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# Meeting March 19, 2009

Reported by Harriet Clune



**John Borneman** led us in a song.

President Deborah Roberts was not feeling well today Past SO **President Carol Marquez-Olson** stepped up to run the meeting. Our greeters were Joe Strohman and Jim Word. The inspirational message was delivered by Rich Stewart who spoke of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Pete Gallagher's steadfast loyalty and service to our Club and Rotary. He

also thanked everyone who volunteered. The flag salute was led by **Deborah Perkins.** 

Introduction of guests was presented by **Tom Swan. Jeff Hata** brought **Robin Fosler** from the Tender Heart Maternity Home for her second visit! Our song today was "Hail! To Spring" to the tune of Anchors, Aweigh! in honor of the first day of Spring, soon to arrive!

Announcements:

Carol

Marquez-Olson
thanked Brian
Scofield, Renee and
crew for the wonderful
lunch!

❖ Jeff Hata gave a Board of Directors Report. We have received a \$2500. matching grant for support of our English Language and Vocational



**Tom Swan** introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

projects in Nicaragua. **Jeff** also announced that we will be teaming with Food Share on our Casino Night.

❖ Carol Marquez-Olson announced that Saturday, May 23 there will be the Foundation celebration at Poinsettia Pavilion with Rick King as speaker. Please plan to attend as we want to have a great turnout!



Rich Stewart gave a report about the St. Patricks Day Parade.

- ❖ Midge Stork reminded everyone of the very special Rotary Night at the Rubicon Theatre for the performance of "Fiddler On The Roof." Sign up... Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Drawing: **Deborah Perkins:** The drawing item today donated by **Steve Phillips:** \$50. Gift Certificate to, guess where??? J.C. Penney! Thanks, Steve. The winner was **Michael Doyle.** Congrats and enjoy! We raised \$115. today, bringing our total to \$3178...
- ❖ International Service: **Dave Anderson:** A thanks that the money (grant) will be used to support the kids in Nicaragua.
  - Community Service: Tom Swan: Kudos to Meeting, cont'd on page 3

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# **Presidents Message ...**



Deborah Roberts President 2008-2009

Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

"It'll be a great day when education gets all the money it wants and the Air Force has to hold a bake sale to buy bombers." ~Author unknown, quoted in You Said a Mouthful, Ronald D. Fuchs. ed.

I had the opportunity to participate in the Ventura Commerce and Education Foundation's Principal for a Day program a couple of weeks ago. I spent the morning at Balboa Middle School with Principal Teri Gern. We

spent the morning visiting classrooms; observing curriculum; and talking with teachers and students. I was thoroughly impressed with the creativity shown in some of the teaching methods. Had I had someone teaching me algebra with that much enthusiasm I surely would have aced the class! In the science department several Buena High students were visiting and teaching through hands-on experiments. Another group was working on recording the weekly bulletin, a vocal, green newsletter. It was just a few days before Ms. Gern was to give a number of pink slips to several beloved teachers.

Following my time at Balboa, Teri and I made our way over to the Ventura Adult and Continuing Education campus for a luncheon with the other Principals and Principals for a day. There was a very interesting round-table discussion about what we all took away from our time at each of the schools we visited. There was an overwhelmingly similar theme from each of us as we contributed our thoughts, money – rather the lack there of. The schools are desperate for so many basics; it's disheartening. Before wrapping up lunch, Teri left me with the following "Wish list" for her school:

- Computers
- White copy paper
- Construction paper
- White board markers
- Library books
- Visualizers (very expensive item)
- Walkie-Talkies
- Office furniture (could be used, ours is terrible)

If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions on how we as a Rotary Club could jump in to support our local schools, I'm quite sure the teachers, principals and students would be sincerely appreciative.

Yours in Rotary Service, Deborah Pudlewski-Roberts President 2008-2009

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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?



