarians around the world continuing to promote Service Above Self, it's easy to see why Rotary International promotes a World Understanding Month.

It's timely that I write this article for the Breeze: Tomorrow, Jan Lindsay and I are giving another presentation to promote GoCare in Nicaragua at the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara Sunrise. It's part of a handful of Rotary meetings Jan and I have lined up to promote and raise funds for GoCare's mission in Nicaragua so wish us luck!

As Always, make it a great week! Jordan

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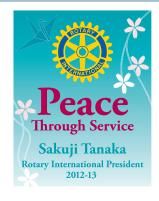
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The Four Way Test

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 February 14, 2013

Reported by Jeff Hata



Andy Corliss won the Scholarship Raffle.

P.E. invited evervone lunch, guests

P.E. Tim then asked room. Deborah Roberts to please lead us in in the comparison salute to the Flag.

guests Rotarians.

Guest of and PDG Nomura.

Jeff Hata gave our inspirational message.

Vance Thompson announced that our Scholarship left. Time has marched on and things have changed. Raffle was a bottle of Four Brix Port and a box of Hata.

Community Service - Alison Thompson said that she went with Jim Word and Augie to visit a potential Rotary Rehab Project. We will be doing this project in

2 weeks in conjuction with CareGivers

New Generations - Bill Spellman talked about Job Shadow in 2 weeks. We still need drivers. RYLA is fully booked. Counselors are still needed for RYLA. Go to the RYLA5240. org site to sign up. If



Bruce McGee spoke about the BBQ Team.

vou can drive for Job Shadow see Bill or contact Chuck Yuncker

International Service - Jan just returned from Nicaragua and said that the Ministry of Education has certified GoCare so they can give high school diplomas.

John Borneman led us in a song.

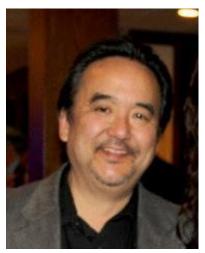
P.E. Tim announced we will be having a club social at Four Brix Winery on February 28th from 5:30 - 8:00.

We are putting together a great event and we need to

Tim Hughes be excited about it. The to committee is meeting and every Monday at 5:30 in visiting Rotarians first! the GoCare conference

PΕ Tim gave between what did and didn't exist Jeff Hata introduced in 1962 to 2012, 50 years, visiting the years of our club.

Tim was a Rotarian in Alison the mid-80's and became Thompson was Jessie too busy for Rotary. In Hawkins. Our speaker 2009 Tim came back to Wade the club and found club dynamics to be very different from when he



Jeff Hata introduced guests & visiting Rotarians and gave our Inspirational Message.

Tim has sent out a survey asking what's good and what Trufflehounds Truffles generously donated by Jeff could be better in the club. Tim would like for everyone to complete the survey if you haven't done so already.

> Vance Thompson conducted the Scholarship Raffle and our lucky winner was Andy Corliss!!!

> P.E. Tim announced that Danielle Brinkman has resigned from the club. Business and being the mother of a toddler has necessitated this move.

> Happy \$'s: Laura Shannon, Vance Thompson, Rocky Ludes, Judy Hoag, John Borneman, Midge Stork, John Masterson, Bob Lynn and Tim Hughes.

> Thompson announced Vance his upcoming anniversary.

> Tom Swan introduced our speaker, P.D.G. Wade Nomura.

> WADE NOMURA is a charter member and past Best Club president of the Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning. He has served as District Governor in 2011-2012, a Group Representative, District Vocational Service Director, District Club Service Director, Mid Terms Chair, and Education and Training Deputy Director. He is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society Charter member, Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Level 2 Bequest Society member and Major Donor. Wade has been on 21 international projects missions, including an NID to India, where he has a special passion, having had polio as a child.

Wade currently is serving as the District's Personnel Jeff Hata spoke about the upcoming music festival. Director, Lead PRLS Instructor, Zone 25-26 Governor Nominee Advance Training Instructor, Rotary Foundation Cadre (technical expert) for Water and Sanitation, and Community and Economic Development in English and Spanish speaking countries, Rotary International President's Representative to District 5810 in Texas, and the 2013-2014 Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee Chair.



P.D.G.Wade & Roxanne Nomura

lt's coming!

May 10 & 11

The Libbey Bowl

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Ventura-South 12:00 pm Monday

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Santa Paula 12:00 pm Monday The Glen Tavern Inn

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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 Tomas Cafe

Fillmore 12:05 pm Thursday
The Fillmore & Western Train

Ojai 12:00 pm Friday Soule Park GC



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Peace girl is all grown up

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On a chilly fall afternoon, a tall girl races back and forth across a soccer field in suburban Washington, D.C. She's a key defender in her high school's quest to win the Single A Independent School League championship.

Her gait is strong and steady, but as No. 21 runs in her red jersey and black shorts, she lists slightly to the right, the side of her "little arm," as she calls it.



