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Dave Anderson accompanied John Borneman.

Jeff opened his first meeting as President. No one walked out on him as is tradition but we did it in his honor last week..so Jeff you have been officially ignored welcome to your presidency.

Niki Sloan read our inspirational moment, she read from a book on leadership and one of the quotes that seemed very prolific was..”

An army sheep lead by a lion beats any army of lions lead by a sheep”

The flag salute was done by Michelle Mercado who was also just recently promoted to a regional manager overseeing three different offices..Congratulations Michelle!!

John Borneman did his usual great work on our song and was accompanied on the piano by Dave Anderson... Good job Dave, do we have a new piano player???

Deborah did our introduction of guests where Jim Word introduced two teachers that his wife Alberta had known since childhood. But they have taught it seems all over the world.

Bob Tholl a former member introduced Mark Ball the under-sheriff of Ventura County. Welcome Mark.

Deborah and Jeff then exchanged past and current president buttons...Deborah seemed truly happy to be



Jeff & Deborah exchanged President & Past President Badges.



The lunch line for the BBQ.

a PAST president...and Jeff was Ecstatic about being a current president !!!!!!!

Jeff then briefly discussed his trip to England for the Rotary Convention and talked about the inspirational messages sent by its speakers. Jan will have these for us to view in the future

Tom Crozier then gave us some unfortunate news about a great young man and how his contribution to rotary had helped so much. Unfortunate this young man lost his life in an auto accident in Oregon. Tom’s message to us all. We are not immortal drive safe. Our prayers go out to Josh Silva’s family. Thanks for sharing Tom.

Avenues of Service were called up and Dave Anderson spoke of the Sept 8th trip to Nicaragua. Wendy then spoke for club service and has three events and dates to give us..8/8 is our harbor cruise 9/19 is the piggy BBQ, 10/17 is our casino night...all right party time !!!

Tom Swan thanked all who participated in the July 4th parade and he needs to start a committee for the Pumpkin patch. Husam stated we made 350.00 for

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Presidents Message ...



Jeff Hata
President 2009-2010

Hey, it's July 1st so I guess that means officially Deborah is done, and I have the honor and privilege to lead this fantastic group of Rotarians.

I do not have the foresight to know how this year will go, but I do have the faith that our Board of Directors, our Avenues of Service Directors and our members will mentor and help lead us through this year, because after all being in Rotary is not about one person, but rather about a group of people seeking a common ground to do good and make peoples lives better for our efforts.

I am currently sitting in a Eurostar Station in Paris waiting to take the train back to London so that I can catch a flight back home tomorrow. I do miss home and I miss my Rotary Family very much. In my time in Rotary I'm not sure I've missed 4 meetings let alone 2 in a row and trust me I miss our meetings! I would like to thank the club for the opportunity to attend the convention in Birmingham. It was a fantastic opportunity to spend time with Rotarians and to become reinvigorated for the year to come.

Three people that I had the opportunity to hear were Mia Farrow, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, Dr. Jane Gooddall, United Nations Messenger of Peace, and our own DGE Deepa Willingham. The thing that struck me the most is that each one of these people had very compelling issues that truly need to be addressed and resolved. Then you walk through the House of Friendship and look at the booth's with other club's projects addressing many, many different issues covering everything from malaria eradication, water purity, shelter, education ... it becomes a bit overwhelming to think how can we help? How can we help these people and the thousand's of other people with equally compelling issues? The answer I have come up with is as a club we can't. But that is the true beauty of Rotary. Even though we may not be able to help, somewhere in the world there is a club that will take up their causes. What I have come to believe is that as a club we must focus our efforts and, whatever cause we decide to make a difference in, let's do it. Let's do it to the best of our ability. Let's work as a group to continue to make a difference in our international projects, but we must make a difference locally too. We must do something to help people in need in our own community also.

