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Programs

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July 30, 2015

David Comden - Ventura Hillside Conservancy

August 6, 2015

Barbara Hinton - Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival

August 13, 2015

Rubicon Theatre Company

August 20, 2015

Megan Gately - Museum of Ventura County

August 27, 2015

D.G. 5240 Jim Bell - District Governor's official visit

September 3, 2015

Randy Friedman - Ventura County Animal Services

September 10, 2015

Jeff Hata & Bruce McGee - Clubrunner

September 17, 2015

Husam Hishmeh - Onsite: Hishmeh Enterprises

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date
December 3, 2015

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Avenues of Service Meetings

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

Club Events

Important Dates

Ventura County Fair Parade	Aug. 8
Ventura Chamber Family Day (BBQ Team).....	Aug. 22
District Governor Jim Bell's Official Visit.....	Aug. 27
District Conference	Oct. 2 - 4
Moorpark Beer Festival (BBQ Team).....	Oct. 10
Moorpark Civil War Reenactment (BBQ Team).....	Nov. 7 - 8

Raffle Scholarship Donor

July 30 - Jim Emch

Greeter

July 30 - Jordan Eller

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Presidents Message ...



Bruce McGee
President 2015-2016

Greetings from President Bruce
Last week we enjoyed an update from Go Care Director Jeannette Perez who also received a PHF award. In addition our past Rotary exchange student Indiana Altimirano reported on Go Care and her experience as an exchange student . Thanks to Michelle Cekov and Pam Lindsay for making that happen.

This week our program is David Comden on Ventura Hillside Conservancy, this is a great topic that is perfect for inviting guests.

Our tables are all full each week now, so let us know if you are bringing guests please.

Remember K.R. Ravindran Rotary International President's message this year "Be a gift to the world", sure it is heady stuff but it starts in our backyard. Think about what you can be doing to make our club and community better and get involved.

See you Thursday.

VENTURA EAST ROTARY 2015-16 BOARD GOALS

We will strive to hit these goals, please review and commit to them

1. GROW MEMBERSHIP FROM 44 TO 64
2. DEVELOP AN ON-BOARDING AND MENTOR PROGRAM FOR NEW MEMBERS
3. HAVE FUN
4. DEVELOP A CULTURE OF LEADERSHIP TO GROW INVOLVEMENT AND SHARE THE LOAD
5. INCREASE COMMUNITY SERVICE FREQUENCY TO HAVE FUN AND GROW MEMBERS
6. FUNDING-DOUBLE POINSETTIA SALES , REVAMP BBQ TEAM THIS YEAR

Serving with the best,
Bruce McGee

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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?



Be a gift to the world

Meeting July 23, 2015

Reported by Jeff Hata



John Masterson was our greeter today!!!

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

Midge Stork announced that our raffle prize was \$50 cash donated by Monte Widders.

Bob Noville led us in the Flag Salute.

President Bruce thanked John Masterson for greeting.

Tom Swan introduced

guests and visiting Rotarians.

Visiting Rotarians were Bill Crookston, Rotary Club of Santa Paula and Pam Lindsay, Rotary Club of Santa Paula. Guests of the club were Jeanette Perez and Indiana Altimirano from GoCare. Guest of Tim Blackwell was Greg Frye and visiting us again was Juan Mendoza!

John Borneman did not have a song this week so in lieu of a song, Michelle Cekov passed around the duty roster for everyone to sign up!

It was announced that P.D.G.'s Jane and Jack McClennahan both had some health challenges recently but are doing well. Kathy McGee passed around a get well card for everyone to sign.

President Bruce announced that Kathy McGee is starting a new committee to fund raise for the Ventura Botanical Gardens.

President's announcements:

District Conference is coming October 2nd - 4th.

The August Board meeting will be held next

Wednesday, July 29.

Right after the club meeting there will be a Finance Committee meeting.

Tim Hughes announced the membership meeting would be Tuesday at 5:30 - Social Tap.

Tim Blackwell spoke about the BBQ team working the Ventura Marathon and asked for advice from the club if we should proceed.

Tim Hughes showed an article in the Ventura Breeze regarding our City Center donation.

