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of Ventura-East

The Breeze

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Programs

Program Chair: Joe Strohman / Ken Kagan

October 2, 2014

Ventura County District Attorney - Greg Totten

October 9, 2014

State of the City - Mayor Cheryl Heitman

October 16, 2014

Medical Internet Technology in OR at CMH - Mike Ellingston

October 22, 2014

Ventura County Agriculture - John Krist

Greeter

October 2 - Husam Hishmeh

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	Sept. 9 6:00 Laura Shannon
New Generations	2nd Wed. 5:30 Mimi's Cafe
International Service	TBD

Avenues of Service Meetings

Marketing	TBD
Membership	TBD

Club Events

Important Dates

District Conference	Oct 3 - 5
Poinsettia Delivery Day	Dec 4

Raffle Scholarship Donor

October 2 - Bill Gray

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Presidents Message ...



Dave Anderson
President 2014-2015

I'd like to extend a big thanks to Nicole Kreutz and Floyd Gill for rekindling our Community Service program. Nicole and Floyd both stepped in as relatively new club members, accepting the assignment to co-chair the Community Service Committee.

Floyd took on the task of organizing and mobilizing the July 4 Pushem Pullem Parade this year, which was as popular, well-attended, and successful as ever. It is with regret that we must accept Floyd's resignation from the club, as he is facing some challenges that will make it difficult for him to continue serving with the club. Floyd has expressed his appreciation to all, and has enjoyed his association and work with Ventura East. We return our thoughts of appreciation to him, and wish him the best though these challenging times – with an open invitation to visit us when he can.

Meanwhile, Nicole is moving forward with some exciting ideas for the club to engage with our local community. She held an initial committee meeting Tuesday evening (at the lovely home of Laura Shannon), and moderated a lively discussion about ways that the club can begin again to provide Community Service. Stay tuned for announcements about service opportunities in upcoming days, and throughout the year.

Thanks again to Floyd and Nicole - and indeed to all of you - who do so much, each in your own way, to build up the club and extend your hearts and hands in service to others.

Dave Anderson, AIA

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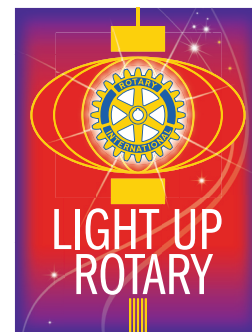
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The Four Way Test

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 September 25, 2014

Reported by Jeff Hata



Carol Marquez-Olson donated our raffle prize.

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

President Dave thanked our greeter, Tom Swan and our attendance taker, Vance Thompson.

Dick Gallger led us in the Salute to the Flag.

Bill Spellman introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Visiting us was former member Tom Shilton.

Jeff Burgh was a guest of the club. Joe Strohm introduced his daughters Marie, Anna and Olivia. Also guests of Joe Strohm were Kim & Jim Robinson, Joe's niece and also our speaker today, Sarah Robinson and Diana Whiteman.

Ron Polito gave our Inspirational Message.

President Dave announced that Monte Widders is our new R.I. Foundation Chair.

Past President Tim Hughes then inducted Jeff Burgh into the club.

Tom Hashbarger was doing our raffle for Midge Stork today. Tom announced that we raised \$100 today and that the prize was a \$50 gift card to Lure donated by Carol Marquez-Olson.

John Borneman led us in a song.

Tim Hughes gave our joke of the day.

Tom Hashbarger conducted the raffle and the lucky winner was Husam Hishmeh who then gave the prize to Joe Strohm's daughters!

Tim Hughes showed off the Rotarian's at Work vest and Joe Strohm reminded us about upcoming programs.



Jeff Burgh was inducted into the club today.

l-r President Dave Anderson, Jeff Burgh and Tim Hughes.

Giving voice to children who might otherwise live in a silent world



The Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar Peace Avenue, Mongolia, has raised more than \$10,000 to outfit two Mongolian hospitals with screening devices to test newborns' hearing.

Photo Credit: Courtesy of Enkhtur Sodnomtseren

Misheelt Batjargal and her fellow club members are giving a voice to infants and toddlers in Mongolia who would otherwise live in a silent world.

As part of a large-scale community project, the Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar Peace Avenue, Mongolia, is equipping hospitals with screening devices to test newborns' hearing. Batjargal, an ear, nose, and throat physician, says screening to detect hearing loss is not routine nationwide in Mongolia. She estimates that more than 200 hundred children in the country lose their hearing each year.

But Batjargal believes this is preventable. Early screenings are crucial for infants because, left undiagnosed, hearing impairment can impede children's development in speech, language, and cognition.

"If we can detect hearing loss before babies turn six months old, we can fit them with hearing aids or cochlear implants and give them good early intervention programs that will allow them to communicate normally at school and with friends," says Batjargal, who noted that only one hospital in Mongolia conducted screenings before club members launched the project in 2013. "Our club is helping prevent hearing-impaired babies from growing up in a world of isolation."

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The club has held two fundraisers since January, including a performance of the ballet "Swan Lake." They raised more than \$10,000 -- enough to outfit two hospitals with screening devices. The Ministry of Health worked with the club on both events, which indicates the issue's importance for Mongolia, says Enkhtur Sodnomtseren, chair of the club's service committee.

