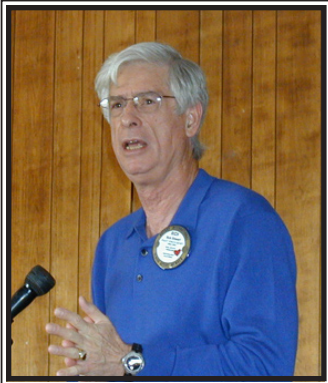




Meeting January 17, 2008

Reported by Bob Lynn



Rich Stewart introduced guests & visiting Rotarians.

LeRoy Andrews was not in attendance, so we missed his piano before the meeting.

President Joe rang the bell to bring us to order.

The invocation was given by **Hank Oster**.

Dr. Gene Cherry led the Flag Salute.

Rich Stewart introduced our guests. Visiting Rotarians were Robert Bianchi from West Lake Village Rotary,

Jennette Lombardo from Ventura Downtown Rotary. Jill Gregorchuck was a guest of the Club. Mark Masterson was the guest of his dad, **John Masterson**. Mike and Shannon Burkie were the guests of **Midge Stork**. Loren Yunker was the guest of her dad, **Chuck Yunker**.

President Joe spoke about **John Borneman** and his loss. He also told us that **LeRoy Andrews** was under the weather.

Jeff Hata asked for volunteers to help with taping the Ventura room at the Pavilion in preparation for painting. Monday 2:30-5 pm.

Past President Bob Pazen gave out Paul Harris Fellowships to **Bob Lynn**, **Michael Doyle**, and to **Jordan Eller**.

President Joe told us that **Debbie Zuniga** is involved with caring for ill family at this point.



Jill Gregorchuk was inducted into the club.

Midge Stork introduced the Burkies who said thank you for the assistance from the club.

President Joe called all the past presidents up to witness the induction of **Jill Gregorchuck**. Welcome Jill!

Avenues of service reports:

Husam Hishmeh – We need help with getting the flags up on Saturday and down on Monday. **Chris Norstedt** volunteered and others.

Dave Anderson – International Convention is in LA in June. We are discussing a possible project in India involving a grant application to fund a school.

Chuck Yunker updated us on the Interact mentoring program, which is going great. Four students going to RYLA so far. Job Shadows is coming up and the Mock Interviews. The group is active and Growing.

Deborah Roberts reported that the club is good.

Loren Yunker reported on herself as the recipient of the **Pete & Tootie Gallagher Scholarship**. She is starting

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Scholarship recipient Lauren Yunker returned to tell us how college was going.

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Presidents Message ...



Joe Amandoli
President 2007-2008

What a beautiful funeral for Linda Borneman last weekend. Linda was a true gift from God in how she helped so many and cared for her family. This sounds kind of ironic but that was the best funeral I have ever been to.

This year is already going by fast. Are you aware that we have a clean up day on February 23rd at Poinsettia Pavilion, a wonderful Cruise in March and our 45th anniversary party in May?

Here are some easy opportunities to "Have fun and get involved!" My lovely secretary and I are planning a happy hour social at Acapulco's on January 31st at 5:30-?? Please come if you are able. These Happy Hours are great times to share ideas on how to carry out the rest of our Rotary year.

Saturday January 26th is our Mid-Terms. What are Mid-Terms? A chance for Deborah, Jeff and I to learn how to review, maintain and plan the rest of this year and the years to come in our Rotary club. Our District 5240 spends lots of time and money on our Rotary leaders so we can have the best clubs in the world with out re-inventing the wheel on each new project. Expect great things from us this year in 2008 because I expect great things from each of you!

In the meantime, please take the time to share the word of Rotary to our friends, as this month of January is Rotary Awareness month.

Joe Amandoli
President
Rotary Club Ventura East
2007-2008

2007 - 2008 Club Board of Directors

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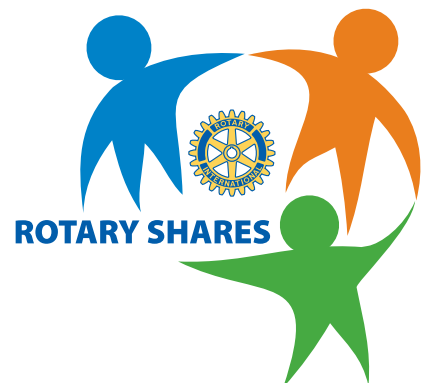
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Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

