



The Rotary Club  
of Ventura-East

# The Breeze

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## Programs

Program Chair: Joe Strohmman / Ken Kagan

**November 13, 2014**

Amy Bailey - Ventura Family YMCA

**November 20, 2014**

Offsite - DoRight's Nursery

**November 27, 2014**

Dark

**December 4, 2014**

Poinsettia Delivery Day

## Greeter

**November 13** - Bill Spellman

## Fundraisers

**Poinsettia Sales**

Delivery Date

December 4, 2014

for information on fundraisers go to:

[www.RotaryVenturaEast.org](http://www.RotaryVenturaEast.org)

## 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

Poinsettia Delivery Day .....	Dec 4
Salvation Army Bell Ringing .....	Dec. 6
FoodShare Can Christmas Tree .....	Dec. 6
Club Christmas Party .....	Dec. 13

## Raffle Scholarship Donor

**November 13** - Alison Thompson

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## Presidents Message ...



**Dave Anderson**  
President 2014-2015

We are approaching the “Holiday Season,” which gives us all the opportunity to reflect on our lives and on the world around us. As members of a service organization, we can also take a moment to think about what our Rotary Club means to us.

Perhaps the club’s most immediate role in our life is seen in the friendships and the fellowship we enjoy. I know many of you have formed long-lasting friendships with fellow club members.

As we bring new members into the club, let’s remember to open our arms and hearts, and make sure they are welcomed wholeheartedly into the life of the club.

Another primary motivation of being in a Rotary Club is having the opportunity to return a portion of our good fortune back to our neighbors. This instinct motivates us to give of our time, talent, and treasure to benefit others who may be in need. Certainly, we can look upon some of our recent projects – Nicaragua, Operation Splash!, Scholarships, and the like – and recognize that our small efforts have made a large difference in the lives of many.

Let’s keep all of this in mind as we wrap up the year 2014. We have raised several thousands of dollars through our recent BBQ events. We now have before us the opportunity to increase those funds, by tapping into our latent “salesmanship” abilities, and moving Poinsettias out of cardboard boxes and into homes, offices, lobbies, and other gathering places around town!

I’ll close by sharing a great shot from last weekend’s BBQ sales at the Civil War Reenactment in Moorpark. Here’s Harriet Clune providing sustenance to the Commander-in-Chief:



## 2014 - 2015 Club Board of Directors

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	.....	Director 2014-2017
	.....	Director 2014-2017

## Avenues of Service Directors

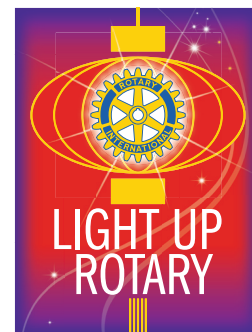
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## The Four Way Test

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 November 6, 2014

Reported by Jeff Hata



Our greeter today was Harriet Clune

John Masterson introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Guest of the club today was Michelle Cekov.

Bruce McGee spoke about the BBQ for this coming Saturday and Sunday. The BBQ Team really, really needs more help on Sunday. They are expecting about 1,000 participants alone!

Alison Thompson spoke about our Poinsettia fundraiser. Alison reported that our profit margin historically has been about 47% and that last year we made \$8,200. We need to get out and sell poinsettias so that we can fund our projects.

Dick Gallagher asked everyone to please put the badges in the box immediately after the meeting so that Dick can put the supplies away.

President Dave reminded us that the Christmas Party will be December 13th at Bill Spellman's home.

Bob Pazen gave our Inspirational Message followed by our song of the day led by John Borneman.

Bruce McGee reminded everyone that our November 20th meeting will be at Do Right's in Santa Paula.

Happy \$'s: Bill Hicks, Harriet Clune, Joe Strohmman &

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

Rich Stewart announced that the raffle prize was a gift card to Lure generously donated by Bruce McGee.

President Dave thanked our greeter Harriet Clune and our attendance taker, Rich Stewart.

Tom Swan led us in the Salute to the Flag.

Tim Blackwell.

Rafael Canton gave the club a "group laughter" lesson. Community Service - Nicole Kreutz announced that the club would be participating in FoodShare's Can Tree Project.

We also would like to gather Turkey's for Thanksgiving.

December 6th is Salvation Army Bell Ringing at J.C. Penny and we are also looking into tutoring and reading at Atlas Elementary.

Club Service - We are having a BBQ this weekend at the Moorpark Civil War Reenactment.

We had a good board meeting last week and will be seeking nominees for next year's board.

Vocational Service - Joe Strohmman announced that Student of the Quarter will be next week.

Midge Stork conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was Bill Gray.

President Dave announced that Ken Kagan is scheduling our programs until January. We will need another program chair starting in February.



Tom Swan led us in the Flag Salute

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## Malala Yousafzai wins the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize

Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani teenager shot in the head for speaking out against the Taliban in support of girls' education, has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2014.

