



## Meeting April 29, 2010

*Reported by Jordan Eller*



Tom Hashbarger gave our Inspirational Message.

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

Jeff thanked our greeter Andy Corliss. Tom Hashbarger gave our inspirational message and Jim Word led us in the salute to the Flag.

Introduction of guests was done by Vance Thompson.

Peg Stevens was a guest, but her host did not write down who they were, guest of Husam

Hishmeh was John McBride. Guest of honorary member Chuck Yuncker was Shannon Yuncker. Visiting Rotarian from Ventura Downtown was David Michael Kenney.

John Borneman and Dave Anderson led us in a song Titled "April Showers" to the tune of Jingle Bells???

Bob Lynn announced a magic show fundraiser "Magic For our Military" to benefit the Sealed with a Wish Foundation.

Husam Hishmeh and John McBride asked for donations to send a boy scout to camp whose family is disfunctional cannot afford to do it on his own.

Presidents announcements:

We will be hosting the Ventura Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on June 4th and on September 23rd we will be hosting the Ventura Chamber of Commerce Mixer.

The district is currently seeking nominations for Ambassadorial Scholars and Peace & Conflict Resolution Scholarships. The application deadline is 5:00 pm June 16th. Complete information and links are on our club website.



Vance Thompson introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Gentle reminder that next week is the Bake Auction. You don't want to miss that meeting!

President Jeff said that the highlights of being president is being able to bring new members into the club and that the opposite end of that spectrum is to announce a member leaving our club. President Jeff then announced that Past President Mohammed Hasan had tendered his resignation from the club due to his current business commitment level, Mohammed was unable to continue his responsibilities with the club. Thank you for your 15 years of service and best of luck in your future endeavors.

Avenues of Service Reports:

Club Service - Wendy Pazen, reminded next years board that her retreat will be on May 2nd. Wendy also passed around a sign-up sheet for the step down dinner and the Poker for Polio events.

Happy Dollars: John Borneman, Tom Shilton, Bob Lynn, John Masterson, Marol Marquez-Olson, Midge Stork, Monte Widders and Husam Hishmeh.

We did not have an opportunity drawing this week.

We then listened to our program introduced by Nikki Sloan.

Dr. Kathleen Roos, Director of the Navy's



John McBride spoke about a Boy Scout in need.

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## Presidents Message ...



**Jeff Hata**  
President 2009-2010

Well, Wendy Pazen held her board retreat this past weekend and I am here to tell you that we are instore for a very exciting year.

Wendy's board is super-charged and ready get going, NOW! They don't want to wait for July 1st which is a great thing to see.

Normally, clubs are starting wind it down at this time of year and get ready for next year, but not Ventura-East. We still have a full plate of activities to complete before the end of the

year.

Please make sure you check out the calendar on page 4 because this will give you a heads up on all planned activities between now and January 1, 2011. The major items left before July 1st are a club social at Old Creek Winery on May 16th, Poker for Polio on May 22nd, Ventura Chamber Breakfast sponsored by The Rotary Club of Ventura-East on June 3, Club Step Down on June 5th, D.G. Luz Maria Ortiz-Smith's Step Down on June 12th, R.I. Convention June 20 - 23 and sandwiched in there date to be determined will be a Charter Night of the new community based Rotaract Club.

The Rotaract Club met this past Monday at Red Brick Pizza and had 16 people in attendance with a few others who want to belong to the club but could not attend. They need to have 15 so they have the number of members they need to start the club. They had election of officers and Cheney Caldwell will be the Charter President and Jan Lindsay's daughter Nicole will be the Charter Vice President. Cheney is completing the necessary paperwork and will be getting it off to R.I. and from what we understand a week after R.I. receives the paper work we will receive the charter! Very exciting and thank you to Cheney and all the new Rotaract members for their commitment to improving the local and international communities.

At last weeks meeting Cheney asked each member to state where their passions lay, community or international, and it was a pretty even split between the two choices. Since the Rotaract clubs have to do a community and international project each year I feel they will have enough interest from their members to make this happen.

The first project that the Rotaract Club is taking on is to raise money and collect "gently" used swimsuits for our "Operation Splash" project be conducted by the Ventura Family YMCA.

These are exciting times! More news to follow.

YIRS  
Jeff Hata

## 2009 - 2010 Club Board of Directors

Jeff Hata .....	President
Wendy Pazen .....	President Elect
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Nicolette Sloan .....	Director 2007-2010
Jordan Eller .....	Director 2009-2011
Henry Oster .....	Director 2008-2011
Deborah Perkins.....	Director 2009-2012
Robert Pazen.....	Director 2009-2012

## Avenues of Service Directors

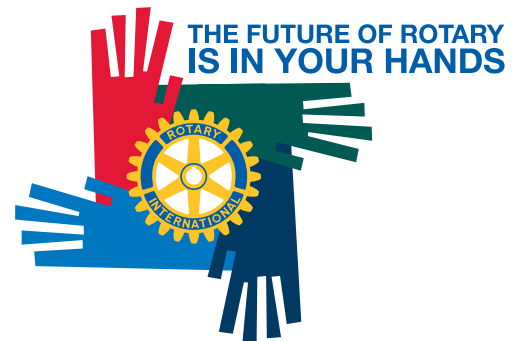
Wendy Pazen .....	Club Service
Husam Hishmeh .....	Vocational Service
Tom Swan.....	Community Service
Floyd Gill.....	New Generations
Judy Hoag .....	International Service
Mark Smith .....	Interact