# Club Events

#### **Programs**

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

March 26, 2009

Food Share - Jeanne Benitez

**April 2, 2009** 

Human Trafficking - Juliette Chandler **April 9, 2009** 

Offsite Meeting - Ventura Botanical Gardents

April 16, 2009

Job Shadow Day - Husam Hishmeh

#### **Greeters**

March 26, 2009

Vance Thompson & Sandy Waddell April 2, 2009

Jim Word & Deborah Zuniga

April 9, 2009

Dave Anderson & Bob Beckwith April 16, 2009

John Borneman & Rafael Canton

# **Rotary Recognition**

Recognition Chair: Rich Stewart

March 26, 2009 - TBA

April 2, 2009 - TBA

**April 9, 2009** - TBA **April 16, 2009** - TBA

# **Meetings**

**TBA** 

**New Member Training Session** 

April 9, 2009

Vocational Service 2nd Thu/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

#### **April 15 2009**

Board of Directors Meeting 3rd Wed/Month, Mimi's 7:00 AM

April 13, 2009

Club Service 2rd Mon/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

**April 13, 2009** 

Community Service 2rd Mon/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

April 21, 2009

International Service 3rd Tue/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

April 14, 2009

New Generations 2nd Tue/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr 5:30 PM

**Every Monday** 

Buena Interact Club Buena High School, Room 48 12:30 PM

#### Meeting, cont'd from page 1

Husam and his office for use for our meetings! We have 4 BBQ's set: April 23 for 125 people, May 2 for 250, August 22 or 200 and August 29 for 250. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS and COMMITMENT.

❖ Club Service: **Jeff Hata:** There will be a short Board Meeting right after our meeting today to vote on changing our next meeting to May 23 rather than Thursday so we can all go to the Foundation Celebration. **Jeff** also announced that Casino Night will be October 17,



Jed Harris was our speaker today.

a Halloween Theme with Costumes encouraged, a smaller casino venue, a dinner/dance and a Poker Tournament all afternoon. There should be something for everyone!

- ❖ Vocational Service: **Husam Hishmeh:** April 9 will be the Botanical Gardens meeting for our Rotary Club at Grants Park. A box lunch will be served. Put it on your calendars! Also, the April 16<sup>th</sup> job shadow day needs drivers. See Husam. Joint Meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. at Hishmeh Enterprises with the New Generations Committee.
- ❖ New Generations: Gary Moratz: RYLA is coming up... plan to visit and see how great it is!

Happy Dollars came from: Michelle Mercado for Husam Hishmeh...he got food asap to the funeral for their friend in the military who was killed. Husam "rocks!" Another Happy Dollar from Steve Phillips for his daughter and her basketball team who won, 70-3 against Inglewood High School, no less! Bob Pazen gave a \$ for Wendy Pazen's success in her photography class...for her "A" grades and her photo in the Art Show. Congrats, Wendy! Husam Hishmeh gave \$10. for the Tuesday International Meeting for food to Dave Anderson for \$10...or something about trading food because no one came to the meeting...your note taker is confused! But somehow Jan Lindsay came to the meeting late and wound up with a bottle of rum...try to explain that!

Our program was introduced by Rocky Ludes.

Jed Harris brought today's program – <u>Update from the Gaza Strip and West Bank</u>. Jed has spoken to us twice before about his trips to Afghanistan to help clear land mines. He has now traveled to the Middle East for over 12 years. Usually he goes as part of an organization, but this time he went on his own.

Wherever he travels in the Middle East, he asks residents their opinion of the problems and solutions. In 1996 when he was in Israel, those in uniform told him they were fighting for their

children. In 2004, in Southern Lebanon, he was told *they* were fighting for their children. Same thing, or at least same explanation. He also talked to a very old man who told him, in the old days, Jews, Muslims and Christians lived together and got along well.

During his 2008 trip to the area, he found travelling in the occupied territories was rather difficult. On that trip he focused on the viewpoint from the Palestinian side. Jed showed us some photos and also maps. The West Bank is about the size of New Jersey, and includes a population of about 2.3 million Palestinians. The West Bank is divided into three areas, (A) full Palestinian control, (B), mixed control, and (C), full Israeli control. There are hundreds of checkpoints in the West Bank. You need permits to travel, and there are significant restrictions on freedom of movement. Gaza is ten times worse – it's like a prison. Rather surprisingly, the West Bank has about 17 universities. The Palestinians are highly educated, but opportunities to use their education are limited. Jed had one strong opinion: a two-state "solution" is not possible.

