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March 10, 2011

Ventura County Taxpayer's Assoc. - Jim McDermott

March 17, 2011

RYLA - Darin Arrasmith

March 24, 2011

Avenues of Service

March 31, 2011

Bill Spellman Interview - Joe Strohman

Greeters

March 10, 2011

Deborah Roberts & Mark Rook

March 17, 2011

Tom Shilton & Nikki Sloan

March 24, 2011

Bill Spellman & Rich Stewart

March 31, 2011

Midge Stork & Joe Strohman

Club Events

Important Dates

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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 |
| Wendy Pazen's Stepdown | Jun 10 |
| Deepa Willingham's Stepdown | Jun 25 |
| Push em Pull em Parade | Jul. 4 |
| Tom Swan's First meeting | Jul. 7 |

Fundraisers

Nightmare on the Hill

October 29, 2011???

Next meeting is

at

time

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date

December 1, 2011

Youth Soccer Tournament

Date TBA

Next meeting is

at

time

Raffle Prize Donors

March 10 - Rafael Canton

March 17 - Chad Gibson

March 24 - Deborah Perkins

March 31 - Bob Lynn

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Presidents Message ...



Wendy Pazen
President 2010-2011

Job Shadow was a huge success! We had 41 students and teachers visiting several businesses. I was fortunate enough to be one of the drivers for the CMH group. **John Masterson** met us on the 8th Floor and we listened as two nurses spoke about all of the job opportunities available to the public. They explained that CMH is really a city within the hospital with all of the facilities available in a city. If you can arrange a tour, you will be very proud of what CMH has to offer the people of Ventura.

On Friday morning RCVE hosted the Chamber breakfast at the Poinsettia Pavilion. **Craig Miller, Jeff Hata, Terry McBreen** and I enjoyed visiting with our table mates and spreading the joy of Rotary. There were several Rotarians present, who are not members of our club, but each one started out with their self introductions stating, "I am also a Rotarian". Wow! It was a great morning for Rotary.

On Saturday, March 12, I hope we will have a full boat on the "people mover" in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. **Bill Spellman** will be driving his beautiful Jaguar and I get the pleasure of riding in it. **Rich and Harriet** will be decorating the "floats" and I know they can use some help, so please contact them. At 4:00pm we will enjoy an Irish Pot Luck Party at **Jan and Pam Lindsay's** beautiful home in Santa Paula. **This is not a meeting!** This is a time for fun and good food and a thank you to all of you who have worked so hard over the last year to try to make the Irish Festival a success. We are very excited to have the great Irish band, **Shenanigans**, playing for us!!! **Shenanigans** worked very hard to find our entertainment for the Irish Festival (as well as committing to play for us all day) and couldn't have been more understanding when we had to cancel it.

May 20-25 will be the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. **DG Deepa** has informed us that District 5240 is currently holding 2nd place for the most attendees!! New Orleans is currently in 1st place, but of course our **OCIW DG** would like to change that. So, if you are planning on attending, get registered now. Let's help District 5240, RI and of course help rebuild New Orleans!!

Have a great week!! Get involved!!

Wendy

2010 - 2011

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Meeting March 3, 2011

Reported by Jeff Hata



John Borneman led us in the Salute to the Flag.

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

President Wendy thanked our greeters Deborah Perkins and Vance Thompson.

John Borneman led us in the salute to the Flag.

Tom Shilton gave our Invocation.

A.C. introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. A.C. got off

easy this week since we didn't have any guests or visiting Rotarians.

John Borneman then led us in a song.

Floyd Gill announced that our raffle today was a \$50 Trader Joes gift card generously donated by Bill Spellman.

P r e s i d e n t s
Announcements:

President Wendy announced that there will be a club social at the home of Jan & Pam Lindsay on March 12th! This will be a pot luck event and we will have the Irish Band Shenanigan's performing for us during this event.

A-G will bring an Irish Main Dish, H-M will bring a side dish or salad, N-W will bring dessert.

President Wendy then gave a brief description of what Rotary is for the benefit of your job shadow visitors.

Avenues of Service:

Club Service (Tom Swan) spoke about his experiences at P.E.T.S. last weekend.

Happy dollars: Wendy Pazen, Bob Pazen, Chuck Yuncker, Jan Lindsay, Bill Spellman & Husam Hishmeh.

Floyd Gill then conducted our raffle and the lucky winner of the \$50 Trader Joes gift card donated by Bill



Floyd Gill conducted our raffle today.

