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of Ventura-East

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## Programs

Program Chair: Robert Pazen

**July 17, 2014**

Club Assembly

**July 24, 2014**

The 2014 Ventura County Fair - Barbara Quaid

**July 31, 2014**

"Humanitarian Effects of Nuclear War" - Dr. Robert Dodge

**August 7, 2014**

"Your Ventura County Money" - Jeff Burgh

## Greeter

**July 17** - Carol Marquez-Olson

## 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	2nd Wed. 5:30 Mimi's Cafe
International Service	TBD

## Avenues of Service Meetings

Marketing	TBD
Membership	TBD

## Club Events

### Important Dates

VC Fair Parade.....August 2

## Raffle Scholarship Donor

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## Presidents Message ...



**Dave Anderson**  
President 2014-2015

### LOOKING AHEAD: 2014-2015

Today's Club Assembly will focus on our goals and expectations for the coming year. As in previous years, the activities of the club will be channeled through our **Avenues of Service**.

If you wish to participate in the planning or execution of any of our service projects during the year, I recommend that you align yourself with one or more of these committees. That's where you'll find the real work of **Rotary Club of Ventura East**.

Let me reintroduce our Avenues of Service chairs. Please give your support, encouragement, and brilliant ideas!

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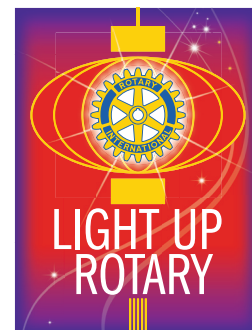
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# Meeting July 10, 2014

Reported by Jeff Hata



Carol Marquez won the raffle prize.

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

President Dave thanked Bruce McGee for greeting.

Bob Noville led us in the Flag Salute.

Our Inspirational Message was delivered by Rich Stewart followed by Harriet Clune who gave our joke of the day.

Midge Stork announced that our raffle prize was a \$50 gift card from Trader Joe's donated by Nicole Kreutz.

Guests and visiting Rotarian's were also introduced by Midge Stork. Guest of Midge Stork and member of the La Quinta Rotary Club was former Ventura-Downtown member Rosalie Measures.

Floyd Gill gave a recap of the Push N Pullem Parade. The parade was very well attended and we made about \$500 in donations. Floyd thanked everyone who came out to help make the event a huge success.

Floyd also announced that Community Service will be meeting on August 7th at the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf at Main and Telephone, 6:00 pm.

Bruce McGee needs volunteers to help the meetings to run smoothly so please put your name on positions needed on the sign up sheet being passed around.

Bruce also let us know that we will be doing a BBQ for the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, August 3rd at Arroyo Verde Park.

Judy Hoag reminded us about the trip to Nicaragua in November and Joe Strohman told us that we will have our

annual Club Assembly next week followed by Ventura County Fair CEO Barbara Quaid on August 24th.

Tim Hughes presented Todd Juvonen with the "Rising Star" award and Joe Strohman with the "Service Above Self" award.

John Borneman led us in a song.

Happy \$'s: Joe Strohman & Wendy Pazan.

Midge conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was Carol Marquez.



Past President Tim Hughes presented Joe Strohman with the "Service Above Self" Award.

## Pedaling coast-to-coast for a purpose



Keith Harris, 50, nearly lost his life a few years ago, but is recovered and pedaling across the U.S. to raise money for Rotary.

Photo Credit: Wicked Local photo/David Sokol

Keith Harris is [pedaling for a purpose](#).

At the tender age of 50, he's set out on an eight-week, 4,400-mile bike ride across the U.S. to raise \$25,000 for The Rotary Foundation. He's also hoping to raise an additional \$2,500 for Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport, Massachusetts, where a few years ago he was treated for a life-threatening heart condition.

"The trip is sort of my midlife crisis," he admits but

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it's not the first time he's pedaled across the country. He made the trek about 20 years ago, before he married his wife, Christina.

Harris has been a Rotary member for 18 years. He's served as president for the Rotary Club of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and as a district Rotary Foundation chair for seven years. He says Rotary has become "a way of life" for him and for Christina, who's also a member.

"Rotary is indeed a body of many parts," says Harris. "It allows us to reach out through the headlines and interact with the people we otherwise would only hear or read about."

He'll have plenty of interactions during the trip this summer. He says he's planning to occasionally stay with other Rotary members along the way, as well as tap into the hospitality of the WarmShowers.org community for cyclists. His trip began 9 June in Seattle where he dipped his rear wheel into the Pacific, and he hopes to finish in Newburyport on 9 August by dipping his front tire into the Atlantic.

"Hopefully I will meet new people and by doing something unusual, have new opportunities to encourage them to do what I believe they already want to do deep down," he says. "They just need to think about it a bit differently."

Harris is riding a Co-Motion Cascadia, the same bike he rode on his first cross-country outing. He's raised \$22,850 toward his goals.

