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of Ventura-East

# The Breeze

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## Remembering Arlene “Tootie” Gallagher

*Reported by Jeff Hata*

Much has happened since the last edition of The Breeze was published. I apologize for missing a week of The Breeze, but many of us spent many hours with Pete helping and comforting him during his time of need. This edition is in memory of Tootie Gallagher and the happiness, the laughs and the Love that Tootie brought to us all!

Arlene “Tootie” Gallagher, 84, Ventura died Wednesday, April 8, 2009 in a Ventura Hospital following a brief illness.

Born Arlene Agnes, nee, Plosch to Sam and Agnes Plosch, February 24, 1925 in Elizabeth, IL. She was so named “Tootie” by a midwife friend of her mother who liked to play with her tiny toes as a baby. Tootie married Devere “Pete” Gallagher on February 12, 1945. The Gallaghers just celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. The year following their marriage they moved to Ventura from Illinois. Pete and Tootie Gallagher were the owners of Gallaghers Mobil Service station on the corner of Main and Kalorama for 17 years. They then moved to Main and Katherine streets near Loma Vista and renaming the station Gallaghers some time later. Tootie served as office manager for 52 years while Pete was the “front man” and chief mechanic.

The couple retired in 1995. Friends and customers alike remarked that “a better couple you couldnt find.” Tootie Gallagher was the past treasurer of the Twin Wheelers Motor Cycle Club, Ventura; honorary member of the Ventura East Rotary Club where she joined husband Pete in active support of the clubs charitable foundation. Tootie was awarded a “Paul Harris Fellow” of Rotary International.

Entombment and services will be April 13th, Monday, noon at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park followed by a memorial service, April 16th, Thursday, 5:30 P.M. in the Ventura Room of the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd, Ventura. The Rev. Mark Corbin Smith, Trinity Community Church, officiating. Friends who wish may pay their respects, Easter Sunday, April 12th from 4 to 6:00 P.M. at the Santa Paula Room of the Poinsettia Pavilion where the casket will lie in state. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rotary Club of Ventura East Foundation, 1050 S Kimball Rd, Ventura, CA 93004. Arrangements are under the direction of Bob Gregorchuk, Sunset Plan, Ventura, 658-2124 [www.sunsetplan.com](http://www.sunsetplan.com)



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## Presidents Message ...



Deborah Roberts  
President 2008-2009

### Family of Rotary

Once again, this last week and a half I've had the privilege to witness firsthand what the Family of Rotary is all about. I watched as so many of us rallied around Pete and Tootie Gallagher during this very difficult time. I doubt if many of us could understand completely how difficult it is to say good-bye after over 64 years of marriage, yet I think it's abundantly clear how very much they've loved each other throughout the years. I am truly touched by how many of you kept vigil at the hospital last week, provided meals, helped with planning, etc. Whatever needed to be done, our Rotary family stepped up to do. I'm sure we will continue to work together as a family and support Pete through the next weeks and months.

On Easter Sunday many of us gathered to pay our respects; the turnout was amazing. On Monday a beautiful service was conducted by Pastor Mark Smith. On Thursday we will celebrate Tootie's life here at the Pavilion at 5:30 PM. Our BBQ team will be serving dinner to all who attend.

Pete and Tootie have been loved members of this community for many, many years. We've heard so many say they were like second parents, guiding them into adulthood and keeping them on the right track. I think we can all agree that Rotary was like their child as well. Tootie was not only supportive of Pete's involvement in the Club, she herself contributed so much that she was named Honorary Member in 2007. Our Club has lost a very, very special woman and Rotarian. Tootie, you will be missed.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Pudlewski-Roberts  
President 2008-2009

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## Club Events

### Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

**April 16, 2009**

Job Shadow Day - Husam Hishmeh

**April 23, 2009**

Charles Darwins Explorations - Dr. Rainer Buschman

**April 30, 2009**

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**May 7, 2009**

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**April 16, 2009**

John Borneman & Rafael Canton

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**April 30, 2009**

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**May 7, 2009**

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### Rotary Recognition

Recognition Chair: Rich Stewart

**April 16, 2009 - TBA**

**April 23, 2009 - TBA**

**April 30, 2009 - TBA**

**May 7, 2009 - TBA**

### Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

**May 14, 2009**

Vocational Service

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

**May 20, 2009**

Board of Directors Meeting

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

**May 11, 2009**

Club Service

2nd Mon/Month, 290 Maple Ct #118 5:30 PM

**May 11, 2009**

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2nd Mon/Month, 290 Maple Ct #118 5:30 PM

