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**May 1, 2014**

Job Shadow - Bill Spellman

**May 8, 2014**

Doing Medical Mission work in Africa - Kevin White, MD

**May 15, 2014**

What are you doing with the rest of your life - Mel Cheatham, MD

**May 22, 2014**

Bake Sale

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**May 1** - Wendy Pazen

**May 8** - TBA

**May 15** - Jordan Eller

**May 22** - TBA

**May 29** - Ken Kagan

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Club Service TBD

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New Generations TBD

International Service TBD

## Avenues of Service Meetings

Marketing TBD

Membership TBD

## Club Events

## Important Dates

Ventura Beach Festival BBQ ..... May 3  
Horse Rescue BBQ ..... May 4  
Board Meeting ..... May 7  
RI Convention ..... Jun 1 - 4  
Board Meeting ..... Jun 4  
Step Down Luncheon ..... Jun 29

## Raffle Scholarship Donor

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**May 8** - Ken Kagan

**May 15** - John Masterson

**May 22** - Bob Noville

**May 29** - Husah Hishmeh

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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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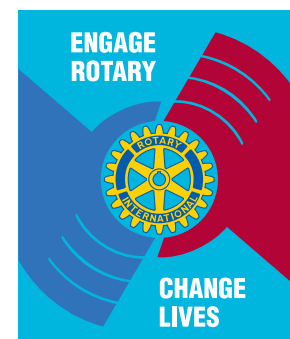
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## The Four Way Test

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 April 24, 2014

*Reported by Jeff Hata*



*Bob Pazen told s joke today.*

President Tim rang the bell and invited everybody to enjoy lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians please go first.

Ken Kagan led us in the Salute to the Flag.

President Tim thanked Midge Stork for greeting.

Midge Stork announced that our raffle prize was a picnic goodie bag filled with all kinds of great Trader Joe's stuff like cheeses, wines, crackers, chocolates and more...

We did not have any guests or visiting Rotarians today.

President Tim told a joke that kind of flopped followed by more jokes from Bob Pazen.

President Tim read a letter of resignation from Tom Shilton who will be moving to Salt Lake City soon.

Avenues of Service:

BBQ Team - Bruce McGee let us know that we did not get into the 4th of July Street Fair, but reminded us about the May 3rd Ventura Beach Festival BBQ and the May 4th Horse Rescue BBQ. We still need more volunteers.

Vocational Service - Joe Strohman reminded us that Job Shadow would be next week and that our next Student of the Quarter would be the second week in May.

New Generations - Jeff Hata told the club that our incoming student would be Antonia Setiz from Austria. We are in desperate need for host families. We must have at least our first family in place by May 15th.

Club Service - Dave Anderson is in need of board members for next year. If you are interested please see Dave, otherwise he may be giving you a call.

Rocky Ludes spoke about Bob Beckwith's memorial

service last week and President Tim reminded us about Norm Weitzel's service on the 27th.

President Tim reminded everyone about the social at Discovery tonight and Bob Pazen told us about a mass casualty exercise at Camarillo airport on May 2nd.

Midge Stork conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was Tom Hashbarger.



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## Rotary member sacrifices record deal for disaster relief



*Todd Shea, right, a member of the Rotary Club of Inwood, Manhattan, New York, distributes food to victims of the 2013 Typhoon disaster in the Philippines.*

*Photo Credit: Courtesy of Todd Shea*

On September 11, 2001, Todd Shea found himself running toward ground zero. He had no business being there. A singer-songwriter with a record deal, Shea should have been prepping for a gig at CBGB, one of New York City's most iconic venues. Instead he was using his band's van to bring food, water, and supplies to first responders.

After five grueling days amid the rubble of the Twin

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Towers, Shea decided to sacrifice his musical career, and dedicate his life to disaster relief.

"Seeing the suffering in New York opened my eyes to what other people around the world are going through every day," says Shea. "I decided I wanted to be part of the solution, not the problem."

For the next 13 years Shea, 47, found himself in the epicenters of other disasters, including the South Asian tsunami in 2004, Hurricane Katrina in the U.S. and the Kashmir earthquake in 2005, the earthquake in Haiti and floods in Pakistan in 2010, the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in 2011, and the typhoon in the Philippines in 2013.

During each disaster Shea says he's gained more knowledge about disaster relief logistics.

"Large efforts take time to take shape," says Shea. "Trained disaster responders, like doctors, firefighters, and EMTs, work best when they don't have to worry about the backline, such as food, water, and supplies. They have more time to do what they are trained to do."

After the Pakistan earthquake in 2005, Shea decided not to leave the area after many organizations did. He founded the Comprehensive Disaster Response Services (CDRS), which provides health care and aid to Pakistanis who would otherwise have limited access to medical care.

