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of Ventura-East

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Reported by Harriet Clune

President Deborah Roberts started the meeting without our bell! **President Deborah** welcomed everyone. The inspirational message was delivered by **Gary Moratz**, reminding us that even though this economy has not been kind, we need to remember that 2.8 billion people in our world live on less than \$2. per day, 800 million go hungry every day. They are too poor to stay alive. So, because we live here with so many opportunities, we should not feel sorry for ourselves, but should give thanks for all we have.

The flag salute was led by **Michael Scar**. Introduction of guests was presented by **Jordan Eller**. There were visiting Rotarians from the Downtown Club: **Hutch Hutchinson, Kitty Lynn and Jeanette Lombardo**. It was great to see **Chris Norstedt**, back for a visit to Ventura East, as well as **Will Hoag**! Our guest, introduced by **Floyd Gill**, was Damon Delito. Welcome, all!

Our song today was led by **John Borneman**. **John** also related a story of a homeless man on the Ventura Pier, "John", whose comment is, "There are a lot of people worse off than me in this world." How true it is!

Announcements:

❖ **President Deborah** reminded us that the NID is scheduled in India probably from February 1st or 2nd for a total of 12 days. We will be leaving approximately on January 27. **December 22** is the cutoff for registration if you are planning to go.

❖ **President Deborah** read a Thank You letter from the Westlake Village club for our donations for the Flood Relief in Honduras.

❖ We also received a thank you from the YMCA for our donations that helped them raise \$10,000. for youth, adults and families in Ventura.

❖ **The children's Christmas Party** will be held on the evening of December 18th at 5:00 p.m. at Poinsettia Pavilion. There will be no lunch meeting that day.

❖ **Vance Thompson** reminded us of the Christmas Party on December 13. If you wish to park in his driveway, it is ok. Ladies, please check the heels of your shoes...there were many marks made on Vance's wooden flooring by exposed nails in the heels. Thanks you!

❖ Drawing: **Deborah Perkins**: The drawing item today donated by **John Masterson**: \$50. cash! The winner was **Rich Stewart**. Congrats!

❖ International Service: **Dave Anderson**: No report.

❖ Community Service: **Tom Swan**: There will be a Monday meeting. More bell ringers are needed for December 20...the following volunteered: **Deborah Perkins, Dick Gallagher, Husam Hishmeh and Monte Widders**. In addition, we need more help for the Silvercrest dinner and **Kitty Lynn and Michele Mercado** volunteered! **Thanks, guys and gals!**

❖ Club Service: **Jeff Hata**: Harbor Cruise on Friday night. Don't forget. Dress warm. Our District Governor **Aneel Garg** will be in attendance. Food will

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Presidents Message ...



Deborah Roberts
President 2008-2009

Friends,

Instead of another quoted, Rotary specific article or a timeline of events for this week/month, I want to share with you something that has touched me this week.

I received a letter the other day from a young girl named Kacie. Kacie is 17 years old and lives with Down's Syndrome. I met Kacie this past May while in Pennsylvania for my baby's sister's graduation from Allegheny College. Kacie is the younger sister of a fellow housemate and European traveling companion to my sis. Kacie and I hit it off right away. Along with all of our parents, we spent the weekend together helping our sisters pack up their apartment. We rode in the same car if we had to go across campus and sat next to each other at every meal we shared.

I've only had very brief interactions with Kacie since May via her big sister and Facebook so I was surprised to get a Christmas letter from her. The letter is almost 2 pages, typed and signed by Kacie. For a young girl who has been through so much, it brought tears to my eyes to read her words and try to grasp her optimism.

Kacie is excited to turn 18 next month, and hopes to eventually get her driver's license so she can drive to McDonald's. She misses her sister, who is in France, but takes her own French lessons very seriously. Kacie's family thinks she watches too much TV, but she won't miss an episode of Monk. She like pizza, spaghetti, cheeseburgers and french fries.... The letter goes on to ask how I am doing, tells about how she bowls in the Special Olympics and played miniature golf over the summer...

Before I read Kacie's letter I was feeling a bit melancholy about the holidays. It's sometimes easy to forget the true meanings of and why we celebrate this time of year. It isn't about what we might be missing in our day to day lives, it truly is just appreciating what and who we do have.

Personally, I am very appreciative of all my Rotary family. We had a terrific time on the Harbor Cruise last Friday, we'll be together for the Silvercrest Dinner this week, our Club Christmas party I've been looking forward to since last year's and we even have a special program for the kids in our lives next week. From fellowship with each other, to giving back to our community, you Rotarians sure have it down.