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## **Programs**

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

**May 6, 2010**

Bale Sale - Chuck Yuncker

**May 13, 2010**

Scholarships - Michael Doyle

**May 20, 2010**

Club Anniversary

**May 27, 2010**

New VA Retirement Home - Offsite

## **Greeters**

**May 6, 2010**

Tom Crozier & Michael Doyle

**May 13, 2010**

Jordan Eller & Jim Emch

**May 20, 2010**

Dick Gallagher & Pete Gallagher

**May 27, 2010**

Floyd Gill & Bill Gray

## **Rotary Recognition**

Program Chair: Rich Stewart

**May 6, 2010** - TBA

**May 13, 2010** - TBA

**May 20, 2010** - TBA

**May 27, 2010** - TBA

## **Meetings**

**TBA**

New Member Training Session

**May 20, 2010**

Vocational Service

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

**June 7, 2010**

Board of Directors Meeting

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

**May 10, 2010**

Club Service

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

**May 10, 2010**

Community Service

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

**May 18, 2010**

International Service

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

**May 13, 2010**

New Generations

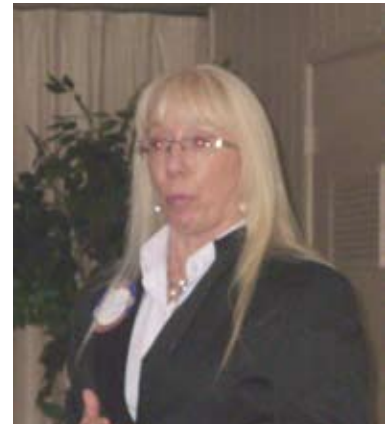
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**Every Monday**

Buena Interact Club

Buena High School, Room 48 12:30 PM

Environmental Training Program, joined us today to discuss her role as a civilian to drawn down the military bases in Iraq after Operation Iraqi Freedom. Dr. Roos is employed by the Navy as a civilian to define and advise the Navy on how to operationally and environmentally drawn down military bases including the disposal of hazardous materials. As a distinguished awardee of the Superior Civilian Service Award, and environmental scientist, her experience was most interesting!



Dr. Kathleen Roos spoke about the military draw down in Iraq.

She spent 10 months, arriving in early 1009, in Iraq, working primarily at the Victory Base Complex, Baghdad Embassy and Ministry offices. She was charged with reducing the multi-national force footprint that had accumulated since 2003, in support of the drawn down including closing waste water lagoons, disposing of solid waste, and discharging lithium batteries commonly used in military equipment/ gear. Despite the challenges of severe dust storms, terrible air quality, constant fear of rape and killing, she managed to obtain General Odierno's support of the environmental drawn down and teach yoga to the Army each morning!

Not to forget...One of the most exciting parts of her trip in addition to serving our country was participating in the US Archeological survey of the Ziggurat of Ur!

Best Regards,  
Nikki Sloan



# Wendy Pazen's Board Retreat and Social.



## Important Dates

Club Social Wine Tasting..... May 17  
 Poker Night at Garman's ..... May 22  
 Ventura Chamber Breakfast ..... Jun. 4  
 Club Step Down..... Jun. 5  
 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  
 Ventura Chamber Mixer..... Sep. 23  
 Pumpkin Patch .....Weekends in October  
 Halloween Fundraiser.....Oct. 30  
 Children's Christmas Party .....Dec. 23

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# How I found myself running in a Mongolian marathon

Story and photos by Scott Brills  
The Rotarian -- May 2010



The Mongol Rally, equal parts charity fundraiser and lunatic odyssey, was dreamed up by two bored Englishmen and held for the first time in 2004 with six cars. In 2009, more than 400 teams took part."

Last summer, a young Rotarian from Michigan, USA, set out to drive a 2001 Chevy Metro with 140,000 miles on it from England to Mongolia.

The Mongol Rally -- equal parts charity fundraiser and lunatic odyssey -- was dreamed up by two bored Englishmen and held for the first time in 2004 with six cars. In 2009, more than 400 teams took part. Ralliers can choose their own route to the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar, but their cars must have an engine no larger than 1.2 liters -- and no GPS. Getting lost is more or less the point, although those cars that make it to Mongolia are donated to charity.

"You are supposed to be on an adventure, not in a nursery class, so if the sky does fall on your head, prop it up with a windscreen wiper and carry on," the rally website reads. "If you're worried, stay at home."

It was a siren call that Scott Brills couldn't resist. Brills, a member of the Rotary Club of West Bloomfield, and his friend Collin Otto, took the team name Hardly Working and raised \$1,650 for Mercy Corps Mongolia, one of the rally's official charities. Brills, then 26, and Otto, 25, then collected an additional \$7,000 to help build and outfit a kindergarten in Mongolia,

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a joint project of Brills's club and the Rotary Club of Bayanzurkh 100 in Ulaanbaatar.

"We decided to drive to Mongolia in search of adventure, and adventure is most definitely what we got," says Brills. "Starting off with a half-year fundraising campaign for a seemingly ludicrous attempt to drive across a third of the earth's surface to deliver funds to assist in building and outfitting a kindergarten in a country many people had never even heard of, we had our work cut out for us.

"Throughout the 10,000-mile trip, we were accosted by border guards, held captive by corrupt police, stranded in no man's land between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, and even had our vehicle die on a 10,000-foot plateau in the middle of Tajikistan -- just to name a few of our hilarious mishaps.

"But all of the challenges we faced over the nine-week journey are minor compared to the many positive experiences we had, the people we met, the scenery we witnessed, and the lives we helped change."

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