These are trying times in our country. More and more people are in need on a daily basis. We saw that in our own club last year. We had numerous people leave our Rotary family because financially it became too difficult. We will be using some of the money generated from our Casino Night fundraiser to benefit

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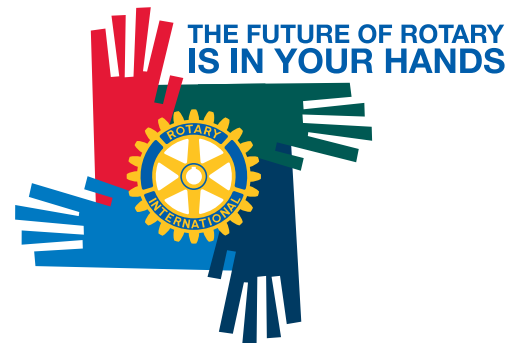
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Husam Hishmeh	Vocational Service
Tom Swan.....	Community Service
Gary Moratz.....	New Generations
Dave Anderson / Judy Hoag.....	International Service
Mark Smith	Interact

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Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

July 16, 2009

Meeting Moved to July 17 - Step Down

July 23, 2009

Brassiere Manufacturing - Ann Deal

July 30, 2009

Type II Diabetes - Todd Binkley

August 6, 2009

Surfrider Foundation - Paul Jenkin

Greeters

July 16, 2009

Gary Moratz & Richard Norman

July 23, 2009

Henry Oster & Robert Pazen

July 30, 2009

Wendy Pazen & Deborah Perkins

August 6, 2009

Steve Phillips & Ron Polito

Rotary Recognition

Program Chair: Rich Stewart

July 16, 2009 - TBA

July 23, 2009 - TBA

July 30, 2009 - TBA

August 6, 2009 - TBA

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

August 20, 2009

Vocational Service

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

August 4, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting

1st Tue/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 7:00 AM

August 10, 2009

Club Service

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

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Community Service

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July 20, 2009

International Service

3rd Tue/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. Noon

August 20, 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

the club selling pizza's at the college during the fireworks show.

Happy dollars...Monty Withers spoke about this being the anniversary of his 35 years in Rotary by donating 35 dollars..congratulations Monty

Jeff then gave his inaugural address and spoke of his family and how he got into Rotary (Jeff I'll let you take it from here)

Enjoy

I started out my talk saying I am now in my sixth year in Rotary. I am a PRLS and Master PRLS graduate and Paul Harris Fellow. I have served on the club board of directors as well as our foundation board of directors. I can safely say that the Rotary World is packed with good people. Good people who want to make a difference in this world. I know our club is filled with good, caring and compassionate people especially after this past year. Last year was not an especially good year for us; we lost too many good Rotarian's through death, job loss or family problems. But the one thing that came through was that no matter how tough things were we came through as a Rotary Family to circle up the wagons and help and protect our fellow Rotarian's and make sure they made it through the tough times. I cannot tell you what an impact that made on me personally. That's what made Rotary real to me and that's what really confirmed in my mind that I made the right choice by joining Rotary.

Another incident that showed the vastness of the family of Rotary was the Katie Pudlewski saga. Deborah's sister was traveling through Italy with a friend and both became ill and unable to communicate. Deborah put a random thought out on Facebook and a Facebook "friend" of Deborah's replied to her that he was close and could help. Deborah had never met this man, but took that leap of faith that because this man was a Rotarian he was someone who could be trusted and he helped Katie and her friend get the medical treatment they needed and get home safely. If the man were not a Rotarian, Deborah is not sure she would have trusted him. Family of Rotary.

My goals for this year are simple.

- 1.) If we are not having fun, it's not worth doing. So let's make sure if we do something we have fun.
 - a. 100% involvement and participation. You need to participate in our major fundraisers at least!
- 2.) We must grow our membership!
- 3.) We have \$20,000 from Deborah's year to use for our International and local projects. Let's invest that money wisely and support the groups that can do the



Relief the end of the first meeting.

FoodShare, but, one of the charges I will be putting before your board of directors is to determine what can we do in our own local community to make a meaningful and sustainable difference for those in need. We have a legacy of doing good work in Mexico and Nicaragua, but what projects do we do locally that will make a difference? We need to improve in this area.

This year's Rotary theme is a very appropriate one to me. "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands." I say this because I would like for our club to keep a lyric from a Supremes song on your mind this year. "Reach out and touch somebody's hand, make this world a better place to be." Let's work as a group to make a difference in our community this year. Let's all reach out and touch somebody's hand and make **THEIR** world thus our world a better place to be.