**April 21, 2009**

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

**May 12, 2009**

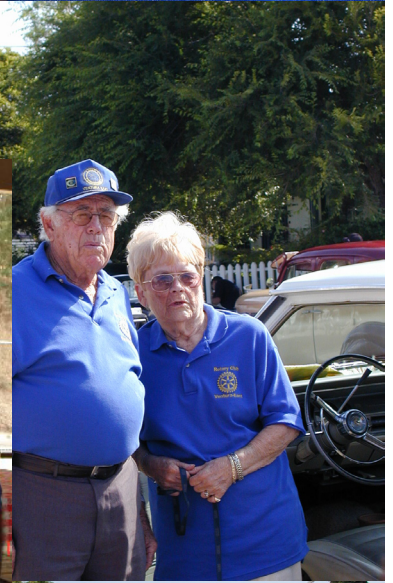
New Generations

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

**Every Monday**

Buena Interact Club

Buena High School, Room 48 12:30 PM



# Rotarians bike around Australia

By Donna Polydoros

Australian Rotarians have embarked on the longest organized bike ride in their nation's history: a seven-month, 18,000-kilometer (11,200-mile) journey to raise awareness of Rotary, Australian Rotary Health, and the need to fund mental illness research.

The Great Australian Bike Ride is sponsored by Australian Rotary Health, an RI Board-approved, multidistrict project that raises money for and provides grants to medical and mental health research projects.

"Rotarians welcome any novel opportunity to get involved and to help the community," says Dick White, chair of the event.

Riders took off from Melbourne on 21 March, then took a boat to their first stop, Hobart, Tasmania, looping around the island before returning to the mainland. Over the next seven months, riders will circle the country counterclockwise, stopping in the capital cities of each of Australia's states and territories before ending in Melbourne on 10 October.

Over 100 participants, many of them Rotarians, plan to ride one or more of the nine stages of the course. Five of the riders expect to complete the entire route.

Rotarians helped plan the event by surveying portions of the course and volunteering to find housing for the riders, supply meals, and host fundraisers.

"We hope to have major fundraising events in the capital cities, and large attendances at these would ensure their success," says White.

Event officials welcome additional riders for the remaining stages of the journey and invite Australian Rotary clubs to organize community rides to coincide with the event. Clubs are also encouraged to hold fundraisers to support mental health research.



Riders and support crew for the first stage of the Great Australian Bike Ride take a group photo in Tasmania. Courtesy of the Great Australian Bike Ride

## 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 Conference



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# Hospital receives new lease on life

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 15 April 2009

U.S. and Mexican Rotarians have used a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to supply a hospital in a poverty-stricken community in Mexico with more than US\$1 million worth of medical equipment.

The Rotary clubs of Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico, and Denver, Colorado, USA, secured a \$19,900 Matching Grant to help the hospital in Teloloapan, which had fallen into disrepair. The clubs collaborated with Project CURE (Commission on Urgent Relief and Equipment), a Denver-based organization that focuses on building sustainable health care infrastructures by collecting surplus medical supplies and donating them to developing countries.

Project coordinator Irina Bulkley-Hopkins, a member of the Denver club, reached out to fellow club member Doug Jackson, the CEO and president of Project CURE, to help solidify the project. After an on-site needs assessment, Project CURE volunteers, many of whom are local Denver Rotarians, collected medical equipment and delivered two 53-foot containers full of supplies



Members of the Rotary Club of Iguala, Mexico, unload donated medical equipment with the help of armed security for a new hospital in Teloloapan, Mexico. Bottom; The inside of the new hospital. Photos courtesy of Project CURE

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Deborah

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to Teloloapan in July.

State health officials approved a government grant to repair the long-abandoned hospital building after receiving word of the Matching Grant for supplies. The 24-bed hospital now has an X-ray machine, ultrasound technology, and emergency medical equipment. It will provide emergency and general health care for more than 60,000 people in the community.

“This is a home run for Rotary in Mexico,” says Jackson. “This is what Project CURE and Rotary live for -- to help those who are in need.”

**Access to medical care**

Before the hospital reopened, the rural region of Teloloapan only had access to a small clinic with one doctor. The medical facility in neighboring Iguala was hours away by footpath and dirt road.

“I feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment because we helped thousands of people gain access to health care that was never available to them before,” says Bulkley-Hopkins.


The project ran into a few snags along the way, she says, including one of the containers being held up in customs.

After months of doubt about whether the second container would be allowed into the country, Jackson contacted Margarita Zavala, wife of Mexican President Felipe Calderón, who had worked with Project CURE on several other initiatives in Mexico. Zavala was able to help the container clear customs and reach the hospital in February, Jackson says.

“First Lady Margarita Zavala was thrilled to hear about our project and was eager to help in any way she could,” says Jackson. “She is a great person to have on our side for future Project CURE and Rotary projects.”

Bulkley-Hopkins said Iguala Rotarians did a tremendous job with logistics after the equipment arrived. Club members prepared required permits and organized meetings with local and state officials. The club also arranged for armed security guards to be present as the supplies were moved into the hospital.

“Accomplishing what we did in Teloloapan is a great example of how Project CURE and Rotary can work together and drastically improve lives. This is a great partnership, and I feel very fortunate to be associated with both,” says Jackson. “We’re going to save some lives and change the course of history for this community.”




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