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of Ventura-East

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## Programs

Program Chair: Joe Strohman / Ken Kagan

**July 31, 2014**

“Humanitarian Effects of Nuclear War” - Dr. Robert Dodge

**August 7, 2014**

“Your Ventura County Money” - Jeff Burgh

## Greeter

## Fundraisers

**Poinsettia Sales**

Delivery Date

December 4, 2014

for information on fundraisers go to:

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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.....	Aug 2
Ventura Chamber BBQ.....	Aug 3
Master PRLS 3.....	Aug. 9
Master PRLS 3.....	Aug 23
President Elect Retreat.....	Sep 12 - 13
District Conference.....	Oct 3 - 5
Poinsettia Delivery Day.....	Dec 4

## Raffle Scholarship Donor

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## Presidents Message ...



**Dave Anderson**  
President 2014-2015

The following information is taken from the RI brochure “*Membership Growth and Retention Support for Clubs*”:

### Membership Growth and Retention

Every Rotarian can directly support Rotary’s membership growth and retention by using the membership referral and Rotarian relocation forms.

The Membership Referral Form is designed for Rotarians wishing to recommend a potential candidate for membership in a Rotary club other than their own. Qualified candidates may be:

- Friends or business associates
- Engaging guest speakers who are unable to join your club
- RI or Rotary Foundation program alumni who would contribute their expertise and experience to a local Rotary club but who live outside of your town, district, or country
- Relocating Rotarians who haven’t established contact with another club
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[Download Membership Referral Form](#)

Dave

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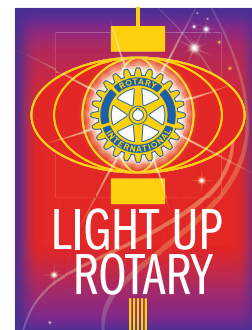
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### The Four Way Test

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 July 24, 2014

Reported by Jeff Hata



Tom Hashbarger introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

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

Laura Shannon then led us in the Flag Salute.

Tom Hashbarger introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Guest of Tim Hughes was Chuck Terra and guest of Jim Emch was his grandson.

Midge Stork spoke about the raffle. Midge would like for all of us to

be creative when donating the raffle prize. When the prize is \$50 cash her donations are not as much as when the prize is a gift card for instance. Today's raffle prize was a gift card to Cafe Nouveau donated by Midge Stork.

Jeff Hata gave our Inspirational Message.

President Dave read a thank you letter from one of our scholarship recipients Jasmine Baines.

John Borneman led us in a song and then announced that he is performing in Pirates of Penzance here at the Poinsettia Pavilion in August.

Midge Stork conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was Andy Corliss.

Happy \$'s: Bill Hicks, Tim Hughes and Rocky Ludes.

President Dave welcomed Rocky Ludes back from his trip.

Dick Gallagher told our joke of the day.

Avenues of Service:

International Service: Judy Hoag told us that we have a group down in Nicaragua watching their version of RYLA.

Club Service: Tim Hughes, membership committee chairman, is putting together his committee. If you want



Rocky Ludes visited us after he returned from his vacation.

to participate on the Membership Committee please contact Tim.

Jordan Eller reminded everyone about the BBQ we will be doing for the Ventura Chamber of Commerce on August 3rd at Arroyo Verde Park.

Youth Service: Jeff Hata announced that we are in desperate need of a host family for our incoming exchange student. Our first family backed out and now we have 3 weeks to get a new host family.

## Polio vaccinators make significant headway in Nigeria



A polio worker marks the side of a house in Kano, Nigeria, to indicate the children were not at home and a follow-up visit will needed to ensure they are vaccinated.

Photo Credit: Diego Ibarra Sánchez

Nigeria is closer than ever to eradicating polio, riding a successful effort to reach children in seven northern states at highest risk for the disease.

“Rotarians have [gone] into remote areas of the country by car, canoe, motorbike, and even on foot to ensure every child gets the vaccine,” says Rotary’s Nigeria PolioPlus Committee Chair Tunji Funsho.

In Katsina state, members of the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee (NPPC) recently met with leaders of two communities notoriously opposed to immunization, mainly on religious grounds and in protest of the lack of basic health care. They persuaded the leaders to endorse vaccination by obtaining government assurance that mobile health camps would provide free checkups, medications, immunization

against diseases besides polio, and other services.

“It was very encouraging to see the positive impact of engaging these leaders . . . witnessed by the huge turnout of crowds at the health camps and women willingly presenting their children for vaccination in households, quranic schools, and other locations,” reports the NPPC. “[The camps] are one of the proven ‘quick wins’ to untie the knots of persistent noncompliance in some settlements across the high-risk states.”

Along with Pakistan and Afghanistan, Nigeria has never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus. However, it has recorded only three polio cases so far this year (as of 3 June), down from 24 cases for the same period in 2013.

The NPPC began providing funding for the health camps in May. And in response to community demands for clean water, some Rotary clubs are sponsoring projects to install boreholes.

In high-risk states like Katsina, “the mere participation of community leaders, allowing their own children to be vaccinated or pronouncing the acceptance of OPV [oral polio vaccine] is enough to encourage community members to allow the vaccination teams into their homes,” says Funsho.

Rotary field coordinators are helping close immunization gaps in northern Nigeria by gaining public support from government and community leaders through providing technical support, and monitoring the quality of vaccination teams.

“In the security challenged areas, measures such as ‘fire walling,’ which ensures that children going in and out of Borno and Yobe states are immunized, have been put in place,” says Funsho. Teams of health workers and security agency personnel also use “hit and run” tactics to immunize children and withdraw in two days’ time or less, he adds.

