



Meeting March 27, 2008

Reported by Bob Lynn



Joe Strohmman gave our inspirational message.

Past President Joe Strohmman rang the bell to bring us to order and gave the inspirational moment.

Past District Governor, Jan Lindsay led us in the Flag Salute.

Past President Joe Strohmman thanked **Dr. Rafael Canton** and **Dr. Gene Cherry** for being our greeters today.

Mohammed Hasan introduced our guests. No visiting Rotarians. Mike

Grundland was the guest of **Mohammed Hasan**.

John Borneman led us in song about genealogy.

Rich Stewart told about an opportunity for the club to auction off a membership in the Topa Club for the benefit of our club's foundation. See information elsewhere in the Breeze.

Jeff Hata invited club members to join him next Saturday for the anniversary of the Pavilion. If you would like to go, call Jeff.

Dave Anderson reported on the Ensenada Trip

Husam Hishmeh told about a club social tonight at Acapulco Resturant.

Jill Gregorchuck, Harriet Clune, & Rich Stewart, reported on their trip to China with the Chamber of Commerce.



Mohammed Hasan introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Rich Stewart reported on progress for the Hospitality Evening during the RI Convention in LA.

Debbie Zuniga, no report.

Mike Scar and **Steve Phillips** reported on the resource guide for the District membership.

Steve Debbas was our fine master.

Happy \$\$

Tom Crozier got his first invitation to join AARP.

Trust me on this Tom, it's not your last one!



Rich Stewart announced an opportunity to buy a membership to the Topa Club.

=== Bob Lynn

Notes from the March 27 program:

The national press must have known that today's subject was genealogy, since they had just released an article on the Presidential candidates' relationships to famous people: Senator Clinton related

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Presidents Message ...



Joe Amandoli
President 2007-2008

I chose these articles to highlight our history and responsibility in Rotary.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are over 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical

areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto Service Above Self, Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

The Four-Way Test was developed 75 years ago. To see if it still applies in today's world, Senior Editor Janice S. Chambers talked with two prominent ethicists: H. Woods Bowman and Tom Hooyman.

Why is there such a hunger for ethics lately?

TH: Is there? When something goes wrong, such as an Enron, or political scandals, ethics is on the front page. However, much of the ethics conversation today is not really about ethics, but the minimal requirements of following the law. Ethics is the foundation for law. Humans have an inherent drive for self-promotion or self-interest. If we can get away with something, we will try. It is organizations like Rotary that call us to a higher standard.

HWB: I think people basically want to do the right thing — even people who wind up not doing the right thing. Sometimes they just can't tell the difference between right and wrong. I got one letter from a guy who says he found a gas station that was selling gas for 30 cents a gallon. It should have been \$3 a gallon. So he filled up and got all his friends to fill up and then wondered if maybe he did something wrong. He had such a personal stake in getting the answer he wanted, he just couldn't see any other answer. And that's really what happens in most cases. Our [immediate] self-interest gets tangled up with the right thing to do. Typically, when people fail to take the long view of things, they make decisions they regret later.

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Joe Amandoli
President

Rotary Club Ventura East 2007-2008

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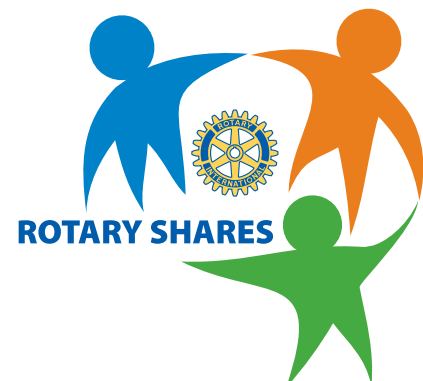
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First ... Is it the **TRUTH**? **Second** ... Is it **FAIR** to all concerned? **Third** ... Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**? **Fourth** ... Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Programs

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April 10, 2008

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April 17, 2008

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April 24, 2008

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April 3, 2008 - TBA

April 10, 2008 - TBA

April 17, 2008 - TBA

April 24, 2008 - TBA

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

April 10, 2008

Vocational Service

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

April 8, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting

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

April 14, 2008

Club Service

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

April 15, 2008

International Service

3rd Tue/Month, Marie Callender's Noon

April 10, 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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Cathy Robbins spoke about the benefits of genealogy.

to Madonna, Senator Obama related to George W. Bush, and Senator McCain related to Laura Bush.

Today's presentation was from Cathy Robbins, assisted by Rosemarie Salmon. They both have many years of experience researching genealogies. Cathy teaches a series of free classes (next beginning in May) for those who want an introduction to the process.

Cathy knew nothing of her family. She found her mother was raised under an alias and her father was orphaned. She now has 24,000 names in her database,

and has traced four of her ancestors to the Mayflower, at least one to an American Indian, as well as other races and religions. She discovered some of her ancestors had significant accomplishments. One of them was a founder of San Francisco and another set up the system of land titles used in the U.S. In addition, she has found ancestors who were also involved in genealogy as well as poetry, two of her interests. There's no way to know who you might be related to until you go into your genealogy. Sometimes people in the same neighborhood are related although they moved from far different locations.

Cathy says our genes affect our decisions. But more importantly, you need to know of the illnesses suffered by your ancestors so you can be watching for early signs of these illnesses and begin treatments.

