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President Deborah rang

the bell. The Inspirational

message this week was given

by Jeff Hata, he asked for

a moment of silence for us

to reflect on the wonderful Rotarians that we have lost

recently, namely LeRoy

Andrews, Ann Smith and

Tootie Gallagher. It was a

moving moment for everyone

in attendance. They will be

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# Meeting May 28, 2009

Reported by Jill Gregorchuk



Deborah Perkins conducted our raffle.

greatly missed.

The Flag salute was led by Bill Gray. Jan Lindsay introduced the visiting Rotarians, Hutch was visiting from the downtown Rotary, and there were no guests this week.

Happy \$'s were given by Nikki Sloan to thank the members that are her customers – Bill Hicks, Michael Doyle, Ron Polito, Tom Crozier, Vance Thompson,

Ron Hertel, Mohammed Hasan, Monte Widders (who additionally Nikki mentioned was listed in Who's Who in Professional Services in the Pacific Coast Business Times, it gave quite an in depth bio of Monte, with the exception of absolutely no mention of Rotary!!) Rocky Ludes received a happy \$ from Nikki also for his help in the lining up of speakers for



Floyd Gill is in search of our Push-em Pull-em parade banner.

each weeks meeting, also \$'s went to Jordan Eller, Rich Stewart, Harriet Clune, Husam Hishmeh, Judy Hoag, and Bob & Wendy Pazen for using Nikki's husband's



P.D.G. Jan Lindsay introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

pest control business.

Bill Hicks gave a happy \$ for Ojai West Rotary's cleanup of a pontoon boat on Lake Casitas that can now be used for parties, it holds 30-40 people.

Pete Gallagher had a happy \$ for Dr Pazen, and Wendy's Office, Pete has new glasses (they are very handsome), everyone in the

office Pete said were wonderful to him.

Chuck Yuncker gave a happy \$ his daughter Lauren will be home in June, and his son is getting married. Mohammed Hasan gave a \$ for Jeff Hata's inspirational moment.

Deborah Perkins happy \$ was for Wendy Pazen who filled in for Deborah.

Joe Strohman mentioned that Tommy Slater had encephalitis from a mosquito bite.

John Borneman led us in a song titled "They Took Up Golfing" to the tune of "Those April Showers".

President Deborah asked if anyone could play the piano which would help our singing, which at times is not the greatest.

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## Presidents Message ...



Deborah Roberts President 2007-2008

Fellow Rotarians,

I would like to extend a great big thankyou to all of you who participated in our Paul Harris Celebration / Anniversary Night this week. From planning, organizing, decorating, serving, checking-in, collecting raffle monies, and all of you who were there to celebrate with us; it was a terrific evening. Carol Marquez-Olson, Wendy Pazen, Midge Stork, Jill Gregorchuk, Vance Thompson, Bob Lynn,

**Pete Gallagher** and all who worked so hard, you ROCK! We were able to award Paul Harris Fellows to two of our

many outstanding Rotarians, **Michelle Mercado** and **Tom Swan**. Santa Paula awarded a PHF to one of their outstanding Rotarians as well. What a treat to be given such an award by **PRIP Rick King!** Congratulations to all of you! Then, to my complete surprise, **Jeff Hata** presented me with a PHF, too. Thank-you, **Jeff** for making me cry in front of such a captive audience. I can't tell you how very much I was touched. For a number of reasons, including time constraints, we will award a few more of the prestigious PHF's on July 17<sup>th</sup> when we celebrate the conclusion of my reign.

As mentioned on Saturday, the raffle this week was for a **LeRoy Andrews Vocational Scholarship**. We will "pass the hat" again on Thursday for those of you who were absent at our last meeting but would like to contribute to this scholarship in memory of LeRoy and his passion for Vocational Service.

And finally, a very special thank-you goes out to **Jan Lindsay** for volunteering to be **PRIP Rick King's** aide during his time here in Ventura. It was **Jan's** responsibility to be by Rick's side from the moment he stepped off the plane until he returned to Nor. Cal. Not just anyone can aide a Past RI President as there is a certain protocol that needs to be followed. Thanks so much, **Jan** for taking time out of your Memorial Day weekend to make sure **Rick** was completely comfortable and taken care of!

