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October 21, 2010

YMCA Operation Splash - Margo Byrne

October 28, 2010

Avenues of Service

November 4, 2010

Rotary Foundation - Monte Widders

November 11, 2010

D.G. Deepa Willingham's official visit

Greeters

October 21, 2010

Dave Andeson & John Borneman

October 28, 2010

Danielle Brinkman & Rafael Canton

November 4, 2010

A.C. Carbajal & Harriet Clune

November 11, 2010

Andy Corliss & Jeff Coyner

Club Events

Important Dates

District Conference.....	Oct . 22 - 24
Nightmare on the Hill Fundraiser.....	Oct. 30
Board of Directors Meeting.....	Nov. 3
D.G. Deepa's visit.....	Nov. 11
Board of Directors Meeting.....	Dec. 1
Master PRLS3.....	Dec. 11
Children's Christmas Party.....	Dec. 23
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Master PRLS1.....	Feb. 5
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Master PRLS5.....	Mar. 12
Basic PRLS.....	Apr. 8
District Assembly.....	Apr. 9
RYLA.....	Apr. 15 - 17
R.I. Convention New Orleans.....	May 22 - 25

Fundraisers

Nightmare on the Hill

October 30, 2010

Next meeting is

October 20

at

Red Brick Pizza

time

5:30 pm

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date

December 2, 2010

Youth Soccer Tournament

Date TBA

Next meeting is

at

time

Raffle Prize Donors

October 21 - Deborah Perkins

October 28 - Rich Stewart

November 4 - TBA

November 11 - Wendy Pazen

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Presidents Message ...



Wendy Pazen
President 2010-2011

Our District Conference is this Saturday at Limoneira in Santa Paula. This is a very unique event as our **DG Deepa Willingham** has decided to bring the party to the people. It promises to be a very fun conference. Thank you, **DG Deepa**. We have 11 members signed up to work the Barbecue Team for this event and I know **Jordan Eller** and **Tom Swan** need about 9 more. Please give them a call and sign up!!

October 24 is World Polio Day. Since 1985, Rotary has contributed more than \$900 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. Starting last Monday, Oct. 18, we get two-for-one recognition to benefit Rotary's US\$200 Million Polio Challenge. This applies only to online donations of \$100 or more to PolioPlus and it will end on Oct. 24. After hearing Ventura Rotarian **Larry Emrich** speak to our club last week, I think we all have a better understanding of what Rotary has accomplished so far and how close we are to eradicating this horrible disease. For as little as 60 cents worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. Remember, polio is only a plane ride away. You CAN make a difference in a child's life. Please act now!

If you need help going online to make your donation, please call me and I will help you!!!

Monday night, the Ventura Rotaract club hosted **DG Deepa Willingham** at the Wedgewood Banquet Center. **Rotaract President Cheney Caldwell** has really done a wonderful job of recruiting new members and growing her club. And we all have a treat in store for us when **DG Deepa** comes to our club for her official visit on Nov.11. **DG Deepa** is very passionate about Polio eradication and her enthusiasm is contagious. Two young men who attended the Rotaract meeting were standing out in the parking lot afterwards and asking **Harriet Clune** and **Rich Stewart** questions about how they can help and get involved. These young men are 21 and 26. They are full of energy and now realize that they have an opportunity to change lives – really! – by joining Rotaract and getting involved in the Rotary Family that has clubs in almost every country in the world. It was very refreshing to listen to these guys talking about making a difference and wanting to learn the best way to do it.

In the 5 years that I have been a Rotarian I have found that the more Rotary events that I attend, the better understanding I have of how exciting it is to belong to an organization such as Rotary. The enthusiasm of young people wanting to get involved with changing lives throughout the world and the excitement they feel

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Meeting October 14, 2010

Reported by Jeff Hata



Maria Lopez gave our inspirational message.

President Wendy invited everyone to lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians first!

President Wendy thanked our greeters Tim Hughes.

Danielle Brinkman led us in the salute to the Flag and Maria Lopez gave our Inspirational Message.

Introduction of guests was done by Monte Widders.

Guest of Joe Strohmman was Chad Gibson and guest

of Maria Lopez was Magana Pope. Monte then said a few words about Past District Governor Jock MacKenzie's memorial service.