Kacie looks forward to going to McDonald's every Friday to get a happy meal, it's her favorite thing. I think this Friday I'll get a Happy Meal, too. I used to love them.

Sincerely,
Deborah Roberts
President 2008-2009

2008 - 2009

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Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

December 11, 2008

Craft Talk - Husam Hishmeh Sets-up

December 18, 2008

Children's Christmas Party - 5:00 pm!

December 25, 2008

Dark - Happy Holidays!

January 1, 2009

Dark - Happy New Year!

Greeters

December 11, 2008

Tom Hashbarger & Jeff Hata

December 18, 2008

Ron Hertel & Bill Hicks

December 25, 2008

Dark

January 1, 2009

Dark

Rotary Recognition

Recognition Chair: Rich Stewart

December 11, 2008 - TBA

December 18, 2008 - TBA

December 25, 2008 - Dark

January 1, 2009 - Dark

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

December 15, 2008

Vocational Service

3rd Mon/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

December 16, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting

3rd Tue/Month, Mimi's 7:00 AM

January 12, 2009

Club Service

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

January 12, 2009

Community Service

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

December 16, 2008

International Service

3rd Tue/Month, Marie Callender's Noon

December 15, 2008

New Generations

3rd Mon/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr 5:30 PM

Every Monday

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be catered by **Husam Hishmeh**. Meeting will be next week at 5:30 at **Hishmeh's**.

❖ Vocational Service: **Husam Hishmeh**: There will be no meeting until the second week in January.

❖ New Generations: **Gary Moratz**: No report.

Judy Hoag was in charge today as this is Poinsettia Delivery Day!

With the help of **Rich Stewart**, **Judy Hoag** read off the orders that needed delivery and they were distributed to members. A special thank you went to **Bob Beckwith** for the loan of his truck for delivery of Pointsettias to the Pacific View Mall. **Pete Gallagher and Chris Norstedt** delivered to the Santa Barbara Mall as well. Thank you to all members who participated with a special HUSSAH to **Judy Hoag and Will Hoag** who worked so hard on this campaign.

Rotarians offer support in wake of Mumbai tragedy

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 5 December 2008

Rotary leaders and Indian Rotarians are expressing sadness and offering support for survivors following last week's terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India, that killed more than 170 people.

More than 300 Mumbai Rotarians joined tens of thousands of city residents on 3 December in a peace march to mourn the dead and protest the violence. Participants gathered in the streets surrounding the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower hotel, one of several locations stormed by armed gunmen on 26 November. In a show of unity and peace, Rotarians carried Rotary flags and banners.



A participant in a candle light vigil in New Delhi, India, 2 December places a candle to express solidarity with the victims of the Mumbai terror attacks. Photo by AP Photo/Gurinder Osan

"It is a terrible situation. But Rotary is ready to help those who

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have suffered," says Past RI President Rajendra Saboo. "Rotary will be most needed when the painful happening recedes in the memory."

Rotarians and their families stood in long lines to donate blood. Saboo also said Mumbai clubs are in contact with hospitals, offering support and comfort to victims.

"This is a time when those who have suffered the most may find themselves lonely and in need," says Saboo, a resident of the Union Territory of Chandigarh. "Rotary will not only be there to heal the immediate wounds but to care for them long term."

Calling the attacks in Mumbai "a catastrophe," RI President Dung Kurn Lee says the recovery process will take many months and that Rotary will provide support for victims and their families.

"Rotary is the organization that helps people make the transition from day-to-day survival to a return to a normal life," says Lee.

Local clubs are also struggling with the senseless violence.

"It is very tragic that so many innocent people were killed or injured," says Prabha Mathur, past president of the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport in Mumbai. "We are all trying to find peaceful ways of addressing the situation."

RI Director Ashok Mahajan says now is the time to spread Rotary's message of peace.

"I'm deeply saddened by what happened. People here are extremely angry," says Mahajan, a Mumbai resident. "But I don't want to see the situation worsen. It's time for Rotary to unite and help achieve world peace."

Mahajan expresses gratitude for the many condolences he's received from Rotarians worldwide, and says he especially appreciates the e-mails and phone calls from Pakistani Rotarians.

"Clubs in Pakistan showed great concern about our health and well-being," Mahajan says.

The Rotary Club of Bombay has been left without a home, owing to the extensive fire damage at the Taj Mahal hotel. Since its founding in 1929, the club has met in the hotel's ballroom.

"There was so much Rotary history in that room, and I have fond memories of attending meetings there," says Saboo, who is working with club leaders to find a temporary meeting place. "Our hearts go out to the members. I'm hopeful . . . they'll be back at the Taj soon."

