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January 23, 2014

World's Oldest Rocks - Dick Hurst

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January 16 - Jordan Eller

January 23 - Ken Kagan

January 30 - Jim Emch

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date

December 4, 2014

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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

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
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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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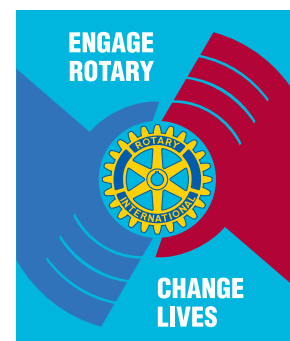
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Meeting December 19, 2013

Reported by Jeff Hata



Bill Spellman introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

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

Joe Strohman led us in the Salute to the Flag.

President Tim thanked Wendy Pazen for stepping in and greeting for Dick Gallagher.

Vance Thompson announced that our raffle prize was a \$50

Trader Joe's gift card donated by Dick Gallagher.

John Borneman led us in a song.

President Tim brought in a thank you card for everybody to sign for Bruce and Kathy McGee for hosting the Christmas Party.

President Tim read a thank you letter from scholarship recipient Jeff Baucum who graduated #1 from Buena High School last year and is now attending Cal Poly SLO. Jeff reported that his grades for the 1st semester was 89.7%. He requested to do extra credit to raise his grades and was turned down. Welcome to college Jeff.

President Tim also announced that we have Ventura Axxess books for sale. The books cost \$30 and the club will receive \$10 for each book sold.

Bill Spellman introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Guest of Midge Stork was her grandson Joe. Floyd Gill was also with us today.

President Tim announced that Todd Juvonen found some money at the Christmas Party. If you can say how much it was you can have it. It was decided to donate it to the scholarship fund.

Avenues of Service announcements: None.

President Tim then presented our catering staff with

Christmas goodies.

Rene Bindus gave our joke of the day. Then Bob Pazen told a joke followed by John Masterson then John Borneman.

Happy \$'s: Bill Hicks, Wendy Pazen, Jeff Hata, Midge Stork, Rich Stewart, Tim Hughes, Bill Spellman, Ken Kagan & John Borneman.

Vance Thompson and Dick Gallagher will be celebrating birthday's over the Christmas Holidays.

We will be dark next week and our next meeting will be January 2, 2014.

Vance Thompson conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was Carol Marquez-Olson.

A dangerous idea offers hope for girls in Afghanistan



More than 400 girls, including these seven-year-old best friends, attend the Zabuli Education Center outside Kabul. Razia Jan (far right), a U.S. Rotarian who returned to her native Afghanistan, opened the school in 2008.

Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation

In 2005, Razia Jan came up with a dangerous idea: to start a free private school for girls in her native Afghanistan. The Taliban were using extreme violence to keep girls from learning. In 2008, the year she opened the school, terrorists in the country -- armed with bombs, poison gas, guns, grenades, and acid -- killed 149 teachers, students, and employees in Afghan schools.

But Jan did not intend to let terrorists stop her. She approached Afghan Ministry of Education officials and persuaded them to donate a piece of land in a village

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30 miles outside Kabul. Today, the Zabuli Education Center is in its sixth year and has a roster of more than 400 girls in kindergarten through ninth grade.

Without the school, many of the students never would have had the chance to receive an education. "I can feel a change happening in these girls and in this community," says Jan, who moved back to Afghanistan after building a successful tailoring business in Duxbury, Massachusetts, USA. "Knowledge is something nobody can steal from them."

The Rotarian magazine talked with her about her experience launching the school.

The Rotarian: What made you return to Afghanistan to start a school for girls?

JAN: I had seen the conditions and how badly the girls were treated. I had to do something. I thought, "There are no schools for girls here. Why not build one?" At that time, I was the president of the Rotary Club of Duxbury, and we decided to hold a fundraiser. We raised \$65,000 in one night. This was in 2005. In 2008, we held two events featuring Khaled Hosseini, author of the novels *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, which helped us raise more than \$120,000. The place where we decided to build the school was a community of seven villages, a poor area, and they had never seen a girls' school. My hope was that this school could help break the cycle of poverty.