Midge Stork conducted the raffle and our winner was Bob Noville.

Michelle Cekov and Pam Lindsay then presented Jeanette Perez with a Paul Harris Fellow for our exemplary work for GoCare in Nicaragua.

Jeanette then gave a recap on what's going on at GoCare right now. The highlight is the signing of the paperwork with the Nicaraguan government so the Global Grants can start being used. Jeanette also thanked the club for our continuing support through GoCare.

Indiana Altimirano spoke about what has happened with herself and her sister Grethel since they were exchange students.

Indiana said that they learned how to "structure" here which doesn't happen in Nicaragua. They both learned a lot about leadership at RYLA.

Indiana is currently the legal advisor for GoCare and Grethel is an architect and is designing the first Walmart in Nicaragua!

Indiana ended her talk by thanking Jan Lindsay for his leadership and inspiration. Jan made a great impact in her life.



Jeanette Perez was presented a Paul Harris Fellow. l-r: Pamela Lindsay, Jeanette Perez, Michelle Cekov, President Bruce McGee.

Did ya know???

The ABC's of Rotary by Cliff Dochterman

1992-93 President

Rotary International

Group Study Exchange ...

One of the most popular and rewarding programs of The Rotary Foundation is the Group Study Exchange. Since the first exchange between districts in California and Japan in 1965, the program has provided educational experiences for about 25,000 business and professional

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men and women who have served on about 5,500 teams. The GSE program pairs Rotary districts to send and receive study teams. Since 1965, more than \$42 million has been allocated by The Rotary Foundation for Group Study Exchange grants.

One of the attractive features of GSE is the opportunity for the visiting team members to meet, talk and live with Rotarians and their families in a warm spirit of friendship and hospitality. Although the original Group Study Exchanges were male only, in recent years teams include both men and women.

In addition to learning about another country as the team visits farms, schools, industrial plants, professional offices and governmental establishments, the GSE teams serve as ambassadors of goodwill. They interpret their home nation to host Rotarians and others in the communities in which they visit. Many of the personal contacts blossom into lasting friendships.

Truly, the Group Study Exchange program has provided Rotarians with one of its most enjoyable, practical and meaningful ways to promote world understanding.

AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS TAKE OPPORTUNITY BY THE HORNS

The rules of the Shaftesbury Rodeo Academy are simple: no school, no rodeo. It's a message that teenagers who attend school at Bisley Farm, most of whom have never attended any school regularly, take seriously. Because come Friday night, these aspiring rodeo heroes want to join their friends to ride bulls for a heart-stopping eight seconds, if they last that long.

The school in rural Queensland, Australia, also teaches the boys, who are of the Wakka Wakka Aboriginal people, basic academics and farming skills, including how to care for crops and livestock. It's a fairly common form of schooling in Australia, an alternative education for students with troubled backgrounds. For many of them, Bisley Farm is the best chance for them to improve their lives.

But rules are rules. In order to participate in the school's weekly Friday night rodeo, students must attend class Monday through Thursday and do all their work, including helping to manage a herd of beef cattle. Perhaps not surprisingly, student attendance and performance have shot up.

"These are really tough kids," says Kristian Wale, director of the Shaftesbury Centre, which sponsors Bisley Farm, and a member of the Rotary Club of New

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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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Farm, Brisbane. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Indigenous peoples make up 3 percent of the country's population. But they make up 50 percent of the juvenile detention and 27 percent of the adult prison populations.

"A majority of the kids [who come to us] can't read, even if they have been to school," says Wale. "We teach basic education and social skills and prepare our students for jobs."

And none of it would exist without Rotary.

POWERFUL GRANTS

George Grant wanted to do something for the Aboriginal teenagers after attending a Rotary grants seminar in 2010. He was president of the Rotary Club of Bribie Island when he met Wale at the conference. The two began to formulate an idea for a cattle operation near Cherbourg, sponsored by the Shaftesbury Centre.

"When I first took the idea to the club, it seemed too far out in left field. Some members came along easily but others were very noisy in opposition," says Grant. "They couldn't see how a club with fewer than 30 members could raise the money required to get something like that off the ground."