Tom Swan, I hope you had a wonderful birthday!

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

#### 2008 - 2009 Club Board of Directors

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#### **Avenues of Service Directors**

Jeff Hata	Club Service
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Dave Anderson / Judy Hoag	International Service
Mark Smith	Interact

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The Four Way Test 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

June 4, 2009 Cuba Photo Trip - Bill Kendricks June 11, 2009 Craft Talk - Husam Hishmeh June 18, 2009 Incoming Prez's Remarks - Jeff Hata June 25, 2009 The "New" CMH - Gary Wilde

## Greeters

June 4, 2009 Mohammed Hasan & Tom Hashbarger June 11, 2009 Jeff Hata & Ron Hertel June 18, 2009 Bill Hicks & Husam Hishmeh June 25, 2009 Judy Hoag & Rocky Ludes

# **Rotary Recognition**

Program Chair: Rich Stewat June 4, 2009 - Husam Hishmeh June 11, 2009 - Andy Corliss June 18, 2009 - Gene Cherry June 25, 2009 - TBA

# **Meetings**

TBA New Member Training Session

June 11, 2009 Vocational Service 2nd Thu/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

July 8, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting 1st Wed/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 7:00 AM

June 8, 2009 Club Service 2nd Mon/Month, 290 Maple Ct #118 5:30 PM

June 8, 2009 Community Service 2nd Mon/Month, 290 Maple Ct #118 5:30 PM

June 16, 2009 International Service 3rd Tue/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. Noon

June 9, 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

A reminder that the Memorial Service for LeRoy Andrews was on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30pm.

CarolMarquez-Olsen mentioned what a success the Paul Harris Night & or club's Anniversary Dinner was on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was a good attendance, she

thanked the people that helped and a good time was had by all.



Max Copenhagan & Nina Kobayashi spoke to us about thier recent GSE experiences.

A reminder that the last day to register for D.G. Anil Garg's Step Down dinner is June 8<sup>th</sup>, and the dinner will be June 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Bake Sale was a tremendous success as always. The total raised was \$2,285.00.

There were no reports this week from any of the Avenues of Service.

Because there was time to spare, President Deborah asked all people with a birthday since July 2008 to stand, it seemed as if it was everyone but Jeff Hata.

Anniversaries this month included Floyd Gill and Dave Anderson.

Floyd Gill asked if anyone had the Rotary banner to let him know. It is needed for the Push 'Em Pull 'Em parade.

Vance Thompson who was the bartender at the last dinner, asked if who ever may have any of the bar supplies to please return them. Additionally, if anyone has anything belonging to Rotary at their homes to please let Deborah Roberts know. There is to be an inventory taken of all supplies. If anyone has a spare martini shaker, and would like to donate it, we would all be very appreciative.

It was announced that the funds collected from the raffle today would go towards the LeRoy Andrews Vocational Scholarship Fund. Rafael Canton donated \$50.00 in cash. Husam Hishmeh was the winner, he immediately donated the money back to the scholarship fund. \$90.00 was collected today, bringing the combined total for the fund to \$475.00.

Thanks,

From your mild mannered reporter,

Me

Nikki Sloan then introduced our speakers. Nina Kobayashi and Max Copenhagan were members of this year's Group Study Exchange (GSE) that traveled to Thailand.

The Rotary Foundation's GSE program is a unique and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 & 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks,

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team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas.

In a typical 4 week tour, applicants participate in 5 full days of vocational visits 15- 20 club presentations, 10- 15 formal visits and social events, 2- 3 days at the district conference, 3- 4 hours per day of cultural and site tours, and 3- 4 hours per day of free time with host families. In 2010, the GSE team will travel to Bangladesh and Rotary Foundation is seeking 4 non-Rotary members that live and work here to be a part of the memorable experience.