January 24, 2008

Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim - Jay Johnstone

January 31, 2008

Unusual Facts about Calif. History - Tom Shilton

February 7, 2008

Club Assembly

February 14, 2008

Internet MBA Education - Robert Aubrey, PhD

Greeters

January 24, 2008

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January 31, 2008

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February 7, 2008

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February 14, 2008

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January 24, 2008 - Robert Beckwith

January 31, 2008 - John Borneman

February 7, 2008 - TBA

February 14, 2008 - TBA

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

February 14, 2008

Vocational Service

2nd Thu/Month, Marie Callender's 5:30 PM

February 12, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting

2nd Tue/Month, Marie Callender's 7:00 AM

February 11, 2008

Club / Community Service

2nd Mon/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

February 19, 2008

International Service

3rd Tue/Month, Marie Callender's Noon

February 14, 2008

New Generations

2nd Thu/Month, Marie Callender's 5:30 PM

Every Monday

Buena Interact Club

Buena High School, Room 48 12:30 PM

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Earl McPhail spoke about
Ventura County Agriculture

at Chapman University. She thanked us for the help, for the intern program, and for going to RYLA. She said a special thanks to **Pete & Tootie**.

We had Happy Dollars from **Bill Spellman, Husam Hishmeh, & Nikki Sloan**.

Rocky Ludes introduced our speaker.

=== Bob Lynn

Notes from the January 17 program:

Our speaker today was Earl McPhail, Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner. Earl will be retiring at the end of March, after 29 years with the County of Ventura.

Earl reports that Ventura County agriculture is "alive and well!" This county may have the best weather in the country. We can grow crops year 'round. On the other hand, there are challenges in that the county has the largest agriculture-urban interface. For instance, about 90 schools are within ¼ to ½ mile of a farm, and 29 schools are immediately adjacent to agriculture. The biggest issue is pesticide application and safety to the students.

The growers and schools have now developed relationships that didn't used to exist. Growers cannot treat crops when school is in session or school activities occur, including Saturday and Sunday uses of the field. The farmers are kept "in the loop" with the activity schedule of the school, and the principals know most of their farming neighbors.

Beside school proximity, some farming areas are completely surrounded by farm land that can't change use because of the SOAR initiative. Cooperation between agriculture and urban populations is very important so growth is planned in a way that makes the most sense.

Ventura County is #8 in the State for total agricultural production about \$1.5 billion on 96,000 farmed acres. This is the highest return per acre in the State. We have adequate water, and tremendous soils. In some areas, there is 40' of topsoil (not inches, feet!).

A major problem for agriculture is a source of labor. Our main crops, strawberries, lemons, avocados and ornamentals / berries, cannot be harvested mechanically. Hand labor is required. At the peak of strawberry season, 18,000 field workers are needed. Earl said laborers show their employers papers that look legitimate, but probably 75% of the workers are not here legally. These workers typically send about 70% of their income back to their families in Mexico.

Thanks, Earl for an interesting discussion on our agriculture. We wish you the best in retirement.

=== Rocky



Rotarians at Work Day February 23, 2008

Save the DATE!

Where: Poinsettia Pavilion

When: February 23, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Why: To do what we as Rotarians are good at ... provide a service to our community. The Poinsettia Pavilion, our meeting place, is in need of a concentrated clean-up day both inside and outside.

The Rotary Clubs of Ventura-East, Ventura and Ventura South are teaming up to invade the Poinsettia Pavilion with as many of our club members and their spouses, children, grand-children, nieces, nephews, well you get the message, as possible to clean-up and help freshen up the Poinsettia Pavilion. In addition to our Rotarians we will also be assisted by Kiwanians and other tenants of the Pavilion.

Work lists are being developed and will be distributed that morning.

After our Work Day, we will be holding a social featuring the delicious offerings of our FANTASTIC BBQ Team!

So, **PLEASE**, save this date and make the special effort to help make a difference in our community ... and enjoy the BBQ/Social afterwards.

With integrity you have nothing to fear,
since you have nothing to hide. With integrity
you will do the right thing, so you will have no
guilt.

With fear and guilt removed you are
free to be and do you best.


Motivation get you going and habit gets you there.
Make motivation a habit and you will get there
more quickly and have more fun on the trip.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 26	District Mid-Terms
Jan. 31	Club Social - Acapulco's
Feb. 23	Rotary at work day
Mar. 7 - 10	Rotary Ensenada Cruise
Jun. 15 - 18	Rotary International Convention

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International Assembly prepares incoming district leaders for challenges

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News - 19 January 2008



As the 2008 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, drew to a close, 532 district governors-elect learned at this weeklong training event what challenges they may face in the 2008-09 Rotary year and how to meet those challenges, which includes keeping a promise to eradicate polio and becoming catalysts for RI President-elect Dong Kurn Lee's emphasis on reducing the child mortality rate.

