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Meeting January 28, 2010

Reported by Jordan Eller



Jeff Corsello gave us an update on Sweet Dreams.

President Jeff rang the bell and invited everyone to lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians first!

Jeff thanked our greeters Sam Marsh & John Masterson. Our Inspirational Moment was given by Husam Hishmeh. Tom Hashbarger led us in the salute to the Flag.

Introduction of guests was done by Jeff Coyner.

Guest of the Club was Robert Jacobi.

Deborah Perkins announced our raffle prize donated by Nikki Sloan and was \$50 cash all in \$1 bills.

John Borneman and Dave Anderson led us in a song and then John Borneman gave us a quick report on his trip to Uruguay.

Carol Marquez-Olson asked for volunteers to read at Lincoln School. Nikki Sloan asked Jeff Corsello to give us an update on the Sweet Dreams project.

Deborah Roberts announced that the clip board was being passed around for the Fat Tuesday sign up at Main Course on Feb. 16th. Also, to check the blog for the GSE Team in Bangladesh.

Chuck Yuncker spoke about job shadow on February 18th and we need drivers. Chuck collected forms that were being returned, but we still need more drivers.



Jeff Coyner introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.



John Borneman spoke about his trip to Uruguay.

President's announcements:

February 13th the District will be hosting a Water Conference at CLU. Flyers are on your tables.

The district is taking donations for Haiti relief. If you would like to make a donation, the information is on the website.

We are seeking a host family for a potential Exchange Student next year.

If you or someone you know is interested, let Wendy Pazen know.

We need to have a quickie board meeting after the club meeting. New member application from Andrew Vasquez and District funds rebate.

Avenues of Service Reports:

Vocational Service (Husam Hishmeh) - Job Shadow day is coming and we need to get the forms for volunteer drivers turned in quickly.

International Service (Judy Hoag) - Our team to Nicaragua is in country and learning a lot!

Happy Dollars - Michelle Mercado & Husam

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Presidents Message ...



Jeff Hata
President 2009-2010

Our group is back from Nicaragua. Please be sure to read Rich Stewart's article about their trip on page 4 of this newsletter. From various emails, Rich's article and FaceBook postings it's obvious that this trip has again made an impact on our club members and others who made this trip. We can never fully appreciate what we have until we've traveled to a country where the people have far less than us. Nevertheless, our group managed to have some fun, shop and visit some really good restaurants. Hopefully they didn't drink all the rum in Nicaragua!

Past President Deborah Roberts reported last week that our GSE Team in Bangladesh has a blog that they are updating while on their trip. You can view that blog on our Rotary District 5240 website, www.rotarydistrict5240.org. Looks like they are having a good time and learning a lot while on their excursion. We look forward to having a program from Andrea Barkan, a GSE Team Member that our club sponsored, when she returns.

Please make sure that you keep your eye on the calendar. We have a very busy few months coming up and I don't want anyone to say "I didn't know." It's all right there on the calendar so be informed and know what's there.

Have I told you all how much I appreciate you and thank you for all the work you do? Well it's true. We are truly blessed to have so many dedicated Rotarians in our club who are willing to pitch in and help out where ever and when ever needed! **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

On a closing note this week, Wendy Pazen and John Masterson are putting together a 3 day cruise to Ensenada, probably in May, so stay tuned and if you can ... go on this trip. It's way too much fun!

YIRS
Jeff Hata

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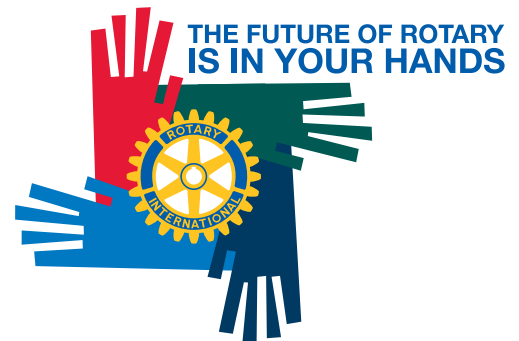
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Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