John Borneman and Dave Anderson then led us in a song!

Terry McBreen announced that our raffle prize was a \$50 gift card to Trader Joe's which was donated by Bill Spellman.

Deborah Roberts spoke about Nightmare on the Hill. We need volunteers to work the night of the event and we also need promised raffle items to be turned in this week!

President Wendy then inducted Tim Hughes into the club. Tim works for the Rescue Mission Alliance and is also a past member of our club. Tim is being sponsored by Joe Strohmman. Welcome back to the club Tim.



Tim Hughes was inducted into the club.

Presidents Announcements:

We need to know who is going to help with the BBQ for the District Conference on October 23rd. We have to get the registration for filled and submitted.

Avenues of Service Reports:

International Service (Judy Hoag) Poinsettia Plant sale time is here and Judy has flyers.

Vocational Service (Bill Spellman) we will be honoring our Vocational Student of the Quarter at the October 21st meeting.

Club Service (Tom Swan) needs more volunteers for the BBQ Team at Limoneria on October 23rd. We will be BBQ'ing for about 300 people for the District Conference.

The address is 1141 Cummins Road in Santa Paula. The District Conference will be here from 11:30 - 2:30 and then will be off to Santa Maria.

Happy dollars: Deborah Roberts, Jeff Hata, Monte Widders, Jesse Gonzalez, Jan Lindsay, Ron Polito, Rocky Ludes, Craig Miller, John Borneman and Maria Lopez.

Deborah Perkins then announced our speaker, Larry Emrich, Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Ventura and our District Polio Chair.

Larry Emrich, of the Rotary Club of Ventura, gave a very informative presentation about polio and its eradication. Polio is a virus that attacks the central nervous system.

Larry has firsthand knowledge about polio. When he was only four years old, he woke up one day and could not walk. Larry's five year old brother also had the same fate. Larry was hospitalized for seven weeks, his brother for six months. Larry made a full recovery, but his brother had to wear leg braces after being released from the hospital.

The first vaccine for polio was approved in 1955. People stood in very long lines for an opportunity to receive the polio vaccination.

In 1985, Rotary began its polio drive. By 1988, 125 nations had joined in a global polio eradication effort. At that time, there were approximately 1,000 new cases *per day* worldwide.

Over the years, great strides have been made in eradicating polio. In 1979, 24 years after the vaccine was approved, the United States became polio free. Fifteen years later, North and South America became polio free. In 2004, Europe also became polio free. In addition, one of the three strains of polio has been eradicated.

Unfortunately, the virus has never been completely wiped out. The last four countries to have the virus are Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, and Nigeria ("PAIN"). Currently, there are approximately 1,000 new cases *per*



Monte Widders introduced guests & visiting Rotarians.

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year.

In 2007, the Gates Foundation gave \$100 million to Rotary to spend on polio eradication. The Rotary foundation successfully matched those funds so the Gates Foundation gave Rotary an additional \$255 million. Rotary must match these funds by the end of 2012. Rotary has already matched \$142 million.

Larry described and showed pictures of his trip to Lucknow, India in February 2008, for National Immunization Day. When the children receive a vaccination, they have their pinky dipped in ink so workers can keep track of who received a vaccination. The workers follow up the initial vaccination by going house to house over the next few days. It costs only \$0.60 to orally vaccinate a child with drops.

Thank you Larry for a great presentation and for all of the great work that you do.

Deborah A. Perkins



Past President of the Rotary Club of Ventura, Larry Emrich, spoke to us about Rotary's Polio Eradication Program.

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when they realize that through Rotary they have the vehicle and support to make these dreams come true. Awesome, doesn't even come close to describing Rotary.

Have a wonderful week!

Wendy

*Tell me and I forget; show me and I remember;
involve me and I understand.
- Anonymous*

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Help Deborah Roberts Help Children With Pediatric Cancer

By Jeff Hata

Deborah Roberts has volunteered to shave her head and donate her hair to Locks of Love if I can do the following ...

I have until March 12, 2011 to raise \$10,000 in donations. If I accomplish this task, Deborah will shave her head on the main stage at our Irish Festival.