[Follow his progress on Facebook](#)

By Adam Ross  
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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
	The Fillmore & Western Train	
Ojai	12:00 pm	Friday
	Soule Park GC	

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# Eighty percent of the world polio free, two of three strains eradicated



Rotary Foundation Chair Dong Kurn Lee talks about the Foundation's accomplishments during the third plenary session on 3 June.  
Photo Credit: Rotary International/Monika Lozinska

If progress is measured in numbers, Rotary has entered rarified air in the fight against polio. Eighty percent of the world is now certified polio free, and two of the three strains of the disease have been eradicated, according to Dr. Bruce Aylward, who heads the polio eradication program at the World Health Organization.

Still, major challenges remain, including the international spread of the disease, the insecurity in endemic countries, and geopolitical tensions. In May WHO declared polio a public health emergency, asking the world to step up its vaccination efforts for international travelers.

"The world has decided it will do everything possible to protect the progress of PolioPlus," said Alyward, who traveled from Switzerland to Australia to deliver Monday's keynote address. In Somalia, for example, hundreds of sites have been set up to vaccinate anyone attempting to enter or travel outside the country. Six months after setting up those sites, not one child had been reported polio stricken, Alyward added.

Godfrey Egwau, a member of the Rotary Club of Soroti, Uganda, said he left the plenary session with a much stronger understanding of Rotary's accomplishments.

"It showed our great commitment to eradicating polio," he added. "I  
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## Weekly Raffle

The raffle prize today was a gift card to Trader Joe's graciously donated by Nicole Kreutz.

Our lucky winner was Carol Marquez!

Congratulations to Carol and thank you to Nicole Kreutz for your generous donation.

Remember, all money raised from the raffle goes directly to college scholarships at the end of the year.



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now believe we should be able to achieve this.”

Before Rotary members received the latest news on polio from Alyward, they heard the story of polio survivor and Paralympic medalist Ade Adepitan, who has lived with the disease since he was an infant. At age 12, he discovered wheelchair basketball and dreamed of becoming a Paralympian. He competed in his first games in Sydney in 2000, and won a bronze medal at the 2004 games in Athens.

Adepitan is now dedicating much of his life to his home country of Nigeria, helping other polio survivors there fight for their rights and for change.

“I had a dream and did not allow anything to stop me from making it happen,” Adepitan said. “I believe the same philosophy can be used in all aspects of life.”

Rotary member Matthew Rich, attending from Northfield, Minnesota, United States, applauded Adepitan for sharing his story.

“His speech was very off the cuff and genuine,” Rich said. “I thought that was the most inspirational program.”

Later in the program, Sir Emeka Offor, of the Rotary Club of Awka GRA, announced his \$1 million donation to PolioPlus with strong words of encouragement to Rotary members.

“As a young man, I vowed that I would someday do something significant to end polio in Nigeria,” Sir Emeka said. “My goal was then and now to do all within my power to support polio immunization efforts in Nigeria and throughout the world.”

Sir Emeka also recently opened a PolioPlus ambassador’s office in Nigeria, at no cost to Rotary. The office serves as a hub for the National PolioPlus Committee, in order to reach the remaining pockets of polio in the country.

Polio was far from the only topic of discussion Tuesday. Mwila Chigaga, a former peace fellow from the Rotary Peace Center at Duke University and now a gender specialist for African Regions at the International Labour Organization, is striving for decent work and equal opportunities between women and men in Africa.


“Social justice, equality, fairness, and equal rights for women have been and will continue to be my lifelong passion,” she said. “It defines me and what I aspire for.”

Though significant obstacles remain, Chigaga said she believes Africa is rising and “the mentality of the African has changed.”

“I am no longer an invisible woman,” she added. “I have a voice.”

Maya Ajmera, a 1989 Rotary Scholar, accepted the Global Alumni

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Service to Humanity Award and spoke about the Global Fund for Children, a children's advocacy nonprofit she founded in 1993.

In his address to the convention, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Dong Kurn Lee called on Rotarians to do what they do best, raise money. He thanked the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for its two-to-one dollar match of every dollar committed to polio eradication in the next five years, up to \$35 million a year.

"If we spend \$35 million, they give \$70 million more," he said. "As a businessman, I see this as a good financial investment."

### ***Elections and reports***

In the afternoon business session, President Ron Burton and General Secretary John Hewko oversaw the election of the 2015-17 directors and 2015-16 district governors.

President-nominee K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran received unanimous approval by the voting delegation to take the reins of Rotary International in 2015.

In his report to the convention, General Secretary John Hewko spoke about increasing public awareness for polio eradication, and the latest on Rotary's World's Biggest Commercial Project, which recently set a Guinness World Record for largest photo awareness campaign.

"We have received an unprecedented amount of media coverage for our role in the fight to end polio," Hewko added. "This coverage includes more than 400 stories with significant, positive Rotary messaging."

Rotary International Treasurer Andy Smallwood walked Rotary members through his report. Rotary has had difficulty achieving its anticipated membership numbers, so dues revenues are projected to be under budget by about \$700,000. However, any shortfall in dues is more than covered by strong investment returns so far this year, Smallwood said. Services and other activities remain on target to break even.

"None of us can control inflation rates or global investment markets," Smallwood added. "But I want to emphasize that membership growth is an area in which each of us do have control."

By Adam Ross and Ryan Hyland  
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