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Programs

Program Chair: Joe Strohman / Ken Kagan

January 22, 2015

James Lewis - Polio Now

January 29, 2015

William Aura - Review of Nepal School

February 5, 2015

Mike Tracy - Ventura City Council

February 12, 2015

Tania Garcia - CSUCI: "State of the campus and future events"

Greeter

January 15 - TBA

Club Events

Important Dates

Foundation Gala	Jan. 30
4th Annual STEPS Conference	Jan. 31

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales Delivery Date December 4, 2014

for information on fundraisers go to: www.RotaryVenturaEast.org

Avenues of Service Meetings

Club Service TBD

Vocational Service TBD

Community Service Sept. 9 6:00 Laura Shannon

New Generations January 27 5:30 Conference Call (213) 992-5290 PIN 01623

International Service TBD

Marketing TBD

Membership TBD

Raffle Scholarship Donor

Januray 15 - TBA

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Presidents Message ...



Dave Anderson President 2014-2015

I'd like to commend everyone in Rotary Club of Ventura East for your generous donation of time, money and effort towards the Club's humanitarian goals during the preceding year.

I can happily report that the Poinsettia project was a great success - with a preliminary figure of about \$9,500 in profits! Add to that the \$3,500 in net earnings from our BBQ events during the last six months.

These efforts, by you and your fellow club members, allow The Rotary Club of Ventura East

to give back to the community in profound and meaningful ways.

I'll share the letter we received from Chuck Terra of Food Share (and one of our newest club members!):

"I would like to express a big thank you to you and our team at 'Rotary Ventura East' for sponsoring a tree at the 2014 CAN-tree event at The Collection Riverpark. This year's event was a huge success in that we more than doubled the number of trees from last year. The success of this year's event could only happen because of partnerships like yours. FOOD Share will have plenty of food this holiday season for people in our community. I am attaching a picture of the tree our team built. Again thank you and I look forward to talking with you soon."

Regards, Chuck Terra Resource Development Manager FOOD Share Inc.

It is a pleasure working with each of you as fellow Rotarians. I wish you all the best of Holiday Cheer!!

Dave

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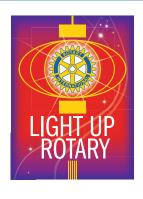
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The Four Way Test

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 January 15, 2015

Reported by Jeff Hata



to get their lunch, guests Rich Rozelle. and visiting Rotarians first.

President Dave thanked Tim Blackwell. our greeter John Masterson and our attendance taker Emch. Tom Hasbarger.

Midge Stork thanked Wendy Pazen for donating our raffle prize today.

Joe Strohman then led us in the Flag Salute.

Jeff Hata introduced and visiting guests Rotarians.

Past President Tom Swan ran the meeting today.

Guest of Tom Swan was Mike Shaw. Visiting from the Rotary Club of Tehachapi was Fred Motter.

Tim Hughes told the club we are in search of a President Elect Nominee for next year. If you have interest please let Tim know.

Tim also announced that the college football playoff pool winner was Monte Widders and as a result we will be donating \$110 to Polio Plus.

President Dave reminded everyone that STEPS is January

31st. Our club is sponsoring so anyone that wants to go needs to let Dave know and your admission will be no charge.

After today's meeting there will be an informational meeting about our club foundation led by Ron Polito.

John Borneman led us in a song.

Rafael Canton gave our joke of the day.

President Dave thanked Todd Juvonen and Alison Thompson for taking care



Rafael Canton gave our joke of the day.

of our books and welcoming guests.

Bill Spellman asked for members of the club to volunteer as counselors for RYLA which will be April 23-26.

Ken Kagan announced that our programs for the rest of

President Dave rang the January will be Bill Hicks today followed by Jim Lewis and bell and invited everyone Bill Aura then February will be Mike Tracy, Tania Garcia and

Midge Stork conducted our raffle and our lucky winner was

Happy \$'s: Wendy Pazen, Bill Hicks, Midge Stork and Jim

MAN IN IRON LUNG DISCOVERS ROTARY



Rotary e-club member Linda Elliott visits fellow member Paul Alexander in his home. Alexander is among a small number of people in the world today who rely on an iron lung to breathe. Photo Credit: Courtesy of Linda Elliott, a member of the Rotary E-club of District 5810

One might think a man living with polio in an iron lung would know about Rotary. But it wasn't until Paul Alexander had a business meeting with a member in Duncanville, Texas, earlier this year that he learned Rotary fights to eradicate the very disease that left him almost completely paralyzed.

"I was completely blown away by the idea. For all these years, I didn't know the work they were doing," says Alexander, a practicing attorney in Dallas. "It's such a perfect fit for me."

Alexander contracted polio during a major U.S. outbreak of the disease in the late 1950s when he was six years old, and almost died in the hospital before a doctor noticed he wasn't breathing and rushed him into an iron lung, an airtight metal tank that encloses all of the body except the head and uses regulated changes in air pressure to force the lungs to inhale and exhale. Alexander is among a small number of people in the

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world today still using an iron lung to assist his paralytic polio. The need for the 800-pound machines declined dramatically after the polio vaccine became widely available in the early 1960s.

In October, Alexander became a member of the Rotary E-Club of District 5810 during an induction ceremony held in his home, attended by Rotary's President Gary C.K. Huang through an online connection. Alexander is writing a book about his experience and wants to be an ambassador for Rotary promoting the benefits of eradicating polio.