The organization includes a rapid disaster response team that provides security, logistics, and communication support to medical teams and government agencies that are on the ground.

"It's all about coordinating together. I've been too many places where efforts were either wasted or duplicated," he says. "One village has everything and one village has nothing. We spread out to areas not being reached and try to organize a centralized system where all agencies can communicate and work together."

The CDRS facility includes a dental unit, vaccination center, maternity ward, pharmacy, laboratory, and ambulance. Shea lives in Pakistan about nine months a year.

In 2009 Shea helped to found Sustainable Healthcare Initiatives Now Empowering Humanity, which is based in the U.S. and provides international disaster relief and long-term sustainable health care initiatives in developing countries.

### Shea finds Rotary

It was during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans where Shea hooked up with Jim Kushner, past president and founding member of the Rotary Club of Inwood, Manhattan, New York. They coordinated animal rescue and the

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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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delivery of rubber rafts, and helped the military with search and rescue.

"Jim and I are like brothers. We share a passion for helping those who are in need," says Shea. "He's proven to me with his time, sweat, and blood that putting yourself in danger for others is a noble and worthy endeavor."

Since Katrina, the two have joined forces on every major disaster.

"Todd just keeps going. No matter what has to be done, he finds a way to get it done," says Kushner. "He's like a locomotive that doesn't slow down when barriers are in the way."

In August Shea joined the Inwood club. Rotary clubs are as good as its members, he says.

"If you're motivated and you want to make a real difference, then join a Rotary club. I would encourage people who want to make real change to use Rotary as a platform. There is no better organization for it."

### *Strumming for a cause*

Just because Shea isn't chasing his dream of becoming a music star doesn't mean he put down the guitar for good. He launched a musical and cultural collaboration with Pakistani and American musicians called Sonic Peacemakers. He organizes and plays concerts in both countries to raise funds and awareness for vulnerable children in Pakistan.

"Children are left out of the equation," says Shea. "I created CDRS so I can give them the health care that American children are afforded every day."

About his frenetic pace, Shea says he doesn't know how else to go if he wants to make a change.

"The world can be a very ugly place," he says. "I'm just trying to do my part to help turn indifference, intolerance, and hatred to love, kindness, and compassion."

Ryan Hyland

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## Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was a Picnic "Goodie" bag filled with all kinds of good stuff from Trader Joe's donated by Rich Stewart.

Our lucky winner today was Tom Hashbarger.

Midge announced that we have raised \$3,800 so far this year which will go towards scholarships this spring.

Congratulations to Tom and thank you to Rich Stewart for your generous donation.



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# Friendship Trees

Rotarians have planted trees in the name of fellowship, friendship, and community service since the early 20th century. These trees, which can be found worldwide, have grown into enduring monuments of Rotary's ideals.

As president emeritus, Harris traveled extensively during the 1920s and 1930s, often accompanied by his wife Jean. During these trips, the nature-loving Harris planted trees to symbolize goodwill and friendship.

In the fall of 1932, Harris embarked on a five-week tour of European Rotary clubs and planted trees along the way.

"Wednesday forenoon I planted my first tree of friendship in European soil. It seemed to me especially appropriate that it took place in Germany—in its metropolis—Berlin. The planting occurred in a sports platz formerly devoted to war purposes, and a large number including Rotarians, city officials, and others were in attendance."

Harris also planted trees in Tallinn, Estonia, and Göteborg, Sweden, during this trip.

Planting trees soon became a hallmark of his travels, including in Australia, Brazil, Estonia, Japan, Mexico, and New Zealand. In My Road to Rotary Harris recalled:


"With the cooperation of Rotarians and local governments, I have planted friendship trees in the parks and playgrounds on five continents of the world and even on some of the major islands of the seas. Our trees stood as symbols of international understanding and good-will."

Other RI presidents also observed the tradition. In 1931-32, then-RI president Sydney W. Pascall planted trees at the sites of Rotary clubs he visited, reportedly at Paul Harris's suggestion.

Not all of the trees were planted outside the United States. The Harrises often entertained visiting Rotarians and dignitaries in their home, Comely Bank, and planted trees with their guests to mark the occasion. They called the garden their Friendship Garden.

Today, Rotarians continue to plant trees to symbolize enduring friendships and fellowship, to beautify parks and communities, and to contribute to a greener world.

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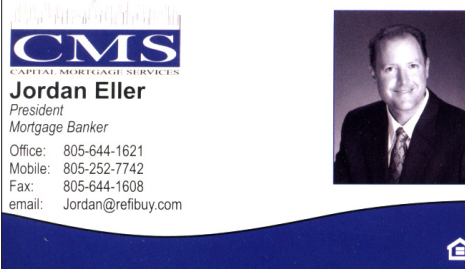
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