Mariama Conteh (later Conteh-Elliott) rests at Staten Island University Hospital, where she is treated for osteomyelitis. Rebels in Sierra Leone cut off her left hand during the country's civil war.

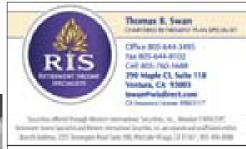
Her right arm was amputated above the elbow after rebel militia shot her and her family in Sierra Leone. She was two years old then - a toddler named Memunatu Mansaray, who became a symbol of one of the most brutal civil wars ever waged.

The press called her "peace girl." An adorable wide-eyed child carried to peace talks by the president of Sierra Leone, she represented the tens of thousands of victims maimed by rebels who used widespread amputations to terrorize the population for 11 years. Using machetes, they hacked off the hands and feet of civilians in a quest to take over Sierra Leone's alluvial diamond region. Images of the girl and other children like her helped build the global political will to intervene and end the war.

Today, the "peace girl" - who appeared on the cover of The Rotarian in August 2002 and in the magazine's 100th anniversary issue – is 16, and her name is Memunatu Mansaray McShane. Called Memuna by most, "Mem" by her teammates, she's a high school sophomore and has earned spots on her school's varsity basketball and soccer teams. She is a budding artist and an aspiring entrepreneur who loves Japanese comics, young-adult fantasy novels, and the game of Risk. She went through her Harry Potter stage, and last spring she took up interpretive dance, weaving a performance together out of a statement she made in class one day:

"I feel less human because I have one arm. Lots of people bother me about it, and it makes me feel uncomfortable. I can do anything that anyone





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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was a bottle of Four Brix Porteau and a box of Trufflehound's Truffles donated by Jeff Hata.

We raised \$110 bringing our total for the year to \$2,414! Our lucky winner was Andy Corliss.

Thank you to Jeff for your generous donation and congratulations to Andy Corliss.

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

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with two hands can do, and more."

That Memuna can do this – and that she is alive, many who know her story would concur – is due to a Staten Island prosthetist; the Friends of Sierra Leone, a Washington-based advocacy group; and, in large part, a group of steadfast Rotarians on New York's Staten Island.

Matthew Mirones, owner of Arimed Orthotics and Prosthetics, was so moved by newspaper photos of child amputees in Sierra Leone, he wanted to bring some of them to the United States and fit them with prosthetic limbs. Five Rotary clubs on Staten Island and one in Brooklyn, along with their charity, Gift of Limbs, agreed to organize the medical care, transportation, schooling, and housing. Friends of Sierra Leone, founded by a group of returned Peace Corps volunteers, helped identify candidates in an amputee camp in Freetown, the capital, and suggested that the children appear before Congress and the United Nations. The young amputees would break through what the group had termed the indifference of U.S. legislators to a sadistic war halfway around the world.

In September 2000, just days after arriving in Washington, six children, along with two adults, all survivors of rebel attacks, testified in a packed chamber about the atrocities in their country. They addressed the members of the House Subcommittee on Africa. "We thought, 'They can speak for the 20,000 butchered Sierra Leoneans who could not make the trip," says Donald Mooers, who was then the advocacy director of Friends of Sierra Leone, which grew to include Africans living in the United States.

"These kids had an impact that was nothing short of miraculous, because individuals at high levels saw the consequences of the brutality firsthand," Mooers says. "There was nothing buffering these members of Congress from the results of their inactivity and apathy toward this horror in Sierra Leone."

The Rotarians held a fundraiser on Staten Island in 2001, bringing in \$45,000 and drawing former U.S. President Bill Clinton and then Senator Hillary Clinton. They also found a way to keep the group of amputees in the United States. "They were supposed to go back, but we decided it wasn't a good idea because the country was so unstable," says Carmine DeSantis. His father, also named Carmine DeSantis, and his great-uncle Joe Mandarino were the two Rotarians who led the effort.

They also secured pro bono legal help for the group to file petitions for political asylum in the United States, which was granted in March 2002. They succeeded despite opposition from Friends of Sierra Leone and government officials in Sierra Leone, who had agreed to visas so the group

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could get prostheses and medical care.

"My personal feelings and our legal obligations were two different things," says Etta Touré, a member of Friends and a native Sierra Leonean, who helped Mirones decide which war victims from a teeming amputee camp in Freetown should be included in the group. "We sought their visas on certain legal boundaries, and we felt we had to abide by those boundaries."

But the Rotarians, led by Mandarino and DeSantis, did not want to send them back to a country still trying to solidify peace. Charles Taylor, then president of Liberia, had yet to face charges for engineering the atrocities in Sierra Leone. (He was arrested in 2003. Last April, he became the first former head of state convicted of war crimes by an international court since the Nuremberg trials.)

The group also feared that, given the publicity, the children would be targeted for theft and harassment, says Nancy Passeri, whose husband was a Rotarian and chief executive officer of Staten Island University Hospital at the time. The hospital provided free medical care and housing to the amputees for almost two years, and Passeri became as involved with the youngsters as the Rotarians. She remains in touch with them today.