FREED FROM THE LUNG

For 10 years, Alexander never left the device or his house. But then he had a breakthrough, teaching himself to breathe on his own by forcing air into his lungs. That allowed him to get around in a wheelchair for up to eight hours.

"The first day I was outside the house was extraordinary. It was a 100 percent improvement," he recalls.

Determined to go to college, he moved onto campus and with the help of a nursing assistant attended classes, earning a degree from the University of Texas. He eventually went on to earn a law degree, passed the bar, and practices civil and criminal law.

He has a computer keyboard and a touchtone phone by his head which he can manipulate with a plastic stick held in his mouth. When he goes to court for a case, he has assistants who help him. He's traveled farther from his home on rare occasions. The iron lung, which has wheels, is shipped to meet him at his destination.

LONG LOST CONNECTION TO ROTARY

His father was president of a Dallas Rotary club in the 1960s, but Alexander says he doesn't remember it. His introduction to Rotary began when he met Duncanville member Alexander Peralta. Peralta told the Rotary District 5810 governor, Bill Dendy, who immediately decided Alexander would be the perfect subject of a video his wife was making on polio eradication. Alexander agreed, and a film crew from the district's e-club came out to shoot the interview.

"I visited him weekly after that," Dendy says. "One day, I said to him, 'Paul, you could be a contributing member of Rotary.' He asked me how that would be possible. And I told him with an e-club, which meets online, it would be very possible."

Since joining Rotary, he's become a popular speaker in the Dallas Rotary community. He's already addressed two large gatherings and is scheduled to speak at the next district conference. The Waxahachie Rotary Club, which builds wheelchair ramps as a project, built him a new one when they heard he transports his iron lung to the hospital or for longer iron lung, cont'd on page 5

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Clubs Nearby ...

Ventura-South		Monday od Banquet Center
Santa Paula	12:00 pm	Monday ne Glen Tavern Inn
Ojai West	7:00 am	Tuesday Soule Park GC
Camarillo Breakfast	7:00 am	Tuesday Spanish HIIIs GC
Oxnard	12:10 pm Co	Tuesday urtyard by Marriott
Fillmore Sunrisers		Wednesday go to their website
Ventura	12:00 pm	Wednesday The Derby Club
Camarillo Car	12:00 pm marillo Center	Wednesday for Spiritual Living
Oxnard Sunrise	7:30 am	Thrusday Tomas Cafe
Fillmore	12:05 pm The Fillmor	Thursday re & Western Train
Ojai	12:00 pm	Friday Soule Park GC





Wendy Pazen

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iron lung, cont'd from page 4 trips.

"It means so much to me to belong to this organization," Alexander said during a phone call to his home recently. "I'm having a great time and staying awake at night thinking of ideas. So many people have come into my life. I never knew there were so many caring people out there."

By Arnold R. Grahl Rotary News 15-JAN-2015

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DESPITE GLOBAL SUCCESS FOR ROTARY'S BRAND, STILL WORK TO DO IN THE COMMUNITY



RI Director-elect Jennifer E. Jones talks about the importance of Rotary's brand on Monday at the 2015 International Assembly in San Diego, California. Photo Credit: Rotary International/Alyce Henson

On a global scale Rotary's brand is strong, said Rotary leaders speaking at the International Assembly on Monday in San Diego. From governments to worldwide NGOs to large corporations, Rotary is trusted to create positive change around the world.

But Rotary's image needs strengthening in local communities, said RI Director-elect Jennifer E. Jones.

"We are the greatest story never told," Jones said. "Quite simply, strengthening our brand is essential to Rotary's future."

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was \$50 cash generously donated by Wendy Pazen.

Our lucky winner Tim Blackwell!

Congratulations Tim and thank you to Wendy Pazen for your generous donation!

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"For so long we did our good work quietly and not for recognition," added Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, and past Rotary public image area and zone coordinator. "While this was noble, it made it difficult for people to understand the good work of Rotarians and why we exist. What we've learned is that when we tell our story, like-minded people want to join us."

More than a year ago, leaders launched the Strengthening Rotary initiative to enhance and simplify the organization's story, visual identity, and digital experience. In her address, Jones outlined the essence of Rotary's brand: Join leaders. Exchange ideas. Take Action.

"This is how we frame who we are," she said. "Every single person in this room is a leader. And what happens when we get a group of leaders together? We exchange ideas. And let's be honest, once we have shared these thoughts, we are then compelled to take action."

Jones cited a Harvard Business Review article, which opined that the branding initiative to simplify the message is the key to Rotary's success. "We have taken the right steps towards better clarifying who we are, what we do, and why it matters," she said.

Jones challenged the incoming district governors. "At the end of your term, no one will need to ask the question, who, what, or why Rotary?" she said.

TOP HEALTH OFFICIAL SAYS NIGERIA CLOSE TO BEING POLIO FREE

Earlier in the day, Dr. Hamid Jafari, World Health Organization director of the polio research and operations, said Nigeria is as close as ever to being polio free. In 2014 polio cases dropped from 53 the year before to six, and it's been more than five months since the last reported case. Nigeria is the only country in Africa where polio has never been stopped. The virus also remains in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Jafari, who was recently appointed as the top official for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), said the remarkable progress can't be taken for granted. "Our worst enemy right now would be a false sense of security that the job is done in Africa," he said. "We have to keep moving in that direction."

Jafari went on to say: "What Rotary has added over the past 25 years in the fight against polio is leadership solutions to management problems. You have the ability to mobilize political leadership and social change. Rotary's legacy in this fight is unmatched."

By Ryan Hyland Rotary News 19-JAN-2015

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