Upcoming Events

Dec. 11	Silvercrest Dinner
Dec. 13	Club Christmas Party
Dec. 18	Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 20	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
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Jan. 7	Ventura-East Game Night
May 23	Paul Harris Night
Oct. 23 - 25	District 5240 Conference



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Your voice, your solution for encouraging fellowship among new members

Rotary International News -- 1 December 2008

Sometimes newcomers feel like outsiders to an already close-knit group. How will you get your new club member to feel like part of your club's family? Rotary Images Welcome to Rotary International's problem-solving forum. Each month, Rotarians are asked for their ideas and strategies to address challenges they deal with every day.

Provide your input to help create a Rotary knowledge base of best practices and new ideas that will help Rotarians around the world improve their clubs and their service to the community.

Problem: New member feels isolated

You've noticed that the new member in your club is never sure where to sit and often ends up sitting at an empty table. What can you do to help this member get to know other club members?

18 Comments:

At 9:27AM on 9 December 2008, David L. Cooper wrote:

As the co-founder of "my" current club, I try to go out of my way to sit close to, speak with and ask questions of new members. In other words, I take personal responsibility. As a 31 year Rotarian, it is easy for me to tell stories to the new persons--if they appear receptive--and little bits at a time. Also, being a Paul Harris fellow, several times over and a member of our district's Paul Harris Society, I'm able to demonstrate that I put my money where my mouth is. I also print out the subjects of any of my e-Rotary club make-ups because they usually make good reading for our other members new or old. Rotary has to be one of the things of which I am most proud of having participated in when I look back over 60 years--way to go, Rotary sisters and brothers all over the world!

At 1:43PM on 8 December 2008, RTN.M.Rafiq.Qureshi wrote:

If a new member feel isolated , i think it as a failure on part all members.As being

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ROTARY CLUB OF VENTURA-EAST CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH
5:00 - ???**

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Any ideas, special requests, questions, input or comments ...

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Weekly Raffle

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Deborah




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
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a Rotarian means a good fellowship.

At 9:12AM on 8 December 2008, Jim Lowry, PP Simi Valley, CA wrote:

If your club uses the Red Badge program for new members, form a small committee within Club Service to get those Red Badges changed over to Blue Badges as soon as possible. The interest shown by tenured members towards the new members goes a long way towards bringing the new folks into the fold. Besides that it's fun for both new and old members.

At 9:26AM on 8 December 2008, Jason Frazier wrote:

I am a new member of of Rotary Club, and I feel like our club has many was of making us feel welcome and apart of the Club, one is by making each of us participate in many different task at our weekly meeting, which caused interaction between the members and making us familiar with each other, I feel interaction is the best way to find our niche.

At 10:48AM on 8 December 2008, Rtn Nwokoye, Chima P. wrote:

As the President-Elect of Rotary club of Trans Amadi Nigeria, Am the Membership chairman and I make sure that a new member fill at home and have full interaction with old rotarians and more especially past Presidents. Seating with Past Presidents gives new member know that He/she is a potential President.

At 10:50AM on 8 December 2008, Rtn Trevor Taylor wrote:

I am the Club Service Director of the Rotary Club of the Glass House Mountains on the Sunshine Coast of Queensland, Australia. Obviously, the same situations come up all over the world. I believe it is vital to have one of your members at the door each night, they will greet everyone comming in. If it is a new member, or a visitor, they will be greeted warmly, and introduced or passed on, to another member to take them to the bar, shout them a drink, and make sure that person is not left alone at all, but has interested people around him or her, and is made welcome at their table. They also need to be involved in one of the committees so they are immediately doing something worthwhile in the Club.

At 10:56AM on 8 December 2008, sundararajan wrote:

As the secretary of the club I have called the new members to address our club meetings about their interest in Social Service. In all the meetings it has been decided to give them one minute. All are happy


At 10:57AM on 8 December 2008, Abraham I. Gordon, PRIVP wrote:

At the time of the new member's orientation into Rotary, it is a good time to suggest the wider world of Rotary in the 80 plus Rotary International Fellowships. By this means the new member can not only connect with her/his club members, but with other Rotarians around the world with a common interest, either vocational or recreational. The broader the new member's opportunity to connect with fellow Rotarians, the more likely the new member will become an old member.

At 10:57AM on 8 December 2008, George Todd, Rotary Club of Barrie, Canada wrote:

This year our Club introduced a "Passport" program whereby new members attend a different committee meeting each month. They are invited by the committee chair, have the opportunity to meet members in a more relaxed environment and learn about


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§ Paul Harris Society

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the work of each committee. Their Passport is 'stamped' at the meeting. New members are also assigned a mentor. The mentors are provided with a guideline and work sheet to ensure both are actively engaged.