February 4, 2010

Congo Relief Work - Dr. Victoria Bentley

February 11, 2010

Quilting in the U.S. - Georganna Hawley

February 18, 2010

Job Shadow Day - Husam Hishmeh

February 25, 2010

Nicaragua Report

Greeters

February 4, 2010

Michelle Mercado & Dick Norman

February 11, 2010

Hank Oster & Bob Pazen

February 18, 2010

Wendy Pazen & Deborah Perkins

February 25, 2010

Ron Polito & Deborah Roberts

Rotary Recognition

Program Chair: Rich Stewart

February 4, 2010 - TBA

February 11, 2010 - TBA

February 18, 2010 - TBA

February 25, 2010 - TBA

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

February 18, 2010

Vocational Service

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

March 1, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting

1st Tue/Month, DW's, 1985 S. Victoria Ave, 7:00 AM

February 8, 2010

Club Service

2nd Mon/Month, Carrows Telephone Rd. 5:30 PM

February 8, 2010

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2nd Mon/Month, Carrows Telephone Rd 5:30 PM

February 16, 2010

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3rd Tue/Month, Marie Callendars (Victoria) Dr. Noon

February 11, 2010

New Generations

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

Every Monday

Buena Interact Club

Buena High School, Room 48 12:30 PM

Hishmeh.

Deborah Perkins conducted our raffle which was won by Judy Hoag. Congratulats Judy and thank you Nikki Sloan for your donation.

Nikki introduced our speaker, Husam Hishmeh.

Last December, Husam had the opportunity to visit Cuba along with 20 other individuals from across the US with Bill Hendricks, a teacher at Ventura College. Mr. Hendricks under the guise of a religious and photography tour is able each year to take a few select individuals to the communist island annually. You may recall that Bob and Wendy Pazen visited over a year ago as well. In less than a one hour flight from Miami, Husam arrived in Cuba to a virtual time warp into the 1950's, where the population still drive vehicles from the 1950's from when Fidel took office.

Most of the building's architecture appear to belong in the streets of Italy or Spain not Cuba. Many older homes have been converted to hotels, in which the local Cuban's welcome tourists and American's alike into their homes for home cooked Cuban meals. The locals fluently speak English and have college educations that include extensive post graduate internships. Cubans appear to enjoy attending theatre's, museums and local restaurants and bars for music. Arts are highly appreciated and thus artists are highly compensated. Artists in fact, are one of the highest compensated careers in Cuba. It is not uncommon for a Cuban to have multiple homes in the States.

Contrary to a typical communist political environment, the Cuban's welcome many different religions into their culture such as the Catholic, Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths. In fact, Castro allows those of the Jewish faith a more substantial ration of chicken and fish given their dietary restrictions. Also of note is the large Mason population. There are over 65,000 Mason's in Cuba.

Signs of communism are obviously still apparent, such as the governmental control over which television shows are aired, billboards that are only allowed to depict the "good" quality of life of living in Cuba, and the inability to own your own home. Husam said there is most definitely two economies in Cuba, that of the locals and that of the visitors. A particular good or service may cost 0.70 cents for a Cuban, but for a visitor the same good may cost \$15.00, negotiating gets you no where. Most all goods and services are still bartered. Other signs of communism include the local neighborhood watches, that keep on record individual



Husam Hishmeh spoke about his trip to Cuba.

files that document what truths, lies and gossip you may have spoken. You might ask, in such a society how do you motivate yourself to strive for advancement and prosperity? Husam believes the Cuban's are driven by love not money.

Though many people assume that Cuba is neither safe nor welcomes Americans, Husam discovered that is quite the contrary. Police were visible at every location and kept the beggars and not to mention prostitutes from bothering any tourists. There have been discussions for many years that speculates upon Fidel's death, will Cuba and the US development an amicable relationship and further allow entry and exit into the country more freely?

Best Regards,
Nikki Sloan

Nicaragua Report

Rich Stewart

Brief report from your team in Nicaragua: We have visited several of RCVE projects, including the English Language School, the Preschool, The Computer School, The Community Bldg construction site, the micro-credit participants and we attended the meeting of the Granada Rotary Club.

Students from the language school and the computer school have been scheduled time with us one-on-one here in Casa Crozier. We sit with them for an hour or so, forcing them to converse with us in English, helping them find a word or expression that they don't know. There are several levels of competency and we have to tailor our interaction to their individual levels of fluency. With a few of them, it's like pulling teeth to get them to talk; with others we have to cut them off.

We have met the young man who was accidentally shot and we donated some money to make his treatment and physical therapy possible. He is making progress.

In the community of Pantanal, most of us went to the Community Council meeting and participated in some decision making and walked to where women have borrowed \$25 or \$50 and from that small infusion they have multiplied it into clothing making, tamale making and candy making enterprises. People with little hope of improving their situations, now have the wherewithal to earn some income and improve their lot.

