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Meeting May 6, 2010

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Nikki Sloan gave our Inspirational Message.

Interact President Gigi and Vice President Gabby rang the bell and invited everyone to lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians first!

Gigi thanked our greeter Tom Crozier and Michael Doy.e, and what a fine job they did! Nikki Sloan gave our inspirational message and our 4 RYLA students led us in the salute to the Flag.

Introduction of guests was done by Bill Spellman.

We had two visiting Rotarians from the Downtown Club, Danielle Brinkman and Margo Byrnes. Visiting from Buena High school was Teresa Gerry and Michael Irving.

John Borneman and Dave Anderson led us in a song.

Chuck Yuncker then introduced our two students of the quarter. The first student of the quarter was Olivia Strohman, daughter of our own Joe Strohman. Olivia was also accompanied by her mother Julie and her younger sister Marie. Our other student of the quarter was Jacqueline Lilly who was accompanied by her parents John and Debra Lilly. Congratulations to both of our student's of the quarter.

Bill Spellman introduced guests and visiting Rotarians?

President Jeff then asked all Rotarians who were born in the month of May to please stand. Happy Birthday Jeff Coyner (5/28), Rocky Ludes (5/18), Ron Polito (5/6) & Tom Swan (5/23). Happy Anniversary to Floyd & Erin Gill and Dave & Wendy Anderson both on May 28th and to Dick & Jean Norman on May 4th

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.

Avenues of Service Reports:

Club Service - Wendy Pazen, announced that the Poker for Polio Event was being cancelled. We did not have enough sign ups.

Jeff Coyner conducted our Rotary Recognition session.

John Borneman led us in a song.

Happy Dollars: Wendy Pazen, Joe Strohman, Michelle Mercado and Judy Hoag.

We did not have an opportunity drawing this week.

We then prepared for our program which was our annual Interact Bake Sale! This is a much anticipated event and due to the financial implications one of our best attended meetings of the year!

The proceeds from the Bake Sale go towards funding the weekly mentoring program at Portola Elemetary, lunches after monthly visits to Cypress Place and the Townhouse, lunches when Interactors visit our club and other projects that Interact participates in.

So with our fearless auctioneer in charge, Mr John Masterson, let the bidding commence!

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Presidents Message ...

Jeff Hata
President 2009-2010

Yes, the much anticipated Interact Bake Sale is now behind us! I must say that the quality of the cakes this year seemed to be very high. The level of creativity was great and the decorating skills are getting better every year!

Thank you to everyone who bid and bought an item and thank you for making our Interact students feel welcome and appreciated. I know the Bake Sale is something that I look forward to every year and I don't see that changing anytime soon. Talking to the students before the meeting was a very interesting time. These students are truly engaged and want to do something good in our community.

Interact is a great program that Mark Smith and Chuck Yuncker have there at Buena and we should all be proud of the efforts being put forth by Mark and Chuck. Mark reports that they still are having over 40 students show up regularly to their meetings. For a high school club I think that's amazing. With so many other distractions out there for Mark and Chuck to keep these students engaged and interested is a testament to their commitment.

It's official, the paperwork for our community based Rotaract Club is off and in the mail. We should receive the charter paperwork back from Rotary International in a few weeks and then we shall plan a Charter Night to officially bring the Ventura Rotaract Club into the Rotary Community. We have been working with the Downtown club and the South club to make this a reality and I know all three clubs are very interested to see this Rotaract club thrive and grow. Exciting times and I can tell you that we have an outstanding core of young professionals joining this group and I see only good things happening with this group!

Operation Splash, which we are sponsoring through the Ventura Family YMCA will officially kick off on March 17th. It's hard to believe that this program has come together literally in the span of two months, but it is here and the YMCA is genuinely excited by the opportunity we have made possible for them. Thank you to our board of directors who made it possible to make the funding available to make this program real!

Ventura-East you guys ROCK and I am so glad to be a member of this club!

YIRS
Jeff Hata

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Club Events

Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

May 13, 2010
Scholarships - Michael Doyle
May 20, 2010
Club Anniversary
May 27, 2010
New VA Retirement Home - Offsite
June 5, 2010
Step Down - Comedy Club

Greeters

May 13, 2010
Jordan Eller & Jim Emch
May 20, 2010
Dick Gallagher & Pete Gallagher
May 27, 2010
Floyd Gill & Bill Gray
June 5, 2010
TBA

Rotary Recognition

Program Chair: Rich Stewart
May 13, 2010 - TBA
May 20, 2010 - TBA
May 27, 2010 - TBA
June 5, 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

June 14, 2010
Club Service
2nd Mon/Month, Carrows Telephone Rd. 5:30 PM

June 14, 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
2nd Thu/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

Every Monday
Buena Interact Club
Buena High School, Room 48 12:30 PM

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Non Stop Generosity

Yesterday Ventura East Rotary again demonstrated great generosity. Words are inadequate to underscore the true fact of the generosity of Ventura East. Words are also inadequate to underscore the true fact of the club's support of its youth and the youth of Ventura County.