The NPPC promotes public awareness of the need to eradicate polio through community billboards and posters, along with distributing T-shirts, caps, and aprons to health workers. And it has engaged national celebrities like musician and actor Sani Musa Danja to encourage vaccine acceptance in communities where pockets of opposition still exist.

In April, Rotary joined the Federal Ministry of Health in sponsoring the Nigeria Polio Summit. Governors of high-risk states, religious and traditional leaders, national and global health officials, Rotary members, and others focused on best practices in the country’s drive to become polio free.

Funsho and others are optimistic that Nigeria can stop polio transmission by the end of 2014, one of the goals of the polio endgame strategic plan. Rotary is a leading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

“The greatest challenge . . . will be the preparations for the 2015 elections,”

*Polio, cont'd on page 5*

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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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said Dr. Oyewale Tomori, chair of Nigeria's Expert Review Committee on Polio Eradication, in a recent GPEI interview. "Every election year since 2003 has been characterized by abandonment of good governance, and subsequently accompanied by a surge in polio cases."

To help Nigeria seize the opportunity to end polio this year, Rotary released \$7 million to the GPEI to fund immunization activities and research in the country. And business leader and philanthropist Sir Emeka Ofor has contributed \$2.25 million to PolioPlus.

"The Nigerian government, now supported by the international community, is doing all that it can to eliminate the widespread violence, abductions, and terrorism," says Sir Emeka, a member of the Rotary Club of Awka GRA and Rotary's polio ambassador in Nigeria. "Peace would facilitate polio eradication, but we cannot sit by and wait until that time comes. We must do what we can to find ways to end polio now."

By Dan Nixon  
Rotary News  
25-Jul-2014

## Political strife, protecting U.S. diplomats are part of the job for former Rotary Peace Fellow




As an agent for the U.S. Diplomatic Security Service, Justin Peele applies the education he received in conflict resolution as a Rotary Peace Fellow to a job that puts him in some dicey situations – including one in 2013 in which his actions won him State Department recognition for his courage and decisiveness.

Peele is one of 2,000 DS agents who protect U.S. diplomats and embassies around the world. The Diplomatic Security Service, the law enforcement and security arm of the U.S. State Department, is the most extensive global security agency in the government, operating in more than 160 countries.

"This is my dream job," says Peele, who was in the 2011-12 class of Rotary Peace Fellows at the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina. "I'm in a unique position where I must face conflict head-on."

This proved true when Peele served as the assistant regional security officer in Mali. It was a period when the country was torn by political strife and violence as several Islamic insurgent groups fought the government

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## Weekly Raffle

The raffle prize today was a \$50 gift card to Cafe Nouveau graciously donated by Midge Stork.

Our lucky winner was Andy Corliss!

Congratulations to Andy and thank you to Midge Stork for your generous donation.

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



*Justin Peele, a graduate of the Rotary Peace Fellowship and an agent of the U.S. Diplomatic Security Service, gets off the plane during his assignment protecting the Secretary of State John Kerry during a trip to South Korea.*

*Photo Credit: Courtesy of Justin Peele*

for greater autonomy in the northern part of the country. The crisis led factions of the military who were displeased with the government's response to overthrow President Amadou Toumani Touré in 2012. Because of the conflict, the State Department sent extra security to protect the U.S. Embassy in Bamako, Mali's capital.

One day in 2013, violent clashes between students and the police trapped an embassy worker and four Malian colleagues in the National Institute of Health offices in downtown Bamako. When the fighting spun out of control, embassy officials called on Peele to safely extract the workers.


As he and a driver navigated through the war-torn streets, "I could see the smoke and tear gas from a long distance," recalls Peele. He now admits to having been a little nervous, but says he knew that his training would enable him to carry out the mission. "We found them, hurried them into the vehicle and were able to get out of there safely and bring them back to the embassy without harm."

For his response that day, the State Department gave Peele its Meritorious Honor Award for "courageous, efficient, and decisive action taken."

"During a time of crisis is the best time to shine," he says. "There is a lot of trust with my job -- to be able to look someone in the eye and say, 'If you're in trouble, I will be the person to come get you.'"

In addition to moving diplomats safely from place-to-place, members

*Peele, cont'd on page 8*




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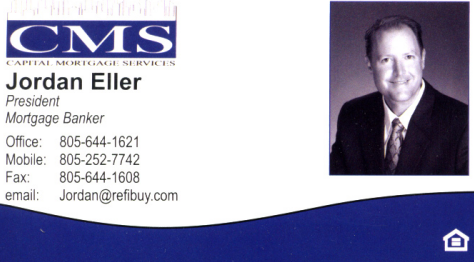
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of the Diplomatic Security Service work with host nation law enforcement representatives to investigate crimes against U.S. citizens, coordinate protection details with the security teams of foreign dignitaries, and maintain frequent contact with local community members.

One of Peele's other assignments was a six-month stint as part of the security detail for U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, as he crisscrossed the world on diplomatic missions, with stops in China, Israel, Europe, and the Middle East.

"I get a front-row seat for observing U.S. foreign policy, and helped represent the U.S. all over the world," says Peele. "It's a great lesson in government, diplomacy, and humanity."

Although many DS agents have military or law enforcement backgrounds, others are lawyers, scientists, linguists, and yes, even peace scholars. Peele, who served for three years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay, says his experience there and as a Rotary Peace Fellow helped him get his foot in the door at the security agency.

He recalls that the State Department officials who interviewed him were impressed with his global education in peace and conflict resolution. "With Rotary and the Peace Corps I was able to be work closely with the local populace. I think that went a long way in getting this job," he says.

"I learned a lot from my peace fellowship. The bottom line is that everything we do is to ease the suffering of others," says Peele. "Not only are the Peace Centers a good example of that, but everything Rotary does is an example of how to reach that goal."

Ryan Hyland  
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