At 1:34PM on 8 December 2008, Mark Acres wrote:

New members need to have a 'Club job' as soon as possible. Perhaps I can explain my story. I joined in early 2008. As soon as I could I took part in service activities. This worked quite well but it was hard to remember 40+ people's names, understand the events the Club runs etc. I really started to find my feet when I took the lead in updating the Club web site - this became my defined role in the Club. I then had to know people's names, the events being planned and more importantly understand the whole purpose of Rotary. New members could be asked to conduct a thorough review of the Club web site e.g. are the names shown correct?, write new content, add interesting pictures etc.

At 1:36PM on 8 December 2008, UMAPRASAD DATTA wrote:

Club administration in Rotary centers around the President, who for the sake of establishing her / his achievement in a short period of less than a year (Leave out days totaling a month for handover, elections, AGM and sum of days to another month for attending / sponsoring district and RI events) she / he tends to associate senior members. Importance of involving new members, therefore, takes a back seat. New members become mere numbers to meet growth target and to ease fund crisis of club. Most of them eventually leave to propagate their discouraging experience. Club administration procedure should, I feel, need urgent and immediate revision, as we need to accept that all club leaders are not wise men to take care of long term objectives of Rotary even at the cost of her / his achievement as club president.

At 1:38PM on 8 December 2008, PP Walfrido "edu" Manzano wrote:

Improper assimilation of new members of the Club is a common cause of drop outs. In order that Rotary Clubs will increase their membership with strong and quality members, it is necessary to have proper orientations of Rotary and acceptance in the Club by way of involvement in Club Committee works. PP Walfrido "edu" Manzano, RC Davao D3860 (Philippines).

At 9:05AM on 8 December 2008, 'Wunmi Oyewole, President, RC Agege, D 9110 Nig. wrote:

This situation where a new member isolates him or herself, can hardly happen in my Club because the Club is ever so lively. Once a new Rotarian is inducted, he/she would have no option than to fuse into the system immediately. He /she has a mentor who will always be monitoring his/her attitude. Infact, by the time a new person is inducted, he is already a member of the family.

At 4:26PM on 5 December 2008, Greg Krauska wrote:

Good idea to get this kind of interaction going. One suggestion - change the name. We are not focused on problems. We want to create results. The difference is more than semantic.

At 10:12AM on 2 December 2008, Bob Higgins wrote:

Thankfully all Rotarians are different individuals who bring to Rotary the wonderful gifts of their vocational skills and life experiences to benefit others. All new members need to be welcomed and encouraged to be part of the club's activities through a mentoring process that allows them to blossom in their own way and in their own time so that they have the freedom and where-with-all to pass on their gifts. This together with an involvement in the club's social calendar will integrate them into the club. If the club members are happy to let a new member sit alone then there are some serious questions to be asked about the quality, or existence, of the mentoring and orientation processes and about the inclusivity, from a diversity perspective, of the club members. Make sure the sponsor is covering his/her role effectively and likewise the mentor. If there is not such a person appoint and brief one quickly. Finally have a discussion with the new member to check if there are any undisclosed issues, which will need to be dealt with, and give reassurance and encouragement. Maybe it's time to take the membership through some diversity training.

At 10:09AM on 2 December 2008, Rtn PP P.R.Aruloli, Technical Advisor, TRF of TRI. Club-Chennai Phoenix. wrote:

As a past president of the club, in the interest of the club on watching a new member trying to find his space, will first confide with him at the time of fellowship and share my experience as a new rotarian, narrate the great qualities of fellow rotarians to make him curious to know more about them resulting in objective interaction and better understanding.

At 10:11AM on 2 December 2008, Marilyn Karp wrote:

I'm the Service Director for the Rotary Club of Gainesville-Haymarket, Virginia and I make a point of getting our new members involved in a service project as soon as possible.. This makes them feel a part of a group. We also have a fellowship event at least once a quarter. We get together at someone's house or do things like go to a baseball game. As part of the event we usually do what we call a "Done In A Day" project. This might be everyone bringing school supplies that we donate to a local school.

At 12:06PM on 1 December 2008, RTN. SYED AZMATULLAH RC: CHENNAI PHOENIX RD: 3230 wrote:

The first object of Rotary is the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. Therefore, the Club Officers particularly Club Service Director should take care that the new member feels at ease and is not isolated. Programs involving family participations will also ease the situation.