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of Ventura-East

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## Programs

Program Chair: Joe Strohman / Ken Kagan

### April 16, 2015

Woody Woodburn - Author, Newspaper Columnist

### April 23, 2015

Offsite - Ventura Family YMCA

### April 30, 2015

GoCare - Nicaragua Project

## Greeter

April 16 - Michelle Cekov

## Fundraisers

### Poinsettia Sales

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## Avenues of Service Meetings

Club Service	TBD
Vocational Service	TBD
Community Service	TBD
New Generations	April 15 12:30
Conference Call	(213) 992-5290 PIN 01623
International Service	TBD
Marketing	TBD
Membership	TBD

## Raffle Scholarship Donor

April 16 - Tom Swan

## Club Events

### Important Dates

Step-Down Dinner .....	Jun. 28
Push-em Pull-em Parade .....	Jul. 4
Ventura Street Fair .....	Jul. 4

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## Presidents Message ...



**Dave Anderson**  
President 2014-2015

Five years ago, the Rotary Club of Ventura East provided a gift of \$5,000 to the **Ventura Family YMCA**, which was used to launch a program called **“Operation Splash!”** This initiative enabled the YMCA to offer introductory swim lessons to disadvantaged children in the Ventura area. Thanks to this and subsequent gifts from the Club over the past 5 years, the YMCA has been able to deliver free swimming lessons to over 700 children in need.

The success of **Operation Splash!** has inspired the YMCA to launch similar programs, such as **“Operation Kick!”** which provides free soccer lessons to children living in shelters and transitional homes, and **“Operation Senior!”** which provides aquatic therapy classes for active older adults.

In 2013, the YMCA consolidated its various outreach programs under the name **“Operation Ventura!”** Under this expanded program, the YMCA offers its full range of programs and services, including swimming, youth sports, and leagues, to Ventura’s homeless and underprivileged children.

As members of Rotary Club of Ventura East, we can be proud of our participation with the YMCA in bringing these services to the community. We will have an opportunity to see the program in action, at our upcoming off-site lunch meeting at the YMCA facility, Thursday April 23, 2015.

Dave Anderson

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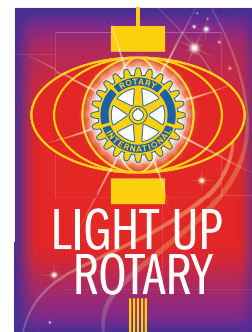
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## The Four Way Test

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 April 9, 2015

Reported by Jeff Hata



*Welcome to the club Daryl Cruser!*

President Dave Anderson rang the bell and invited everyone to get their lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians first.

President Dave welcomed P.D.G. Wade Nomura and Roxanne Nomura.

President Dave thanked our greeter Bob Pazen and Joe Strohman for taking attendance. Joe Strohman brought our raffle prize today which was a gift certificate to 71 Palms.

Bob Noville led us in the Flag Salute.

Tom Swan introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. Visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Tehachapi was Fred Motter.

Jeff Burgh gave our Inspirational Message.

Tim Hughes sold cupcakes for \$25 for Interact. Tim reported that we made just under \$2,000 for Interact.

President Dave reminded us that our meeting on April 23rd will be at the YMCA. We will be presenting the YMCA with \$3,000 this year and between club donation and DDF we will be donating \$6,000 next year.

Tim Hughes and P.D.G. Wade Nomura inducted Daryl Cruser into the club.

John Borneman led us in a song and then told us a joke.

Joe Strohman, Vocational Service, said that the winners have been selected for the 4-Way Test essay contest and that we will be scheduling a time to present the awards.

Happy \$'s: Bill Gray, Tim Blackwell, John Masterson and Bob Pazen.

Midge conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was John Masterson.



*P.P Tim Hughes celebrated a birthday today!!!*

## HOW A SIMPLE SCHOOL PROJECT IN INDIA BECAME A GLOBAL GRANT



*Students sit at their new desks that were provided through a previous grant between the Rotary Club of Bikaner, India, and Kennebunk Portside, Maine, USA.*

*Photo Credit: Courtesy Cornelia Stockman, Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside, Maine*

Two years ago, U.S. Rotary members in Maine set out to improve the education system in Bikaner, Rajasthan, an Indian city near the border of Pakistan.

The Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside chose Bikaner because club member Rohit Mehta was originally from the area and had connections there. Mehta put the club in contact with Rotarians in India to provide desks for four government-run schools.

But when community leaders returned with a request for more desks, the Maine Rotarians decided they had to think bigger. The Rotary Foundation had rolled out its new grant model, which required that the club do more than just purchase school furniture to qualify for global grant funding. Club leaders put their heads together and turned a simple project to provide school desks into a global grant project by adding a campaign to recruit new students and professional development for teachers.

“Because the new grant standards required further thought, a superior grant emerged,” notes Peter Johnson, Rotary Foundation chair for District 7780, which covers Maine. “Additional questions were asked, which boil down to, ‘OK, they need benches [desks] and you want to help them get their benches, but what’s going to happen with these benches?’ The

*global grant, cont'd on page 4*

standards dramatically improved the project's scope, tone, and tenor.”

The Rotary clubs worked with School Management Committees — teams of school administrators, community leaders, and Bikaner Rotary members — to determine what each school needed most. They discovered that the children were unschooled and had never sat in a classroom before. So the committees decided it would be easier to get the students to commit to a three-day-a-week lesson plan. That left the other two days for the same benches to be used for teacher training.

“The teachers at the government schools are well qualified, but they provide an education within the framework of their stipulated syllabus only,” says Man Mohan Kalyani, project leader for the Bikaner club. “This does not include many things that are needed for the overall development of the students. So we set about supporting both teachers and students with these additional skills.”

