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March 13, 2014

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March 20, 2014

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March 27, 2014

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April 3, 2014

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March 13 - Bill Spellman

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New Generations TBD

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Avenues of Service Meetings

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Club Events

Important Dates

St Patrick's Day Parade.....	Mar 15
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

March 13 - Monte Widders

March 20 - Ron Polito

March 27 - Harriet Clune

April 3 - Midge Stork

April 10 - Tim Hughes

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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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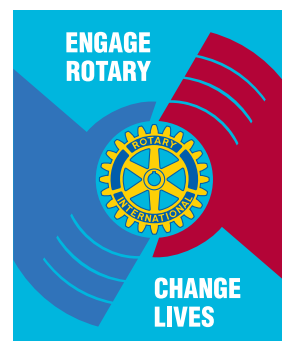
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The Four Way Test

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 March 6, 2014

Reported by Jeff Hata



Jan Lindsay gave our inspirational message.

Past President Joe Strohman rang the bell and invited everyone to lunch. Guests and visiting Rotarians go first.

Tom Swan led us in the Salute to the Flag.

John Masterson introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Visiting from Ventura - Downtown was Ed Summers.

Past President Joe announced that there would be a Club Foundation Board meeting

immediately after the club meeting.

Jan Lindsay gave our inspirational message.

Midge Stork announced that our Scholarship Raffle was \$50 cash donated by Jan Lindsay.

Past President Joe announced that Bob Pazen has been recognized as one of the top medical professionals in the county as the top optometrist. Bob Pazen has also been recognized as the West County Optometrist of the year by the Ventura County Star.

Avenue of Service reports:

President Elect Dave Anderson asked everyone to consider being on the board next year. Dave is starting to fill positions for next year and may ask you to serve.

We will be implementing our new invoicing system next week. You will be receiving a bill for two months next week and will be getting your bill monthly thereafter.

The 4 Way Test essays are being judged and the winners will be announced soon.

Jordan Eller will be leading our Scholarship team this year and Pete Gallagher filled us in on the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Past President Joe Strohman filled in for President Tim today.

The District Assembly will be on March 29th in Oxnard. Happy \$'s - Rich Stewart. Birthday's - John Masterson. Bob Pazen told us a joke followed by the raffle drawing which was won by Bill Hicks!

Past President Joe thanked Wendy Pazen for greeting today.

Partners for climate change research in Tanzania



Ohio Rotary member Amy Kaspar and science teacher Bartholomew Meena embrace during Kaspar's visit to Tanzania in 2009. The meeting sparked a service project that is educating villagers near Mount Kilimanjaro how to adapt to climate change. Photo Credit: Photos courtesy of Amy Kaspar

Littered with old National Geographic magazines, a model volcano, and a solar cooker, Bartholomew Meena's crammed science room in Machame, Tanzania, captured Amy Kaspar's heart at first glance.

"He created all the science projects we had from our childhood in one room," recalls Kaspar, a former Rotary Scholar who's now a member of the Rotary Club of Capital Square in Ohio. Within those projects, she saw Meena's passion for his environment and a wealth of unexplored opportunities, particularly the chance to collaborate and study the environmental impact of Mount Kilimanjaro's melting glaciers.

"I had attended several lectures recently at Ohio State University's Byrd Polar Research Center," Kaspar says. "The thought hit me, shouldn't the people who live around the mountain know about what is happening and prepare for the changes?"

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Kaspar spent the next four years connecting Meena with the center, which has been doing cutting edge climate change research. Kaspar's desire to help Machame matched the center's goal of providing more research to local communities where it could do more good. And by utilizing Rotary's network, she was able to bring Rotary members in Ohio and Machame into the collaboration.

Together, they would teach communities at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro how to adapt to the changing temperatures and precipitation patterns.

"Tanzania is an area where we haven't been able to give back as much," says Jason Cervenac, educational outreach coordinator for the Byrd center, "and an educational initiative seemed to be an obvious approach."

The center is also providing Meena with material to write a new curriculum in Swahili, which Rotary members will help publish, distribute, and promote. Additional plans are in the works to use posters to educate the community, hold seminars and community workshops, and fund study exchanges between Tanzania and Ohio.

None of this would have been possible without the Rotary infrastructure, Kaspar says.

"It's all about the personal relationships you establish," she adds. "Rotary has changed who I am, and now I want to do what I can to help change the lives of others for the better."

Kaspar's path to Rotary began in 1993, when she studied architecture and international development at Oxford Brooks University in Oxford, England, through a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship. There she met her host family, Jane and Peter Jones of the Rotary Club of Haddenham and District.

"Amy arrived in a wheelchair with a bicycle. Need I say more?" says Jane, who with her husband has hosted more than 20 scholars. "We found it difficult to control her exuberance and enthusiasm and keep her plans grounded, but that isn't a criticism."

The Jones family invited Kaspar to attend club activities and take part in service projects. A decade later, they put her in touch with Rotary members in Tanzania, where she would go on to work with the relatively new Rotary Club of Machame.

"I'm here today because my host dad in England would never let me off the hook and always made sure I got involved in stuff," she says. "Service is now a part of who I am. It's a part of my genetic makeup."

By Arnold Grahl
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7-Mar-2014

Rotary Club of Ventura-East on social media ...



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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
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		Soule Park GC

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Helping people with disabilities make their own music



Instructor Danuta Warzachowska (left) talks with her student Marcin Miazgowski before a recital by students of the Music School for Children With Disabilities in Honor of Paul Harris. The recital was held in May 2012 at the school in Lublin, Poland.

Photo Credit: Alyce Henson/Rotary International

Music has been an important part of leading an ordinary life for students at the Music School for Children With Disabilities in Honor of Paul Harris in Lublin, Poland. Founded by Rotary members, the school serves 20 students with various disabilities, including Down syndrome, autism, and visual impairments. The Rotary Club of Lublin-Centrum-Maria Curie-Sklodowska has provided funding with help from Rotary Foundation Matching Grants and the Henryk Wieniawski Musical Society, which houses the school.

After their son Mateusz was born with underdeveloped eyes, Mariusz and Joanna Kania looked for ways to help him be active. When he showed an aptitude for music, they looked for a teacher and were thrilled to find the Paul Harris music school.

“A school like this helps children like Mateusz widen their perspectives, see the world a bit differently, and meet new people,” his father says. “If it weren’t for this school, there wouldn’t be a place in Lublin for disabled children who want to develop musically.”

By Susie Ma

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was a \$50 cash donated by Jan Lindsay.

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The law of the garbage truck

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One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches!

The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck'.

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally, just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The two hospital patients


Author unknown

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on holiday.

And every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and colour of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every colour of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

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As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Days and weeks passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch and, after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it for himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed.

It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."