Did you encounter any resistance?

JAN: When I first came to this village, a man came up to me and stared at me strangely. He said, "Sister, why are you standing here? Please go inside and sit with our women and have a cup of tea." I replied, "I'm going to build this school. And I'm going to be standing here to build it. You have to get used to it. I don't think I'm going to sit inside." That was one of the first times a woman had challenged these men. The day before we opened the school, more men approached me. This time, there were four of them. "I hope you realize you still have a chance to change this school into a boys' school," they said to me. "Boys are the backbone of our community." I replied, "Unfortunately, you are all blind. I want to give you some sight." They turned around, and I never saw them again.

What changes has your school brought about in the girls and in the community?

JAN: One of the first things we do is to teach the girls how to write their father's name. Then they take it home to show their parents. The fathers have come up to me, crying: "These girls can write my name, and I can't."

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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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That is a big moment. I have proved to the men of these seven villages that this is the best thing that's happened for their daughters -- to become educated. The girls are more independent. They can talk to their father or talk to their mother and share their opinions. They can speak for themselves now. We were having a discussion in class one day and one of them stood up and said, "You shouldn't worry about what the world thinks." They couldn't say this before.

What does the future look like for these girls?

JAN: I don't want their education to end here. I would like them to go to college, but I see the difficulty in that. Next year, when the oldest girls reach 10th grade, I want to have a plan to extend their education by building a computer science center or a nursing facility. I will bring education to them if they can't attend college. I will continue to give them as much freedom as I can, and a place in society where they can speak out. Gently but surely, we will give them a more promising future.

By Megan Ferringer

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was a \$50 Trader Joe's gift card donated by Dick Gallagher.

Our lucky winner was Carol Marquez-Olson.

We have raised \$91 today bringing our total to \$1,982 for this Rotary year.

Congratulations Carol and thank you to Dick Gallagher for your generous donation.

Rotary and ShelterBox help restore a sense of normalcy after disaster

Months of heavy rains in the heart of the Peruvian rain forest had caused devastating flooding. It was April 2012, and the Amazon River and other waterways had submerged entire villages, forcing families to leave their belongings on the roofs of their homes and find higher ground. Many had to live on wooden planks or under tarps. The Rotary Club of Iquitos called on Rotary's partner ShelterBox, which provides tents and other nonfood items in containers to people left homeless by disaster.

Malcolm Shead, a volunteer from Llandeilo, Wales, was a member of the first ShelterBox response team to arrive. When he captured this image, he and colleague Rachel Simpkins (pictured) were on an overnight reconnaissance trip to the area of Los Amazonas.

"At one point there were 10 to 15 kids crowding around," Shead says. "These are all children of families who live throughout the rain forest and had to relocate to this small village. Municipal buildings, schools, churches -- everything had been turned into shelter for the families."

The Iquitos Rotarians worked with the ShelterBox volunteers, providing

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a translator, funding the transport of ShelterBoxes up the river, and assisting with logistical challenges. By the end of May 2012, ShelterBox had provided 171 containers to people in the area.

By Diana Schoberg

Adapted from a story in the December 2013 issue of The Rotarian.

23-Dec-2013

Emergency funds aim to quell polio outbreak in Syria, Middle East

Rotary will provide a \$500,000 emergency response grant to support efforts to stem the recent polio outbreak in Syria. The funds are the first to the World Health Organization in direct support of a Global Polio Eradication Initiative plan to conduct large-scale immunization campaigns in the Middle East.

“It is imperative that we stop this outbreak quickly to protect children in Syria and throughout the region,” says Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott. “Rotary and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are working together with local health authorities to activate the outbreak response.”

He noted that the cases in Syria appear to be imported from Pakistan, one of three countries where the wild poliovirus remains endemic. “These and other recent polio cases in previously polio-free countries serve as stark reminders that as long as polio still exists anywhere in the world, all unimmunized children everywhere remain at risk,” says Scott.


Today, seven countries across the region rolled out vaccination campaigns aiming to reach 22 million children. These campaigns are planned to be repeated over the next six months to protect children in the region from the polio outbreak.

Liberation is not deliverance.

Victor Hugo


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