John Masterson led us in our Annual Interact Bake Sale!

Yesterday you paid fabulous prices for baked goods. But it was not just yesterday that this took place. For thirty years Ventura East has participated in the Annual Bake Auction. This event is one of the major highlights of the club's on-going year long support of its youth. Please be sure of the deep gratitude of your youth.

The proceeds from the Bake Auction goes to funding of the following?

- Our Weekly mentoring program at Portola Elementary School
- The Annual German Exchange Student Luncheon.
- Lunches after our monthly visits to the Retirement Centers.
- Lunches when students visit Ventura East Rotary.
- Other projects as the funding permits.

We want to thank all of you and especially John Masterson for the wounderful event of yesterday's bake auction. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your year long support of your youth and other youth in the county and the world.

In behalf of Interact,
Very Sincerely,
Mark Corbin Smith
05/07/10

30th Annual Interact Bake Sale & Student of the Quarter

Olivia Strohman receives her Student of the Quarter Plaque from Bill Spellman.

Jacqueline Lilly receives her Student of the Quarter Plaque from Husam Hishmeh.

Important Dates

Club Social Wnie 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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RI Board lowers Interact age

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary International News -- 11 May 2010

To help promote the growth of Interact , the RI Board has agreed to lower the age of eligibility for Interactors from 14 to 12.

"This is another opportunity to expand the family of Rotary," says J.R. Thompson, a member of the RI Interact Committee and the Rotary Club of Rocky Ford, Colorado, USA. "In my personal experience working with young people, they will put out the effort to reach a reasonable level of expectations. I found this is just as true of a 12-year-old as it is of a 14-year-old."

Interactors get ready to take part in a Subnational Immunization Day in Nepal in 2008. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson

The Council on Legislation, which met 25-30 April in Chicago, was also poised to consider a pair of proposals to lower the minimum age for Interact, but withdrew them because of the January action by the Board. District 2750 (Guam; Japan; Micronesia; Northern Marianas; Palau), which proposed one of the resolutions, argued in its statement of support that the mental and physical development of young people today is more advanced than when the Standard Interact Club Constitution was launched.

The Council approved creating a permanent committee of RI for Interact and establishing a fifth Avenue of Service, New Generations Service, to recognize the positive change brought about by young adults involved in leadership activities. Read more .

Each year, Interact clubs are asked to complete at least two community service projects, one of which should further international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs.

The Board's policy for Interact states that the sponsor Rotary club must cooperate with school authorities in supervising the Interact club, and that the Interact club is subject to all the regulations that apply to other student organizations and

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extracurricular activities at the school.

If the school where an Interact club is based includes students younger than age 12 or older than 18, they may also be members, the policy states. So, if a school serves students ages 10-13, 10-year-olds could also be members.

"In smaller communities, it is not unusual for secondary schools to be combined with junior and senior high schools," says Thompson. "In fact, this is a growing trend in the U.S., where the mean age of the population continues to move up."

The Board also agreed to set these priorities for the program:

• Promoting Interact using publications, video, the Internet, club presentations, and other methods

• Sharing information about Rotary with Interactors by distributing Rotary International publications such as The Rotarian magazine and Rotary Leader , and the governor's monthly letter

• Assigning Rotarians as mentors for Interactors, inviting Interactors to attend Rotary club meetings, and consulting with Interact clubs to develop a districtwide service project for all Interactors

"Strong clubs -- whether they are Interact, Rotaract, or Rotary -- are always looking for more good people willing to put their minds, backs, and hearts into Service Above Self," says Thompson.

Day breaks for Alzheimer's families

By Eve Neiger
The Rotarian -- May 2010

For several years, Rotarian Robert Croux struggled to care for his wife, Vony, who had Alzheimer's disease, at their home in Port-la-Nouvelle, France.

By 2002, she no longer recognized him or their children. One day while he was taking a nap, she ran away. He brought her home, then built higher walls around their villa and removed the doorknobs to try to keep her safe.

"Often she would tell me, 'I do not know you! You have to leave!'" he said.

His wife's long illness forced him to miss many Rotary club meetings. His friends at the Rotary Club of Port-la-Nouvelle tried to help, as they watched him become "sad and withdrawn," recalled club member Jean-Claude Lamar. After consulting with experts in 2004, the club opened La Halte Répit (A Pause for Rest), a day care facility for patients with Alzheimer's.

Although Vony died the next year, local families continue to bring their parents and grandparents every Thursday afternoon to the center, housed in a town council building. Trained volunteers sing, play games, and exercise with patients for a few hours, giving the caregivers a much-needed break. Families pay only a small fee.

"Our project answers the families' need to rest from time to time," said Rotarian Jacques Laurant, who cofounded La Halte Répit. "And the families tell us the patients are happier after they come here."

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