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Life at 15,000 feet - Jorge Arman

February 20, 2014

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February 27, 2014

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March 6, 2014

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February 13 - Monte Widders

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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 PRLS5	Feb 15
PETS	Feb 20-23
Board Meeting	Mar 5
Basic PRLS	Mar 22
District Assembly	Mar 29
Board Meeting	Apr 2
RYLA	Apr 12-15
Master PRLS3	Apr 12
Master PRLS4	Apr 26
Board Meeting	May 7
Board Meeting	Jun 4

Raffle Scholarship Donor

February 13 - Jeff Hata

February 20 - Joe Strohmman

February 27 - Bill Hicks

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March 13 - Monte Widders

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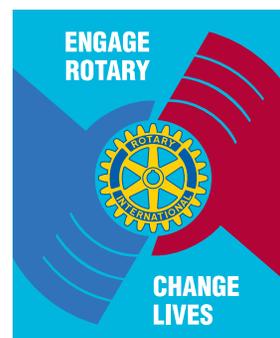
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First ... Is it the TRUTH? Second ... Is it FAIR to all concerned? Third ... Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Fourth ... Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Meeting February 6, 2014

Reported by Jeff Hata



Harriet Clune introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

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

Rich Stewart led us in the Flag Salute.

Bob Pazen gave our Inspirational Message.

Harriet Clune introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Visiting from Ventura-South was Lee Gibson.

Midge Stork announced that our raffle prize was a \$50 Visa gift

card donated by Laura Shannon.

John Borneman led us in a song.

President Tim reported on the board meeting. Pastor Smith gave a report on Buena Interact's activities.

President Tim thanked Bob Lynn for all his years as treasurer. Dave Anderson is currently working on revamping the accounting system with the help of Allison Thompson. Todd Juvonen has volunteered to take on the position of Treasurer.

The club needs all club members to get their dues current to 30 days. We have not done a good job of getting invoices out, but that is being corrected.

We did not make our payment to the YMCA last year to fund Operation Splash so we need to get that caught up and in addition we have another payment to make in a few months.

President Tim also asked for help in getting some community service projects.

Judy Hoag and Allison Thompson are planning to go to Nicaragua in October. If anyone else wants to go let Judy know.

Vocational Service - Joe Strohman needs volunteers to read the 4 Way Essay tests from Balboa Middle School. We will be presenting Student of the Quarter awards on



Husam Hishmeh visited for lunch today.

February 20th. Bill Spellman gave a report on job shadow and mock interviews.

Wendy Pazen announced that there will be a club social at Garman's Pub on February 20th. We will meet at 6:00 and there will be trivia and darts at 8:00.

President Tim recognized Bob and Wendy Pazen for their generous donation to GoCare and the article in the Ventura Breeze. President Tim did not fine Bob and Wendy for their omission of Rotary because of their donation to GoCare. Way to go Bob and Wendy.

President Tim read a letter from Gillian Wentzel thanking the club for her scholarship.

President Tim emailed out lightbulb information to the club from a few weeks back.

President Tim then presented a check for \$1,100 to our club foundation from Ron Polito followed by checks for \$100 from the 11 club members who pledged. Thank you Ron for your challenge!!!

Midge Stork conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was Dave Anderson!!!



Thank you Bob Lynn for your many years of service as our Treasurer!

"IF OPPORTUNITY DOESN'T KNOCK, BUILD A DOOR."

MILTON BERLE

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Rotary and ShelterBox help restore a sense of normalcy after disaster



*Rachel Simpkins, a ShelterBox volunteer, takes a break to entertain children whose families were left homeless by flooding in the Peruvian rain forest.
Photo Credit: Photo by Malcolm Shead*

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 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.
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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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Scholarship recipient reflects on his journey to Rotary



As a high school junior in 1991, Mai (back row with cap) attended the Enterprise Institute of the Rotary Club of Oakland, California, USA, launching him on a path out of the ghetto.

My father moved us from Vietnam when I was a child to provide us with more than what we'd had under the communist regime. We ended up in a ghetto in Oakland, California, USA. I went to Fremont High School, one of the worst schools in a neighborhood plagued by violence, poverty, and high dropout rates.

Our house was on a busy street, and every night we heard gunshots.

The spring of my junior year, a group of Rotarians visited my class. They told us about the Rotary Club of Oakland's Enterprise Institute, a three-day camp that allows students to develop and test their business skills. Spending time in the Santa Cruz Mountains, creating a business plan with my peers, didn't appeal to me so much as escaping the projects for a few days. In my world, the only businesses I saw were funeral homes, liquor stores, and drug dealers.

The Enterprise Institute exposed me to a new reality. I met teenagers who talked about Plato and Shakespeare, not drive-by shootings and AK-47s. It was at camp that I heard the word "entrepreneur" for the first time. Surrounded by high school students from schools that were far superior to my own, I learned just how little I knew. As we considered case studies and came up with our own business plans, I also saw a future that didn't involve assault rifles and prison cells. These kids talked about going to college and starting their own companies, and I realized I wanted the same things. Coming from the streets, I knew I was at a disadvantage

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Our raffle prize this week was a \$50 Visa gift card donated by Laura Shannon.

Our lucky winner was Dave Anderson!

Congratulations Dave and thank you to Laura Shannon for your generous donation!



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and would have to work even harder to achieve the same goals. That was one of the most important lessons I took away from the Enterprise Institute—not a business outline, but a sense of ambition and self-motivation.

Landing on firm ground

We didn't have much money, so I applied for every college scholarship I could. I filled out 20 applications and received 19 rejections because I was not a U.S. citizen. Only one scholarship program accepted me: the Rotary Club of Oakland's. The Rotarians met with me and my family and listened to what I had been through and where I wanted to go. I know they had many applicants, and when they awarded me the \$5,000 scholarship, it proved they believed in me. The scholarship, along with financial aid, allowed me to go to college.

At the University of California, Davis, I used the scholarship money to pay for rent and books. The first three years I was in school, the scholarship meant that I didn't have to work and could concentrate solely on studying. Whenever I would talk to my Oakland club counselor, Terry Turner, he would always ask how I was doing, and I would tell him truthfully that I was struggling. Fremont High School had not prepared me for UC Davis. Terry offered me advice, and I listened to it. I started at Davis at the same time as three other Fremont High School graduates. By my second semester, I was the only one left. The Enterprise Institute had jump-started my future. The Rotary scholarship kept it in motion.

I spent several years working for a series of small companies before striking out on my own with Novateck PC in 2004. As soon as I opened my business, I joined the Oakland club. Its members became some of my first clients. Novateck has grown since then and now has three employees. My family has also grown; I now have a wife and two young daughters.

Last year I took my wife and oldest daughter to Vietnam. The little fishing village I left as a child 30 years ago is now a bustling metropolis. My childhood home in Oakland has also morphed into something else; the basketball court where I used to play has been replaced with apartment complexes. The Rotary Club of Oakland's Enterprise Institute is one of the things that remain unchanged. Now in its 30th year, the institute continues to take dozens of high school juniors to the mountains and teach them how to make their own future in the business world. I have helped with the institute for the last seven years and am now co-chair of the committee that runs the whole thing. I know that the camp experience will help other teenagers change their way of thinking and give them hope for a better future. That's what it did for me.

By Daniel Mai, as told to Katya Cengel

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