To accomplish his focus on reducing preventable deaths of children, Lee told the incoming governors that Rotary will keep the service emphases of recent years -- water, health and hunger, and literacy. To go along with his presidential emphases, Lee announced the 2008-09 RI theme of Make Dreams Real.

"We will give children hope and a chance at a future," said Lee. "We will bring clean water to their communities and create sanitation projects that keep children health."

Many governors-elect were inspired by Lee's vision. "I've been floating on air since the theme was announced," said District 7470 Governor-elect Janice Teetsell from New Jersey, USA. "I'm thrilled that we're talking about children. People outside Rotary can identify with this, giving us a great opportunity to help children in our communities, as well as around the world."

Furthermore, Foundation Trustee Chair Robert S. Scott outlined Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge, a three-year fundraising commitment to eradicate polio. It's the Foundation's response to a \$100 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, awarded in November.

"Rotary promised the children of the world that we would eradicate polio," said Scott. "We must not forget our promise."

The challenge is the motivation Rotary needs to end polio, said Ogugua Nwankwu, governor-elect from District 9140 (Nigeria). "We can finally put polio into the history books."

District 1980 District Governor Urs Herzog (Read more about Herzog.) believes that "by eradicating polio, we truly will Make Dreams Real for children."

Assembly attendees also heard Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Jonathan Majiyagbe discuss the 2008-09 Foundation goals. These include supporting Your Foundation/Our Foundation, which asks large club and district foundations to share funds to help provide secure funding for the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution and support polio eradication

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Weekly Raffle

This week's generous sponsor was **BOB BECKWITH**, owner of California Office Equipment. BOB donated \$50 in cash which helped us raise \$103! Thank you very much BOB! Our lucky winner was Robert Bianchi, a visitor at our club.

Our grand total for scholarships, so far, is \$2,756!! Next week's sponsor will be **PRESIDENT AMANDOLI** of PacificAire, so remember to bring your raffle money.

Once again, thank you all for your support of this fundraiser.

Rotary Club of Ventura-East Foundation

Our Rotary Club of Ventura East Foundation, Inc. has grown through the years from the generous contributions of our club members. The end of the year is a good time to make a donation in your name or in the memory of someone else. Remember, because our Foundation has section 501(c)(3) status, your donations are tax deductible. Any donations should be made payable to the “*Rotary Club of Ventura East Foundation, Inc.*” and delivered to me at our weekly meetings or mailed to my office, 1050 S. Kimball Road, Ventura, California 93004.

Joe Strohmman
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Understanding will make difference in ending world poverty

By Ryan Hyland

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Rotary International News -- 18 January 2008

A basic understanding of poverty is the inspiration Rotarians need to eradicate it, keynote speaker Deepa Willingham said during the second spouses plenary session at the International Assembly.

Willingham, a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley, California, USA, told the audience that 1.3 billion people around the world live on less than US\$1 a day and that 10 million children die each year before they reach their fifth birthday due to extreme poverty. “I find these numbers staggering and overwhelming. My heart aches with sadness,” she said.

Figures like these led Willingham to form PACE Universal (Promise of Assurance to Children Everywhere) in 2003. The organization’s mission is to nurture the education, nutrition, health, and social development of young girls in the slums of Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), India, and other areas around the world.

“I’m just a simple Rotarian from a small town in Southern California, but I believe that I can make a difference by doing my share, however small that may be,” Willingham said.

Her club partnered with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan to build a permanent building for the Piyali Learning Center, which will eventually serve 1,200 girls and 500 boys from impoverished villages around Kolkata.


The center will also help provide clean water, sanitation, and solar ovens to the community of Piyali Junction. “The aim of the center will be to bring about sustainable changes to the lives of citizens,” said Willingham.

Those living in extreme poverty “live with no hope in their hearts, they have no voice in their destiny or the ability to determine their future,” Willingham told the audience.

It’s up to Rotary to make a difference in the existence of extreme poverty, Willingham added. “Rotarians’ actions are a perfect example of how the power of one can work, changing the life of one child, one community, one village at a time.”



U.S. Rotarian Deepa Willingham, founder of PACE Universal, gives a keynote address during the spouses plenary session at the 2008 International Assembly.

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