The research process involves some detective work. In some cases, fires have destroyed birth or death records. This is particularly true in Europe because of the destruction in World War II. Cathy's experience is that, while every family may have some ancestors of note, every family will find that some of their in-laws were outlaws.

Cathy said that her personal research, showing her to be related to George Washington, makes her proud to be an American. She found that Washington's family crest, which had some stars and stripes, may have been the basis for the American flag designed by Betsy Ross.

There are many resources for locating your genealogy, many of which are free. But if you research through the Internet, use caution; apparently some may have your Social Security number and make it available to others!

Thanks Cathy and Rosemarie for a very interesting discussion about discovering our family roots.

=== Rocky

Listening

By: Jock MacKenzie

Reprinted from "The Strand The Newsletter of PRLS"

Eric Nicolet was one my Rotary heroes. He died a few years ago, to the regret of everyone who ever knew him. He was literate in an unreading world, imaginative in the midst of dullness, innovative when surrounded by clods. He was everything any thinking person could aspire to be.

He was, in addition to everything else, a past president of three Rotary Clubs and, when I first met him, the longtime editor of the Ventura East Club's weekly bulletin.

Eric had this to say about listening. "I know that in listening we sometimes miss part of what is read or, for that matter, something just said. Most of us have partial listening skills. We never do training for listening.

"That reminds me of an experiment I tried years ago when I was teaching high school. I had one class that just would not quiet down when the bell rang. One day, after fighting to get quiet for several minutes, I just put my finger to my lips with a 'sh-h-sh-h' until the room was quiet. I went on listening for a moment. The room was quiet. Finally, I broke the silence and asked them what they heard. 'Feet shuffling;' 'Someone walking in the hall;' 'Birds outside;' 'A car on the road,' all the little noises that we are usually unaware of.

"Well, it worked that day. So I started every day with some type of listening exercise, sometimes music, sometimes I read, or I prepared a student in advance to read. The exercise was never more than three minutes. At the end of the school year, I asked the students to evaluate their listening.

"The responses were amazing: 'I listen to the minister;' 'I listen to my mother;' 'I hear the birds every morning;' 'I listen in classes;' and so on. I do not know why I never did it again."

"There are bulletin editors all over Rotary, some, like me, retired after years of selfimposed deadlines and witnessing the varying quality dull whatever inspiration ever existed. For me, Rotary is a conduit. It puts me in a setting of men and women who are continually amazing with their unbridled enthusiasm and cando dedication."

"That's what it does."

Upcoming Events

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|------------|---------------------------------|
| Apr. 5 | Poinsettia Pavilion Ann. |
| Apr. 24 | Topa Club Auction |
| May 16-17 | Relay for Life |
| May 23 | Club Anniversary Party |
| Jun. 15-18 | Rotary International Convention |
| Oct. 4 | Casino Night |



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San Diego Rotarians unite to help victims of devastating fires

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News - 25 March 2008

After wildfires swept through Southern California in October, Rotarians in and near San Diego brought immediate and long-term relief to fire victims who lost their homes and most of their belongings.

The firestorms destroyed nearly 1,600 homes, caused damages estimated at over \$1.2 billion and forced more than half a million residents from their homes.

The Rancho Bernardo neighborhood in San Diego was hit hard by the disaster, with 261 homes burned to the ground. Before the embers died, members of the Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo Sunrise (San Diego) walked the streets of the fire-weary community, helping families, oftentimes strangers, sift through ash and rubble in hopes of salvaging items. They donated clothes and food and worked with the Red Cross to help coordinate volunteer efforts.

"Rotary became the eyes, ears, and pulse for Rancho Bernardo following the fire," said club member Jim Roth. "Families who lost everything looked to [us] for leadership and help."

Four Rancho Bernardo Sunrise club members lost their homes. Among them was Kendra Jeffcoat, whose fellow members opened their doors and let her stay with them. "It wasn't a surprise at all that Rotary was with me every step of the way. Their support was overwhelming," Jeffcoat said.

Former club member Mike Miller was also left homeless. The outpouring of practical and emotional support he received from Rotarians so moved him that he decided to rejoin the club.

"There were 22 people from my Rotary club waiting to help me," Miller said. "You don't realize how much they mean until you're faced with your worst situation. Rotarians truly care. It's phenomenal."

In Poway, just north of San Diego, city officials asked members of the Rotary Club of Poway to oversee and distribute funds from the community's fire relief foundation. Rotary clubs across the United States and around the world donated a total of \$80,000 to the fund.

Among the beneficiaries were Poway residents Mark and Terry Wery. After their home burned to the ground and, along with it, their home-based elderly care business, the Werys were left with little but a growing stack of unpaid bills. Poway Rotarians helped ease the financial burden, delivering the couple a check for more than \$1,200.

"Rotary showed up in a big way," said Mark Wery. "They are really heart driven. We are extremely grateful for the tremendous help Rotary's given us. I think all of Poway feels the same way."



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We raised \$165 today, bringing our total to \$4,174!! Our goal is \$5,000 by June.

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When: October 4, 2008

Where: Poinsettia Pavilion

Theme: Octoberfest

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Rotary Club of Ventura-East, Membership List 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

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