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Program Chair: Robert Pazen

November 14, 2013

Pension reform in Ventura County - David Grau

November 21, 2013

D.A.'s Office: White Collar Crime - Mark Leventhal

November 28, 2013

Dark

December 5, 2013

Poinsettia Delivery Day

Greeter

November 14 - Judy Hoag

November 21 - Wendy Pazen

November 28 - Dark

December 5 - Jordan Eller

December 12 - Harriet Clune

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date
December 5, 2013

Eclectic Music Festival

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for information on fundraisers go to:
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Avenues of Service Meetings

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

Avenues of Service Meetings

Marketing	TBD
Membership	TBD

Club Events

Important Dates

Master PRLS3	Nov 16
Master PRLS3	Nov 23
Poinsettia Plant Delivery	Dec 5
Master PRLS1	Dec 14
Children's Christmas Party	Dec 19
Rose Parade Float Decorating	Dec 29
Joint Meeting (East, South, Downtown)	Jan 2
Mid-year District Meeting	Jan 11
Master PRLS2	Jan 18
STEPS Poverty Conference	Jan 25
Master PRLS5	Feb 15
PETS	Feb 20-23
Basic PRLS	Mar 22
District Assembly	Mar 29
RYLA	Apr 12-15
Master PRLS3	Apr 12
Master PRLS4	Apr 26

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Message from our RI President Ron Burton

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Our goal in 2013-14 is to Engage Rotary, Change Lives . All of us know that Rotary has incredible potential to do good work. It's time to recognize how much more we could be doing and start working on new ways to turn that potential into reality. We're going to do this by engaging Rotarians – by getting them involved, by getting them inspired, and by making sure that all Rotarians know just what a gift they have in Rotary.

We're going to make sure that the work we do in Rotary is solid, effective, and sustainable. And we're going to make sure that Rotary itself will last – by committing to our goal of 1.3 million Rotarians in our clubs by the year 2015.

That goal is a little different from membership goals we've had in the past. The goal isn't just bringing in new members. The goal is growing Rotary. The goal is making Rotary bigger, not just with more members, but with more involved, engaged, motivated members who will be the ones to lead us into our future.

Each of us has our own reason for joining Rotary – but I believe we all want to make a difference. We all want to be doing something meaningful. That is absolutely essential for us to remember when we talk about membership.

We're not asking just anyone to join Rotary. We're looking to attract busy, successful, motivated people who care. We're asking them to take their valuable time and give it to Rotary. So if they say yes, and they come and join our club, then we'd better be showing them that their time in Rotary is well spent.

We have to make sure that every Rotarian, in every club, has a meaningful job – one that makes a real difference to the club and the community. Because when you're doing something meaningful in Rotary, Rotary is meaningful to you.

In Rotary, we all have something to give. At every stage of our lives and our careers, Rotary has something for all of us – a way to let us do more, be more, and give more. Rotary gives our lives more meaning, more purpose, and greater satisfaction. And the more we give through Rotary, the more Rotary gives back to us in return.

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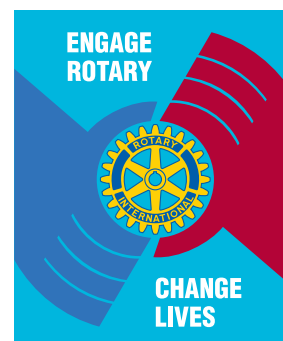
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Meeting November 7, 2013

Reported by Jeff Hata



Husam Hishmeh updated us on what's happening in the Dominoes world.

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

Tom Shilton led us in the Flag Salute.

We did not have any guests or visiting Rotarians today.

Husam Hishmeh gave us a 60 second update on what's going on in the Dominoes world.

Vance Thompson announced that the raffle prize was \$50 cash donated by Monte Widders.

Dick Gallagher gave our joke for the week followed by a joke from Ron Polito followed by another joke from Tim Hughes.

Joe Strohman talked about the by-laws revision. They will be emailed to our members and we will vote on the by-laws in two weeks.

Avenues of Service announcements.

Poinsettia sales - Judy Hoag said that we have sold 100 cases so far, only 300 more to go.

Vance Thompson reminded everyone that the Christmas Party is December 14th at Bruce McGee's home.

Tom Hashbarger talked about the Christmas Shoppe. The collection box will be here next week. We need unwrapped gifts for kids and we will provide a meal for the set-up people on December 13th.

John Borneman led us in a song which was preceded by a joke!

Vocational Service - Joe Strohman announced that our next Student of the Quarter will be next week. Also our speaker in 2 weeks will be Paul Weiss from the DA's office.



Monte Widders donated our raffle prize today.

Joe also announced that Chuck Yuncker will be moving to Texas. Joe will get a card for everyone to sign.

Jordan Eller announced that Augie's birthday is Friday and there will be a party for Augie at Barrelhouse 101 at 7:00. Everyone is welcome to come.

Happy \$'s: Tom Shilton, Ron Polito, Rocky Ludes, Midge Stork and Wendy Pazen.

Vance Thompson conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was Ken Kagan.

A handyman's tale of Rotary connections



Cecil "Pancho" Padilla speaks during his induction into the Arch C. Klumph Society 19 October 2012.

Photo Credit: Monika Lozinska/Rotary International

Cecil "Pancho" Padilla's emotions hover so close to the surface that at times they engulf him. As he recalls his involvement in setting up a dental clinic in Mulege, Mexico, his voice wavers: "There was a polio-stricken girl we'd helped on an earlier visit, and on this visit we were able to find her a golf cart so she wouldn't have to crawl through the dirt any longer."