Yousafzai, whose father is a Rotarian, shares the prize with Kailash Satyarthi, a native of India who has worked to combat the exploitation of children for financial gain, according to an announcement in October from the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

In announcing the award, the committee praised Yousafzai for demonstrating that "children and young people, too, can contribute to improving their own situations." It noted that "through her heroic struggle she has become a leading spokesperson for girls' rights to education."

Yousafzai was a voracious reader and a star student at the Khushal School and College in Swat Valley when she began blogging, at the age of 15, about life in the

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Malala Yousafzai was shot in October 2012 for defying the Taliban by speaking out for girls' education.

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valley and her opposition to a Taliban edict banning girls from attending school. Although she used a pseudonym, her identity was widely known, especially after she began granting TV interviews.

In October 2012, she was going home from school when a gunman barged onto her bus and shot her point-blank in the head. She was airlifted to Peshawar, where she endured a three-hour operation to remove the bullet and part of her skull. Six days later, she was flown to a hospital in Birmingham, England, that specializes in treating war casualties. Her plight became international news, and she has continued her activism since her recovery.

Yousafzai's father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, a member of the Rotary Club of Mingora Swat, has taken part in a number of the club's projects to improve the Swat Valley. He was instrumental in creating a nonprofit group called the Swat Relief Initiative, which purchased new equipment for a local hospital, built a water filtration plant, and established a mobile prosthesis clinic for people who had lost limbs to bombs.

Now in Birmingham, he serves as an adviser to former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown, a UN special envoy for global education.

Malala Yousafzai's story was featured in the January issue of The Rotarian.

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### Rotary Club of Ventura-East

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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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# Restoring vision to hundreds in China

Seeing an elderly Tibetan woman weep with joy when cataract surgery restored her vision after 10 years is the kind of moment Dave Razo will never tire of.

For several summers Razo, a member of the Rotary Club of Warner Robins, Georgia, USA, traveled to rural northwest China with a team from Georgia-based nonprofit Gansu Inc., to provide free sight-restoring cataract surgery to some of the country's poorest residents. In 2012, after 22 years and 6,000 successful procedures, Gansu's founder, ophthalmologist William Conrad, retired and discontinued the organization's operations.

But Razo didn't want the effort to end. He had seen how life-changing the surgery could be, not only for the patients but for their families and their community.

"When you see the face of someone who regains their sight for the first time in years, you can't help but share their overwhelming happiness and gratification," says Razo, who is a retired U.S. Air Force pilot. "There was so much good work done by Dr. Conrad and his organization that I felt I could continue his legacy through Rotary."

Cataract, a clouding of the lens of the eye, is responsible for an estimated 2.5 million cases of blindness in China, nearly half of the country's blind population. In rural areas, blindness can be a death sentence for villagers who must walk dangerous mountain trails to obtain food and water.

Nearly half of China's population lives in rural areas, without access to the same health care as urban residents. With its huge population of older people, China is likely to face a growing backlog of people in need of cataract surgery, Razo says. "Chinese families in these regions are close knit, and three or four generations often live together. So giving sight to a patriarch or matriarch has a multiplier effect for the family and the community," he says.

## ***Razo turns to Rotary to continue the project***

During one of his missions with Gansu, Razo had met Frank Yih, of the Rotary Club of Shanghai. Yih, who is chair of the nonprofit HuaQiao Foundation, which provides in-country logistical support for international charities, arranged housing for team members during their last two visits to China. When Gansu closed its doors, Razo's Rotary club and the Shanghai club partnered to fund cataract surgery for 400 people at two hospitals in the northeast provinces of Shandong, Gansu, and Qinghai, as well as remote areas closer to Shanghai.

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## Weekly Raffle

Our raffle today was a gift card to Lure restaurant which was donated by Bruce McGee.

Our lucky winner was Bill Gray!!!

Congratulations to Bill and thank-you to Bruce McGee for your generous donation.

Please remember that all money raised in the raffle goes directly help fund college scholarships!!!



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The clubs raised a total of \$46,000, including \$21,000 in matching funds from The Rotary Foundation. The surgeries, each of which cost about \$110 and took about two hours, were completed in June. The Shanghai club collaborated with Vision in Practice, an organization that provides surgical training, consultation, and assistance to eye care institutions and professionals, to oversee the procedures and assist hospital staff.

Yih says the grant project has introduced a low-cost, high-quality cataract surgery model into the Chinese health care system, and he hopes his club can help expand the effort.

“If this type of surgery and outreach can be integrated nationwide, millions of elders in the rural villages can enjoy the benefit of regaining their vision through affordable operations,” says Yih. “This will ease the burden of our country’s health care dramatically.”

By Ryan Hyland  
Rotary News  
29-Oct-2014


## Announcement

The following  
has been proposed as new member of  
the Ventura-East Rotary Club:

Name: Michelle Cekov  
Classification: Non-Profit  
Proposer: Rich Stewart

Any objections to this person becoming a member of our club should be brought to the attention of the President, President-Elect or any Director within ten (10) days of this publication.

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