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of Ventura-East**

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Programs

Program Chair: Joe Strohman / Ken Kagan

May 7, 2015

Dave Wilk - How to write your life story

May 14, 2015

Stark & Raven - Bikers against child abuse

May 21, 2015

Brent Winebrenner - A historical look at Cuba

May 28, 2015

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Greeter

May 7 - Daryl Cruser

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

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December 3, 2015

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Club Service TBD

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International Service TBD

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Membership TBD

Club Events

Important Dates

Rotaract Meeting May 18
Johnny Cash Music Festival (BBQ Team) Jun. 27 - 28
Step-Down Dinner Jun. 28
Bruce McGee's first meeting Jul. 2
Push-em Pull-em Parade Jul. 4
Ventura Street Fair Jul. 4
Ventura Chamber Family Day (BBQ Team) Aug. 22
Moorpark Beer Festival (BBQ Team) Oct. 10
Moorpark Civil War Reenactment (BBQ Team) Nov. 7 - 8

Raffle Scholarship Donor

May 7 - Jeff Burgh

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Presidents Message ...



Dave Anderson
President 2014-2015

My wife, Wendy, subscribes to a bicycling magazine called Adventure Cyclist. Yesterday I was drawn to its cover article, "Circling the Volcanoes – Family Adventure in Nicaragua," by Aaron Teasdale. The article recounts one family's two-week bike ride around the double volcanoes on the island of Ometepe in Lake Nicaragua (about 20 miles south of Granada).

Their story brought to memory my own brief visit to Nicaragua several years ago, and evoked recollections of similar experiences. As

I mentioned at the club meeting last week, the opportunity to have visited Nicaragua changed my



perception of the country from the abstract to a direct personal knowledge. My guess is that many of you have experienced the same phenomenon.



I want to thank Michelle Cekov for sharing her report last week on the work that GoCare is doing in Pantanal - and throughout Nicaragua. As members of the Rotary Club of Ventura East, we can be proud of the Club's efforts to

serve the people of Pantanal over the years. But we should express our appreciation to Michelle and the entire GoCare organization for envisioning and implementing a truly sustainable system - one that will continue to provide high-quality educational programs to these communities for years to come.

As Michelle mentioned, GoCare is also ready and willing to assist any Rotary Club (including Ventura East!) to identify, assess, plan, and execute any number of future humanitarian projects in Nicaragua. Perhaps there will be new opportunities for service that our club will want to explore and act upon.

You can visit GoCare's Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/GOCAREKids>

You can read an excerpt from Aaron Teasdale's bicycling article here:

<https://www.facebook.com/AaronTeasdaleWritingPhotography/posts/378180079036370>

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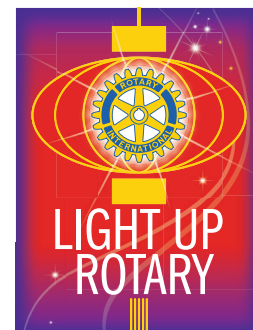
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The Four Way Test

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 30, 2015

Reported by Jeff Hata



Carol Norton was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow.
L-R Michelle Cekov, Carol Norton, P.D.G. Jane McClenahan.

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

President Dave thanked our greeter Daryl Cruser

the club for potential membership.

President Dave announced the board meeting next Wednesday

Jordan Eller gave a report on scholarships. Tomorrow is deadline, so far 10 are in.

Joe Strohman spoke about mock interviews that were conducted today.

The 4 Way Test essay contest awards will be given on June 4th which is also the same day we will be awarding scholarships.

John Borneman led us in a song followed by a joke given by Tim Hughes.

Nicole Kreutz conducted the raffle and our winner was Bill Gray.

P.D.G. Jane McClenahan presented Carol Norton with a Paul Harris Fellow.

and Ken Kagan for taking attendance.

Jeff Burgh donated our raffle prize today which was an autographed copy of the book *Lone Survivor* by Marcus Luttrell.

Nicole Kreutz led us in the Flag Salute.

John Masterson introduced guests and visiting Rotarinas.

Visiting today from Lindsay & Co. was Carol Norton, Juan Guerrero, Chien Nguyen, Tammy Anderson and Bridget Nguyen. From GoCare Jane McClenahan.

Bob Lynn gave our Inspirational Message.

President Dave thanked Bruce for organizing the meetings each week.

Tim Hughes told us that the City Center project is funded thanks to the generosity of the club

Bruce McGee the election for PEN.

Bruce nominated Husam Hishmeh and Joe Strohman seconded and asked that nominations be closed. The vote was unanimous approval of Husam!

Bruce McGee spoke about membership needs everyone to complete the sign up sheet he emailed

Thank you to Rich Stewart for organizing the VBG tour

Bruce asked for a volunteer to complete the duty roster for the remainder of the year. Alston Thompson volunteered to do this.

Bruce then took a moment to brainstorm who to invite to



Jordan Eller spoke about how scholarships are going.

ECUADOREAN HEART SURGEON DONATES HIS PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TO CHILDREN IN NEED

Pediatric heart surgeon Gerardo Davalos has treated scores of young heart patients, but one made a particular impression on him.