At first, the naysayers seemed right, Grant says, particularly when the scope of the problem began being mapped out. They would have to buy cattle, trailers, fencing, and a school building. Then what would they do with the beef? If the operation was to be sustainable, they would have to figure out a way to get the beef to market.

So they started small: six head of cattle, a trailer, and some fencing. They soon started applying for money through Rotary, more than US\$120,000.

Supported by fundraisers from surrounding clubs, the Bribie Island club managed to donate thousands of dollars toward the project.

Undoubtedly, though, many of potential supporters and new club members are drawn to Grant's enthusiasm for the school his club built from the ground up. "I just love to skite (brag) about it."

By Nancy Shepherdson
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Weekly Raffle

Today's raffle prize was \$50 cash graciously donated by Monte Widders. Our lucky winner was Bob Noville. Thank you to Monte Widders for your generous donation and congratulations to Bob!



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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



2015-16 RI President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran
K.R. "RAVI" RAVINDRAN

JULY 2015

We in Rotary aspire to great deeds. We admire those who gave great gifts to humanity: Abraham Lincoln, who gave the gift of human dignity to the downtrodden; Mother Teresa, who gave the gift of compassion to the forgotten; Mahatma Gandhi, who gave the gift of peaceful change to

the oppressed. Their very lives became gifts to the world.

We can be inspired by their example. We can be inspired to ask, how can I, in the life that I live – without neglecting the responsibilities that are so dear to me – how can I, too, become a gift to the world? As I considered my theme, I thought of the lessons I have learned through my Hindu faith. I thought especially of the story of Sudama.

Sudama was a poor child and a bosom friend of Krishna, who was born in a royal lineage as an avatar – an incarnation of the divine. As the two boys grow up, they drift apart, and while Krishna becomes a military leader and king of great repute, Sudama remains a humble villager.

The years go by and Sudama's poverty deepens. Finally, he lacks even food to feed his children. His wife reminds him of his childhood friendship with Krishna: Perhaps it is time to go to the mighty ruler for help. Reluctantly, Sudama agrees, but resolves that he will not go empty-handed. He gathers together a few handfuls of rice – all the food his family has left – and wraps them in a piece of cloth as a gift for his friend.

When Sudama enters the palace, he is overwhelmed by the grandeur and by Krishna's gracious welcome. His meager gift, so carefully prepared, seems a humiliating reminder of his poverty. Krishna embraces Sudama, who hides the hand holding the rice behind his back. Krishna asks what he is holding.

Far from being disdainful, Krishna accepts the rice with gratitude and consumes it with joy as the two sit and talk together. Hours pass, during which the pleasures of their rekindled friendship push all thoughts of his desperate plight from Sudama's mind. When evening falls, Sudama sets out for home – and only then realizes that he has neglected his task. He is returning with nothing, and Krishna has eaten his family's last grains of rice.

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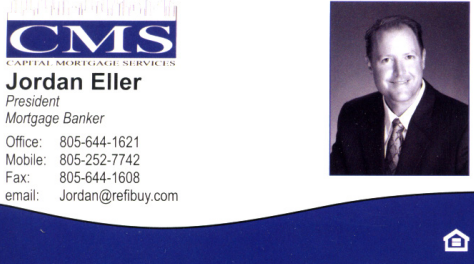
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District 5240

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Sudama steels himself to return to his hungry children. But standing before his gate, as dawn begins to break, he sees that the hut he left yesterday has become a stately home, and waiting to greet him is his own family: well-dressed, and well-fed by the baskets of food that appeared in their kitchen as Krishna ate each grain of Sudama's rice.

Krishna understood what Sudama had brought him: everything he had to give. In return, Krishna gave him everything he needed. It is never the material value of a gift that matters – it is the love that comes with it. Just as Sudama's gift to Krishna became a gift to Sudama, what we give through Rotary becomes a gift to us. And we all have a choice: whether to keep our gifts to ourselves or give them to others, and Be a Gift to the World.

We have only one chance at our lives. And we will have only one chance at this new Rotary year. This is our time. Let us grasp it. Let us Be a Gift to the World.