"Hearing disability has been largely ignored by the government, as it is seen as low-priority in the overall list of pressing health issues," says Sodnomtseren. "It's also been under the radar of most charity and grant organizations. We as a club want to fill this gap. We can see that with a little extra effort and time, we can dramatically improve the quality of life, for not only the affected babies, but their families as well."

Sodnomtseren says that the club, with the cooperation of the Ministry of Health, can expand the project. It hopes to raise enough funds to supply every maternity ward with screening devices and training over the next few years. More than 78,000 infants will be tested each year, he estimates.

Batjargal, who plans to train other medical practitioners in how to use the screening devices, says this project exemplifies the positive change Rotary can make.

"Instead of waiting for the government to address this problem, our Rotary club has decided to solve it," says Batjargal. "We're making a major contribution to society. This is simply what we do."

By Ryan Hyland
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4-Sep-2014

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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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Anti-vaccine movement may have global repercussions



*Eine Polio-Impfhelferin in Maiduguri, Nigeria.
Photo Credit: Diego Ibarra Sánchez*

Supporters of the anti-vaccine movement question the safety, efficacy and necessity of the very medicines that have so greatly reduced our children's risk of catching a host of once-common but potentially very serious infectious diseases, such as mumps, measles and whooping cough.

And then there's polio, the disabling, sometimes fatal virus that was every American parent's worst nightmare until effective vaccines were developed in the 1950s — and which still infects children in the developing world.

Some who oppose vaccines are well-meaning parents who have come to believe — wrongly in the view of mainstream medical science — that the medicines are to blame for their own children's health problems, especially in the case of autism.

What they don't realize is that refusing vaccinations jeopardizes not only their own children's health and that of every unvaccinated child in the community, it also undermines a core principle of global health: that vaccines are essential to safeguard all children against disease.

The anti-vaccine movement is quick to publicly criticize anyone it deems to be a shill for the pharmaceutical industry.

Which brings us to "Invisible Threat," a documentary produced by


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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was a \$50 gift card to Lure donated by Carol Marquez-Olson

The lucky winner this week was Husam Hishmeh!

Congratulations to Husam and a huge thank you to Carol Maruqez-Olson for your generous donation.

Remember, all funds raised each week in the raffle go directly to the scholarship fund.



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
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a group of broadcast journalism students at Carlsbad High School. The film takes an unbiased look at the debate over vaccine safety. It includes interviews with physicians; parents who believe vaccines are linked to autism; and parents who have lost children to vaccine-preventable diseases. After considering both sides and weighing the evidence, the students conclude that vaccines are safe, effective and tremendously important. What slight health risks vaccines may pose are vastly outweighed by the good they do.

A no-strings-attached grant of \$60,000 from several San Diego-area Rotary clubs in 2012 funded the project, and the sponsors are proud of the results. Unfortunately, controversy delayed the film's public release until last month, when it was posted online.

Anti-vaccine groups say the film is propaganda for the vaccine industry. In a press release, one group cited the Rotary grant as evidence. Why? Because Rotary "receives large grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, a major investor in vaccines." In truth, both Rotary and the Gates Foundation are "major investors" in improving children's health worldwide. Since 2007, Rotary's collaboration with the Gates Foundation has raised nearly \$763 million, funds that Rotary dispenses as grants to the World Health Organization and UNICEF to fight polio worldwide. The oral polio vaccine is the primary weapon.


As the students report, polio — now so close to eradication — is still only the proverbial plane ride away, placing every unvaccinated child at risk. Even kids in Southern California. In 1952, polio paralyzed a record 21,000 Americans, most of them children. Do we really want to relive that nightmare?

Opposition to vaccines is not unfamiliar to Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which since 1988 has reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent. It is true that misperceptions and rumors about the polio vaccine sometimes cause parents in developing countries to refuse immunization. Such challenges are anticipated and overcome.

In recent months, however, religious extremists with political agendas — most notably in Pakistan and northern Nigeria — have gone far beyond fomenting fear and distrust. They have actually attacked polio vaccination workers, killing dozens. This is reported in "Invisible Threat."

A concern now is that the noise generated by the anti-vaccine movement here will be heard by the extremists attacking health workers abroad. The last thing needed at this critical juncture of the polio eradication effort is for a violent fear-monger to point to a news headline and tell families,

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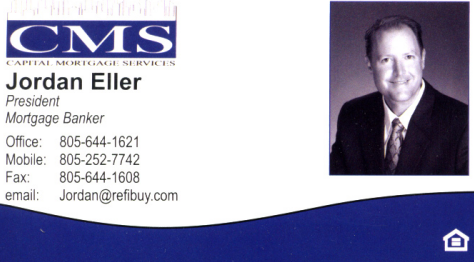
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“Look, even American parents fear the vaccines.”

Such a scenario would only further jeopardize the health of children denied access to lifesaving vaccines, while increasing the danger faced by the brave health workers dedicated to protecting them.

It is completely understandable that parents of children with unexplained health problems are desperate for answers. But as “Invisible Threat” reports, the weight of medical science comes down squarely on the side of vaccines.

To quote astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, “The good thing about science is that it’s true whether or not you believe in it.”

This op-ed first appeared in the San Diego Union-Tribune

By John Hewko
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