The global grant will provide desks for 1,685 students. The training will target 240 teachers. In addition to instruction in basic subjects, the curriculum aims to improve students' self-confidence, communication skills, leadership skills, and personality development. The clubs expect the program will have even better results than the earlier shipment of desks, which helped improve grades by 23 percent in the four recipient schools. Those results alone led regional authorities to select two of the schools as sites for annual examinations, meaning local students did not have to travel 15 miles to another city to take the exam.

Cornelia Stockman, a member of the Maine club, traveled to Bikaner early in the grant planning process. She said she was impressed by the level of commitment and professionalism displayed by the School Management Committees.

Stockman said local families who can afford it send their children to private schools with classrooms and desks. By contrast, students at the government-owned schools sit on the ground in an open area surrounded by security walls and gates. There is no compulsory attendance beyond sixth grade. The local education experts insist the students are more likely to stay in school if they have a desk to sit at, Stockman says.

Mehta is thankful the grant was able to help his native country.

“I thought it would be great if we could do something with a region that I had ties to,” Mehta says. “And good education is fundamental to the quality of life.”

Stockman said even though the process of expanding the project's scope was not without bumps, the Bikaner community responded to every need as the grant application evolved.

“We had to go back to them three or four times, but every time we asked them to do something else, they did it,” she recalls. “They never gave up, and did everything necessary to meet the requirements of the global grant.”

By Arnold R. Grahl  
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10-Apr-2015

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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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# WHY THESE ROTARY MEMBERS CAN'T STOP ATTENDING CONVENTIONS

Phyllis Jane Nusz, a past district governor from California, USA, attended her first Rotary International convention in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1997 as an incoming club president.

"I have never stopped going since," she says. "It was amazing to see people for the first time from all over the world -- the different languages, dress, and food. But we all had the same dedication to Rotary.

"I ran into so many people I never knew before but who today are still my friends, and I share Christmas cards with them, take part in club projects with them, join together for family activities, and so much more."

Rotary's annual convention gives members an opportunity to travel, to explore new cultures, and to meet new friends, all while exchanging ideas with leaders equally committed to making a difference in the world. In the past decade, Rotary members have been entertained by hosts in Birmingham, England; Montréal, Quebec, Canada; New Orleans, Louisiana, USA; Bangkok, Thailand; Lisbon, Portugal; and Sydney, Australia. The 2015 convention will bring the family of Rotary to São Paulo, Brazil. Many host cities make special accommodations for convention goers, such as dedicated trains to and from the convention site and sightseeing packages in and around the city.

Nusz and other frequent attendees agree that there's no better way for newer members to learn about Rotary on a larger scale. Workshops and breakout sessions enable convention goers to enhance their leadership skills, gain insights into Rotary's inner workings, and learn about a variety of service-related topics. Sessions explore subjects like Rotary Foundation grants, resources available to clubs, and how a club can work with partners and the local community to take on larger projects that will have a sustainable impact.

In the House of Friendship, attendees can visit booths showcasing Rotary service projects, where they might find a partner for their project. They can also learn about Rotary Fellowships -- groups of Rotarians who share a common interest -- and Rotarian Action Groups, which are autonomous groups of members with expertise in a particular field.

Tanya Wolff, who has been to 11 Rotary conventions, most enjoys connecting with old friends and meeting new ones.

"I spend a lot of time in the House of Friendship after attending the

*convention, cont'd on page 6*

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speaker sessions,” says Wolff, a member of the Rotary Club of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. “The rest of the time, I’m exploring the city or country. Where else can you go where there are thousands of people you share so much with?”

Evan Burrell, a former Rotaractor and now a member of the Rotary Club of Turrumurra, in New South Wales, Australia, is also no stranger to conventions. At last year’s event in Sydney, he befriended scores of Rotary members, snapping selfies with them to share on social media with as many other attendees as possible.

Burrell says he discovered the thrill of Rotary conventions when members in his district helped him attend the 2010 Convention in Montréal as a district Rotaract representative.

“Rotary conventions are just a blast,” Burrell says. “It’s when you know you are part of a bigger organization and you see the melting pot that is Rotary, the internationality of it all, and the rainbow of cultures.


“In the House of Friendship,” he adds, “you see all the different projects. To me, the best thing about Rotary is convention, and the chance to meet so many different people and share ideas. It really is our best selling point to outsiders because it shows what we do and what we are about.”

Margaret Lesjak has been to only one convention so far -- last year’s -- but she’s no less hooked. As a member of the Rotary Club of Broken Hill South, New South Wales, she was already familiar with the Sydney area, but she was drawn to the opportunity to meet Rotary members visiting from around the world.

“My days started off on the trains dedicated for Rotary use,” Lesjak recalls. “People happily chatted away, and strangers became -- at the very least -- ‘mates’ for the rest of the convention.

“I met two women from Mexico whose husband/father had been a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Nyngan, a small country town in the center of New South Wales. I had visited Nyngan several times, but on the last night of the convention, their quest to meet someone from Nyngan came true: One of the guest speakers had grown up there!”

By Arnold R. Grahl  
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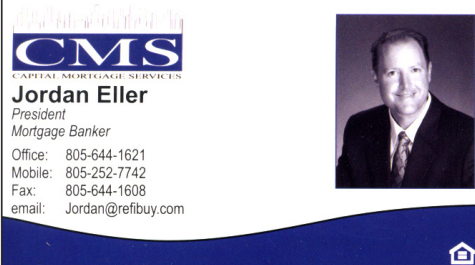
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