Being the great Rotarians that I know you all are, I am sure you will all want Deborah to get what she has volunteered to do.

If you would like to make a donation, please let me know. We are currently researching which non-profit to donate the proceeds to and will let you know soon.

So far we have one pledge from Wendy Pazen!



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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was a \$50 gift card to Trader Joe's which was donated by Bill Spellman.

The lucky winner was Jordan Eller.

We raised \$92 this week bringing our total for the year to \$1,355!

Remember, all the money we raise from the weekly raffle is put into the scholarship fund for Buena Seniors!

Thank you to Bill Spellman for your donation and congratulations to Jordan Eller.



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Young Rotarian quits job, makes service his life

by Craig Vetter
The Rotarian -- October 2010

Andrew Kerr came out of high school primed for success.

He took a job in real estate lending, and by the time he was 20, he had bought a house near his hometown of Cary, North Carolina, USA, furnished it with a big-screen TV, and parked a nice car in the driveway.

"I read a book that suggested joining a service club for networking opportunities," he says. "So I went online and checked out Lions Clubs, Kiwanis, and Rotary – which seemed the coolest to me because of its commitment to community service and national networking."


Within months of joining the Rotary Club of Research Triangle Park, Kerr had organized a 5K race. Although he'd become a Rotarian for the networking, that project helped him focus his interest in service. "I worked long hours for six months under a lot of stress, but it gave me something that was missing in my life and got me thinking that I might want to do this kind of thing for a living, although I didn't know how," he says. He continued to volunteer for club projects, and after two years, at 24 years old, he became his club's youngest president.

By 2008, Kerr was a lending manager at a large real estate agency, but the business climate and his spirit for the work had begun to wane. Then something he read online fed into his growing affinity for community service. "The idea was volunteer vacations. I like traveling, and through Rotary I was getting into volunteering, and the two together seemed really cool," he says.

At the end of June that year, he and a friend drove to Iowa after record-
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After gutting flooded homes in Cedar Rapids, Kerr helps reframe damaged walls.




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breaking floods hit the region. They spent a week tearing down and clearing out ruined houses with a nonprofit called Hands On Disaster Response. "One day, 22 members from the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids West showed up," he says. "We dug through a nasty, muddy, gross-smelling basement, everybody pitching in, becoming friends, helping the community. And I remember one woman who said, 'If you hadn't volunteered, I would have lost the house that I inherited from my mother, which has been in our family for 45 years.'"

Four days after he got home, Kerr asked for another week's vacation and returned to Iowa. His mind was made up. "I drove home, quit my job, stored my stuff at my parents' house, and bought a plane ticket back to Cedar Rapids," he says. Over the next four months, along with doing physical work, he raised money through Rotary clubs and recruited volunteers so successfully that when David Campbell, the executive director of Hands On, showed up for the project's completion in October, he offered Kerr a full-time job.

Through the organization, Kerr has responded to flooding in New York State, tornadoes in Arkansas and Missouri, and earthquakes in Sumatra, Indonesia. "Sometimes it's overwhelming," he says. "But it's fun too. You're out there with volunteers from around the world, living, eating, working with them for 24 hours a day, and you bond quickly with them and with the communities you're working in. It's a great feeling."

As development coordinator, Kerr's duties include fundraising, grant writing, public speaking, and supporting staff in the field. Since January, he's spent several months in Haiti, where Hands On has two full-time employees and a base that houses 100 volunteers. "We do rubble removal – a lot of it has to be removed by hand, so you can salvage as much as possible," he says. "There's a field hospital where we built shelves for the supplies that volunteers bring in; we categorize everything and provide runners when doctors or nurses need something. We try to find where the gaps are and fill them in."

Kerr, who's now 28, has spoken to more than 60 Rotary clubs about fundraising, promoting volunteerism, and attracting younger members. Rotarians have responded by donating their money and time to Hands On projects. As for Kerr, he doesn't see himself turning back.

"It takes a little getting used to, living in a bunk space, just taking along what you need, but you find out you don't need a big wardrobe or a fancy car," he says. "It's been crazy. It's a really cool adventure; I absolutely love it. I travel all over the United States, all over the world. It's a dream come true that I don't think would have ever happened if I hadn't joined Rotary at 22 years old."