After a lengthy pause, he continues in a halting voice, barely audible. He talks about spotting the girl's father standing alone, apart from a group gathered to celebrate the arrival of his daughter's golf cart.

"I went over and asked him why he wasn't part of the celebration. He said, 'I'm so embarrassed. I'm ashamed. You provided my daughter what I can't provide.'" Padilla wipes his eyes with the back of his hand, breathes deeply, and composes himself before finishing the story.

If you spend any time with Pancho Padilla, you discover that this instantaneous flood of feeling is not

unusual. During his Rotary work in the field, which has taken him to more than 70 countries, he keeps his emotions in check and contributes his skills as a self-taught mechanic who can fix just about anything. But once he's back home, with time to reflect, the memories can reemerge without warning.

Now 72 and living in Davis, near Sacramento, California, in the U.S., Padilla has been retired from Pacific Gas and Electric for two decades. For him, "retired" means buying and restoring vintage cars, cross-country motorcycling, drag racing, and volunteering through Rotary and Habitat for Humanity. He's also transformed his living room and hallways into Rotary shrines. Among his Rotary medals, ribbons, and plaques is a world map pinpointing all his Rotary trips.

But Padilla's passion for Rotary goes beyond his collection of memorabilia. After years of donating to The Rotary Foundation, he reached \$250,000 in contributions in 2011, and he was inducted into the Arch C. Klumph Society the following year. At the ceremony, he reminisced about the time his boss at Pacific Gas and Electric asked him to join the Rotary Club of Placerville. "I had no idea that what started out as a company requirement would ultimately become a passion and a lifetime of service." Today, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Winters.

Modest beginnings

As the son of Mexican-American parents who owned a small farm in rural West Sacramento, the young Padilla mucked out the pigs' trough and repaired broken equipment while his mother and father worked day jobs in town to support their family. "I never knew I was poor until I went to school and the other kids laughed at the patches on my clothes. My brothers and sister and I grew up happy anyway."

That hardscrabble upbringing toughened Padilla's hands but not his heart. On the trip to Mulege, he instinctively identified with the wounded pride of the polio victim's father, and just as easily with the victim herself. "As I've moved about to so many countries, there's always a hook that gets me. A parent or a child just hugs me and squeezes me, and they don't want to let me go because I've been able to help. That's what keeps me going back."

For a man so deeply involved with Rotary – he estimates that he owns and wears 97 shirts with the Rotary emblem – Padilla's early connection to the organization was inauspicious. He spent his first four years attending lunch meetings at the Placerville club and meeting for drinks with club members after work, nothing more. But at a district conference in the late 70s, he met a dentist, Don Ratley, who wanted to establish a dental clinic in

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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 GC
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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Mulege. "I spoke Spanish, so he approached me to join him and translate," Padilla remembers.

Expanding his skill set

On that monthlong tour in 1979, Ratley taught Padilla how to be a dental assistant – a skill that would later serve him on missions to Africa and beyond. He and Ratley set up a basic clinic and mostly pulled bad teeth, Padilla says. There was a simple reason: They had no equipment for filling cavities. Today, the clinic receives support from many Rotary clubs and occupies a stand-alone building, outfitted with three dental chairs, X-ray machines, and denture-making gear. Among other handyman tasks, Padilla installed its ceiling fans. No local resident has to pay for any services there. "We've come a long way," he says.

These days, when he's not on a Rotary mission, you're most likely to find Padilla acting as a volunteer wingman for Laura Day, governor of District 5160. Her 300-mile-long district includes 71 clubs and Padilla has agreed to drive her to visit all of them. "After so much time in the car together, I know him well," Day says. "I know he's slept on dirt floors in El Salvador, and probably didn't change his clothes for a week in order to dig out a road or build a bridge. He's done polio immunizations, medical clinics in the Philippines, dental assistance in Mexico, Nepal, and Africa – whatever was needed."

On the near horizon is another monthlong dental clinic trip to Mulege with two teams that he's organized, along with a mission to Haiti to help in a recovery project and a trip to Chile. For Padilla, the gratification that comes from service is intense and ever-present.

"Maybe I don't have the words for what I feel, but there's never any doubt that I'm going to get something from every project I go on. It could be as simple as a warm tortilla from a child, something that grabs the strings of my heart. I've asked myself many times, where would my life be without these experiences?"

By Stephen Yafa

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was \$50 cash donated by Monte Widders. Our lucky winner was Ken Kagan. We have raised \$75 today bringing our total to \$1,590 for this Rotary year. Congratulations Ken and thank you to Monte Widders for your generous donation.




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New York Times profiles Rotary First Harvest

Read about the work Rotary First Harvest is doing to feed hungry families in The New York Times' annual "Giving" section. Rotary First Harvest, a charity based in Seattle, Washington, USA, collects surplus produce from local growers to distribute to area food banks. The feature story follows Rotary volunteers to the fields to glean (collect) fresh vegetables missed during the regular harvest.

The article not only recognizes Rotary First Harvest, a longtime project of District 5030, but it also draws attention to Rotary's humanitarian mission and the good work Rotary clubs carry out worldwide.

Published every November, the Times special section on giving serves as the newspaper's annual report on American philanthropy, with articles on private and corporate foundations, charities, and their beneficiaries. The Times has a daily circulation of nearly 1.9 million readers for its print and digital editions.

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