Thank you for your trust and confidence and let's have a fantastic year!

Yours in Rotary Service
Jeff

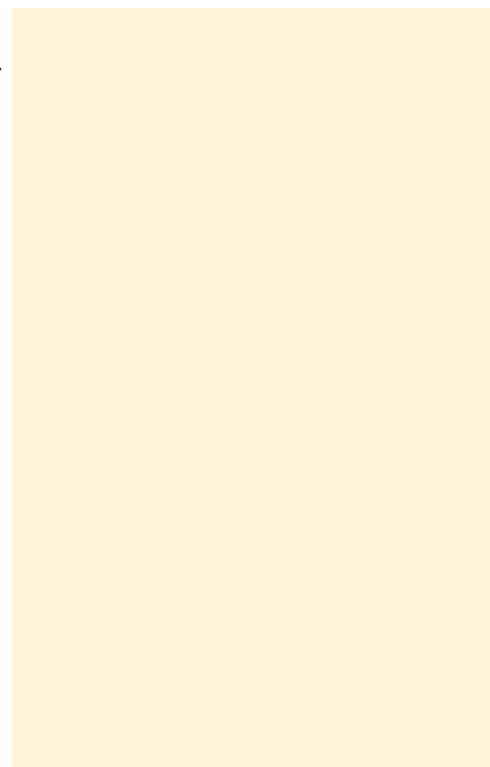
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most good for our International and local communities.

- 4.) We must leave next year's board with more money than we started this year with.
- 5.) We have a long history of creating sustainable International Projects in Nicaragua and Mexico. Now more than ever we must make an impact in our local community. Too many of our friends and neighbors are suffering and we must do something to make a difference. I have issued a challenge to your board and now to you as club members. Before this Rotary year is over let's find or make a project in our local community where we can make a difference in lives here! It's time and it's the right thing to do.

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Worth the smile of a healthy child

By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News -- 14 July 2009

Amidst civil conflict, economic turmoil, and chronic shortages of just about everything, Analia Ramos has helped the people of South Sudan battle hunger for nearly a year.

"I love the place, my job, and the people. I feel blessed," says Ramos, food security coordinator in Sudan for Concern Worldwide, a humanitarian relief and development organization.

A 2004-06 Rotary World Peace Fellow from Argentina, Ramos oversees projects that provide seeds and tools to poor households, establish seed banks and tree nurseries, and train people in agricultural plowing, beekeeping, and blacksmithing.

Ramos says the situation in South Sudan has deteriorated since she arrived last August.

"Insecurity has grown, the economic crisis has hit us all, the violations to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement have multiplied," she says. "Add to that the indictment of President Bashir [Omar Hassan al-Bashir] by the International Criminal Court, the expelling of 13 NGOs [nongovernmental organizations], and tribal conflict, and you have it all."

But Ramos says the knowledge that she is "helping to diminish the suffering of the people by shortening the hunger gap, and at times eliminating it," gives her great fulfillment.

She maintains that freedom from hunger is a basic human right. "Without that, you cannot have health, education, or any other right," she



Analia Ramos holds a healthy baby girl in Torit, capital of Eastern Equatoria State. Photo courtesy of Analia Ramos

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says. "But with any right, we all have responsibilities. People need to learn how to fish and not just be given the fish. It is their right to be able to feed themselves."


Ramos knew at age 7 that she wanted to be an agronomist and at age 12 that she wanted to work in Africa. Her fellowship experience at the University of Bradford was pivotal in shaping her career.

"Rotary gave me a new angle," she says. "I saw how working in food security contributes to peace, to achieve human rights for most of the people who do not have a voice."

Throughout history, Ramos says, hunger has claimed more lives than armed conflict or disease. "Hunger is the No. 1 killer," she says. "But it only makes news in big famines, and people forget, in most cases, it is a silent killer."

In the face of frequent food shortages, Ramos tries to help in any way she can. "Trying is worth the smile of a child, the knowledge that someone has gone to bed not hungry, that God has been there all the way, even in the difficult times," she says.

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