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Important Dates

Drinking Water Conference	Feb. 13
Fat Tuesday Social	Feb. 16
P.E.T.S.	Feb. 19 - 21
St. Patty's Day Parade	Mar. 13
Foundation Gala	Mar. 13
District Assembly	Mar. 27
Santa Anita Social	Apr. 17
Rotarians at Work Day	Apr. 24
RYLA	Apr. 22-25
D.G. Luz Maria Step Down	Jun. 12
R.I. Convention, Montreal	Jun. 20 - 23
Push-em Pull-em Parade	Jul. 4
Ventura County Fair Parade	Aug. 7
Harbor Fireworks Cruise	Aug. 7
Pumpkin Patch	Weekends in October
Halloween Fundraiser	Oct. 30
Children's Christmas Party	Dec. 23

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The money they borrowed has all been repaid with 5% interest and the funds are available now for the next budding entrepreneurs to step forward. They are excited about the opportunity and the changes that this small donation from us has made in their lives.

The children at the preschool presented a program to us, singing songs, reciting poems. We gave them a two-table top gift of education materials - crayons, pens, paper, puzzles, books, educational games, etc. They were thrilled.

We have visited other potential opportunities for us to share our good fortune with these people who have so much less than we can imagine without actually walking the streets of their community. It is a moving and thrilling experience to come down here and experience an international project ourselves. In between the work we've been doing, we've done some sightseeing and some shopping and we've had some good meals in some fine restaurants.

Health camp helps kick off India immunization drive

By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News -- 2 February 2010

Organized on 7 January by the Rotary Club of Delhi South Metropolitan, Delhi, with support from the India PolioPlus Committee, the camp provided underprivileged residents with checkups, consultations, and information on a wide range of health issues.

Health camps are often held before NIDs in India to encourage people to participate in polio immunization activities. Rajashree Birla, an honorary member of the Rotary clubs of Bombay India, cont'd on page 6



Lakshmi Mittal immunizes a child against polio at a health camp in New Delhi. Also pictured are his wife, Usha (in turquoise); Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee (gold tie); and RI President-nominee Kalyan Banerjee. Helping to hold the child is Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo (brown jacket). Photo courtesy of the India PolioPlus Committee

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Weekly Raffle

Today's raffle prize of \$50 cash was donated by Nikki Sloan.

We collected \$100 to add to our scholarship fund of \$1,883. Our lucky winner was Judy Hoag! Congratulations Judy.

Again thank you to Nikki for donating our raffle prize and to our lucky winner Judy Hoag.



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
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and Mulund, Maharashtra, joined Lakshmi Mittal, who leads ArcelorMittal, the world's largest steelmaker, and his wife, Usha, in inaugurating the New Delhi camp. Birla and the Mittals are major contributors to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.

"It is the conscience of corporate families like them who inspire people to give so that the vulnerable and underserved can fare better in their lives," said Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo.


"The global fight against polio is being fought mainly in four countries, which include India," said RI President-nominee Kalyan Banerjee. "It is a responsibility that we all share and at this stage must be addressed with urgency and utmost sincerity, so that children in India, mainly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, are saved from falling prey to polio."

Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok M. Mahajan, a member of the International PolioPlus Committee, expressed his admiration for the dedication that Birla and the Mittals demonstrated in visiting the camp.

Birla -- whose late husband, Aditya Birla, founded the Aditya Birla Group, a Fortune 500 company -- has contributed \$2 million to Rotary's challenge. She thanked Rotary for working to address the health care needs of the disadvantaged. "The disparity in the ratio of medical doctors to patients is very high in India, and there are many who remain unattended [when it comes to] medical care," she said.

Birla also called Rotary's effort to eradicate polio inspiring. She urged all people to spread the end polio message in their area of influence, including to co-workers and business associates, and leverage their connections to reach out to parents in the slums.

"Children in the age group of one to five years must be immunized against polio lest they be crippled for life," said Usha Mittal, who has made a \$1 million gift to Rotary's challenge. "My family and I feel privileged to be able to contribute to Rotary for making India polio-free."




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Announcement

The following
has been proposed as new member of
the Ventura-East Rotary Club:

Name: Robert Jacobi
Classification: Restaurateur
Proposer: Jeff Hata

Any objections to this person becoming a member of our club should be brought to the attention of the President, President-Elect or any Director within ten (10) days of this publication.

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Announcement

The following
has been proposed as new member of
the Ventura-East Rotary Club:

Name: Andrew Vasquez
Classification: School Teacher
Proposer: Tom Swan

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