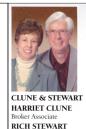
Nina and Max visited 12 cities in 23 days in Rotary District 3360 in Thailand. Most Rotary meetings in Thailand required them to karaoke!!! Singing karaoke is viewed as a leadership trait, therefore they pre-planned, memorized and rehearsed karaoke songs for each meeting. Nina and Max recalled their favorite experiences such as Thailand toilets (a hole in the ground), fried fish morning, noon and night for meals, ant egg omelets, toilet paper as table napkins, and motorcycles with 3 or 4 people riding on one cycle. They took vocational visits to a banana factory, banks, schools, silk factory, and the US consulate. Additionally, they visited the Hall of Opium, where the history of opium was explained and corrected, Buddhist temples, and the "long neck" tribe where woman wear rigid rings on their necks to protect themselves from tiger attacks while their husbands are hunting. Almost every club referenced their focus to provide recycling programs and address large trash problems in the country in addition to providing clean water to rural areas.

Best Regards, Nikki Sloan

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. -Mark Twain

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# Child's Definition of LOVE.

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

• "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8

 $\bullet$  When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4

- "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - age 5

- "Love is when you go out to eat and give some body most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy - age 6

• "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4

• "Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny - age 7

• "Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss" Emily - age 8

• "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen," Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

• "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate," Nikka - age 6

• "There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both kinds of them." Jenny - age 8

• "Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday." Noelle - age 7

• "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy - age 6

• "During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore," Cindy - age 8

• "My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." Clare - age 6

• "Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine -age 5

- "Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." Chris - age 7  $\,$ 

- "Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann - age  $4\,$ 

• "I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren - age 4

- "When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." Karen - age 7

• "Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross." Mark - age 6

• "You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget," Jessica - age 8

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When

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his Mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

# Financial update on the global financial markets and their impact on Rotary

Rotary International News -- 3 June 2009

#### Dear Rotarians:

I'm happy to report moderate improvement in Rotary's financial situation since my last letter on this subject on 2 April. Both Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation saw positive investment results in March and April, marking the first consecutive two-month period of growth this fiscal year. As a result, our investment losses have dropped from US\$26 million recorded through February to \$18 million as of 30 April for RI and from \$222 million to \$187 million for the Foundation. Most of the year-to-date losses remain unrealized and should reverse as the markets recover.

Revenues from club dues remain slightly ahead of budget, and total contributions to the Foundation are comparable to last year. However, a dramatic shift in current fund contributions from the Annual Programs Fund to PolioPlus in response to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge has reduced the Foundation's cash available to fund operations. As a result, we will soon be selling some investments to pay for the Foundation's operating expenses. As mentioned in my previous communication, the District Designated Fund remains secure at this time. Also, operating expenses for both RI and the Foundation remain favorably below budget in most areas, with these reductions projected to continue through the end of the fiscal year.

In April, the RI Finance Committee thoroughly reviewed our proposed 2009-10 RI operating budget, which is balanced and will tightly control spending. The committee recommended that the RI Board of Directors approve this budget at their June meeting. At this time, it is projected that RI's General Surplus Fund will remain above the 85 percent level targeted by the RI Bylaws through 2009-10.

Also in April, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation approved an austere operating budget for fiscal year 2009-10. Read a summary here: Chairman Jonathan Majiyagbe's letter.

For more than 20 years, your Foundation has operated on earnings from Annual Programs Fund investments, enabling the Trustees to spend every dollar contributed by Rotarians on humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs and program operations. During this period, the Trustees also spent approximately \$100 million of investment returns on PolioPlus, Children's Opportunities Grants, and other humanitarian programs. However, the current financial situation may prevent us from funding the Foundation's operations in this manner for the next several years. Therefore, at the request of the Trustees, Trustee Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe appointed a special committee to develop an equitable and effective multiyear plan to restore the Foundation's reserves. Additionally, the Foundation's Investment Advisory Committee is reviewing the Annual Programs Fund investment policy to ensure that the value of your contributions is protected and that the Foundation will have sufficient liquidity to meet program payments and operating expenses.

Our Foundation has thrived over the past few decades. The growth in our programs is due to your financial support. If you have not yet done so, I hope you will join those Rotarians who have made a contribution to the Annual Programs Fund by 30 June. Every gift, no matter the amount, counts. Your generosity will make a difference in the 33,000 communities that Rotary serves.

More in-depth financial information is available at www.rotary.org/financials. In addition, the annual Treasurer's Report to the Convention will be posted on the RI Web site during the upcoming convention in Birmingham, England, along with the General Secretary's Report to the Convention, which will provide information on many RI and Rotary Foundation activities over the past year.

Sincerely, Ed Futa



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