With his American passport, he was frequently waved through the checkpoints, but others are often turned back. Even being allowed through the checkpoint, he was frequently required to travel a roundabout way to his destination. He found the Palestinians very open to Americans and felt he was always well received. His presentation included some disturbing images and troubling facts and history. Despite this, he encouraged us to travel to the Middle East, assuring us it is really very safe.

Well, Jed, I know you *said* it's safe, but next time you go – take care and watch your back!!

== Rocky

# COMING OCTOBER 2009

# District 5240 Conference Ventura Beach Marriott

More info to follow ...

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# **Upcoming Events**

May 2	2009-10 Board Retreat
May 23	Paul Harris Night
July 4	Push em Pull em Parade
July 17	Step Down
Aug 8	Ventura County Fair Parade
	Harbor Fireworks Cruise
Sept 24	Ventura Chamber Mixer
Oct. 23 - 25	District 5240 Confernce



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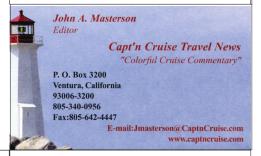
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# Rotary forms new alliance for water, sanitation projects

By Janis Young Rotary International News -- 18 March 2009

Sara Lucena, a member of the Rotary Club of Puerto Plata Isabel de Torres, Dominican Republic, installs water filter in a home in Aguas Negras. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson Rotary International and USAID have launched collaborative effort implement water, to sanitation, and hygiene projects in the developing world.



Sara Lucena, a member of the Rotary Club of Puerto Plata Isabel de Torres, Dominican Republic, installs a water filter in a home in Aguas Negras. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson

The International H2O Collaboration was

formally announced 18 March at the World Water Forum in Istanbul, in conjunction with World Water Day, 22 March.

Focusing on Africa, Asia, and Latin America, the alliance will develop its inaugural projects in 2009-10 in Ghana, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic -- countries where Rotary clubs and districts and USAID missions have the demonstrated ability to carry out effective water and sanitation projects. After the initial phase, the alliance will evaluate its work and strategically consider expanding into other countries.

The Rotary Foundation and USAID will share the project funding. Each organization will distribute funds separately and independently, keeping budgeting, expenditures, and reporting mechanisms separate.

Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants will support Rotary club and district involvement with these projects. Both Rotary and USAID will provide technical expertise and on-the-ground support.

"We intend these projects to be models for future projects with strategic partners and in this way to enhance our contribution to world understanding, goodwill, and peace," says Past RI President William B. Boyd, chair of the RI-USAID Steering Committee. He underscores the need for Rotary to meet the challenges of today's world, citing the Future Vision Plan and

Water, Cont'd on page 6





Thomas B. Swan

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Thank you to Steve Phillips for donating \$50 Gift Certificate to J.C. Penny for our raffle prize.

Our lucky winner was Michael Doyle.

We raised \$115 bringing our total to \$3,178.

Deborah



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USAID is a government agency that provides economic, development, and humanitarian assistance in support of U.S. foreign policy goals. Its Global Development Alliance model promotes partnerships with prominent private-sector partners in the nongovernmental, foundation, and corporate arenas.

"Through this important collaboration, the service ethic and commitment of hundreds of thousands of Rotarians around the world will be joined with the global development expertise and technical leadership of USAID to yield a significant, sustainable increase in water supply and sanitation coverage for the planet's poorest and most vulnerable populations," says USAID Acting Administrator Alonzo Fulgham.

#### Deadlines

Rotary clubs and districts will have until 30 June to submit grant proposals. The deadline for grant applications is 15 August. Approved projects will receive funds in April 2010. The Foundation intends to fund \$500,000 in projects in each focal country in the 2009-10 Rotary year through 3-H grants.

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Mickey Rooney

A good character is the best tombstone.
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- Charles H. Spurgeon, British preacher and writer



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