The day before 11-year-old Josue Ochoa died in 2013, Dr. Davalos, a member of the Rotary Club of Quito, Ecuador, walked into the boy's hospital room to say goodbye. The atmosphere in the room, where family members were gathered, was somber. But one person was smiling and comforting everyone else. It was Josue.

Says Davalos: "I'll never forget how strong Josue was in that moment. He wasn't concerned about himself. He was more worried about his mom and dad. He kept telling them that everything was going to be OK and that he'd lived a great life. He was an amazing child."

And Josue also shared his gratitude with Davalos. "He told me, 'Thank you for giving me a chance to dance at school'", the surgeon recalls.

Five years earlier, funded by a Rotary Foundation grant that paid for corrective heart surgeries for underprivileged children at Quito's Hospital Metropolitano, Davalos had performed a complicated operation that saved Josue's life.



Dr. Gerardo Davalos, a pediatric heart surgeon and member of the Rotary Club of Quito, Ecuador, performs a life-saving procedure on a child in 2012. The surgery was funded through a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.

Photo Credit: Courtesy of Gerardo Davalos

The ensuing recovery period had been extremely hard for the youngster, who'd had to remain in the hospital for two months after the surgery. But "Josue never complained once; he always had a smile on his face," says Davalos. "He couldn't wait to get out of the hospital and dance."

Over the years, though, Josue's heart problems became irreversible, says Davalos. "But Rotary helped extend his life, and gave him a chance to enjoy things that normal children his age do."

Josue is one of more than 120 children on whom Davalos has performed free corrective heart surgeries since his club, along with the Rotary Club of Wheeling, Illinois, USA, initiated the grant project in 2002.

CONNECTING WITH ROTARY

After spending five years in Spain for his medical residency, Davalos returned home in 1995 eager to make a difference in the lives of Ecuador's underprivileged children, and looking to use his surgical skills outside his regular duties as a hospital doctor.

"I was a young surgeon with a skill I wanted to share," he recalls. "There are so many needs in Ecuador -- the government can't afford to pay for heart surgeries for poor children. There are very few options out there for them. I wanted to find a way to provide free surgeries to those in need."

A friend of Davalos' who was a member of the Quito club thought Rotary could be the answer. After attending a few meetings, Davalos joined the club in 1998.

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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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"I was very impressed with the variety of professional skills the Rotarians had. I didn't know how to start a project or find connections that I needed to reach these desperate children. Rotarians do," says Davalos, who is director of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery at Hospital Metropolitano, Quito's leading hospital. "The club gave me options and the support I needed. Their enthusiasm to help those less fortunate was as strong as mine."

Rallying behind Davalos' vision, a number of clubs worked together to obtain grant money, which funded more than 60 surgeries.

"Life can be kind to some people and unkind to others. Those of us who are lucky to be in the position to give back must try to do so," he says. "I'm lucky to have found Rotary, lucky to have found friends so willing to help change lives."

Davalos, who also implants cardiac pacemakers free of charge through the Pacemaker Bank Foundation, adds: "I'm grateful that I can share my gift and make a difference. But those children are more of a gift to me than I can ever be to them."

None more so than Josue.

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary News
17-Apr-2015

POLIO VACCINE CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, 12 April, marks 60 years since the Salk polio vaccine was declared safe, effective, and potent. In that time, the number of polio cases has dropped by 99 percent worldwide. With just three countries remaining polio-endemic, we are closer than ever to eradicating this crippling disease.

Jonas Salk's inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) has been crucial in helping us reach our goal of a polio-free world. Before the vaccine was widely available, in the United States alone, polio crippled more than 35,000 people each year. By 1957 -- two years after the introduction of Salk's vaccine -- cases in the U.S. had fallen by almost 90 percent, and by 1979, polio had been eradicated there.

The impact on the rest of the world has taken longer. In 1988, when Rotary International launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) with its partners at the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, polio continued to

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Weekly Raffle

Today's raffle prize was an autographed copy of the book *Lone Survivor* by Mark Lutrell graciously donated by Jeff Burgh.

Our lucky winner was Bill Gray.

Thank you to Jeff Burgh for your generous donation and congratulations to Bill!



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Dr. Jonas Salk with one of the first children to receive the vaccine. © WHO
cripple children in 125 countries. Today, polio remains endemic in only three: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And it has been more than eight months since Nigeria's last case, making a polio-free Africa a real possibility.

Salk's vaccine will play an important role in the end-game strategy against polio when 120 countries introduce IPV into their routine polio immunization systems this year. Leading that effort are the GPEI partners and Gavi, a global vaccine alliance, along with Sanofi Pasteur, the largest manufacturer of polio vaccine.

"As more than 120 countries in the world are introducing IPV, we are beginning the last chapter on polio eradication," said Olivier Charneil, Sanofi Pasteur's chief executive officer. "At Sanofi Pasteur, we have had a long-term vision of IPV as the ultimate public health tool able to finish the job started with Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV)."

By Maureen Vaught
Rotary News
10-Apr-2015



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