Spellman was Bill Hicks!

Chuck then introduced the job shadow attendees and gave each of them the opportunity to tell about their experience.



Deborah Perkins helped greet today!

Hello From India

Midge Stork

Arrived in New Delhi with four 50 pound bags filled with vitamins, hygiene items, and gifts for health officials, volunteers, and teachers.

A billion two people live in this country. It seemed that all of them were on a road to our workstation, which was three hours out of the city. I've lived on ginger, peppermint, snickers, and bottled mineral water. On the road were thousands of men walking and carrying holy water from the Ganges River to their holy celebration this weekend.

In one day millions of babies under 5 receive two drops of vaccine to STOP polio. In this Huge state 500,000 babies are born monthly. Please support UNICEF and World Health Organizations. Their work with us was amazing. Over 5,000 volunteered with us to try to carry the cold vaccine, give whistles, masks, hairpieces, and etc. and give the drops.

The next day we went to the bus stations, boarded the buses and gave the babies who hadn't been marked with purple markings the day before. Our primary role is to boost the morale of all health officials. I felt like a cheerleader leading the parades of the school children down the alleys of the villages saying "Bring your babies for two drops.

Leave for Calcutta tomorrow. There are 175 girls in the orphanage where we will be assisting. Don't know what to expect. The Hindu people say "We are not a religion ... We are a way of life." They are kind, spiritual, honest, and trustworthy. We love the people.

Love to all of you.

Midge and Dave

Rotaractors make a splash for Australian charity

By Megan Ferringer

Rotary International News -- 8 March 2011

By swimming thousands of miles in their annual Splash for Cash swim-a-thons, Rotaractors in Australia have helped raise more than US\$557,300 to aid children with severe sensory impairments.

Started in 1984 as a joint venture between Rotaract clubs in District 9680 and the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, Splash for Cash has become one of Australia's longest-running fundraising events.

In its first year, 40 swimmers raised nearly \$10,000 for the institute. Since then, the event has attracted more than 200 participants each year. During the 28th annual Splash in April, the Rotaractors aim to raise \$100,000.

Swimmers and teams receive sponsorships for the number of laps they complete during the event, held at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Center. All funds raised from the sponsors go directly to the institute's Teleschool, which provides educational programs to children with hearing or visual impairments in remote areas of Australia.



Krissie Bredin, past president of the Rotaract Club of Crosslands, swam 342 laps during Splash for Cash in 2010. The Rotaractors are aiming to raise US\$100,000 with this year's event in April. Photo courtesy Rotaract Club of Crosslands

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“My club is always very supportive of each other’s passions. What began as an event to participate in soon became an annual event to challenge each other to raise as much money as we can,” says Krissie Bredin, past president of the Rotaract Club of Crosslands. The institute “is now easily the organization that has benefited the most from the work of our club.”

In 2010, Bredin swam 342 laps for the cause. To up the ante this year, she will be swimming with blacked-out goggles to call attention to the challenges that blind children face daily.

Bredin says Splash for Cash was a major reason she joined Rotaract in 2006. The popularity of the event has helped her club’s membership quadruple since 2008 and strengthened its reputation within the community.

“If you told me five years ago that I would raise tens of thousands of dollars for my favorite charities [through Rotaract projects], I wouldn’t have believed it,” says Bredin. “With the support of my fellow Rotaractors, we will keep taking the world by storm.”

Evan Burrell, district Rotaract representative, says delegates from the district will attend the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, to promote Splash for Cash and encourage other districts to adapt it for their own use.

Like the young Australians, Rotaractors worldwide are involved in their communities. Each year, World Rotaract Week honors the chartering of the first Rotaract club in 1968. Rotaractors this year can decide the best way for their club to celebrate the program by completing one, two, or an entire week’s worth of activities 7-13 March. After the club has completed its commemorative events, the sponsor Rotary club or district Rotaract chair can download a certificate of recognition.

Here are other examples of projects sponsored by Rotaract clubs:

- * Rotaractors in Chennai, India, raised \$8,800 to help construct a home for children with HIV/AIDS.
- * Rotaract clubs in Hong Kong held a walkathon to raise \$10,000 for a local food bank while generating awareness of hunger in the community.
- * Rotaractors in Tokyo raised \$3,000 and traveled to Nepal to help local Rotaractors construct a well for a rural village.

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Weekly Raffle


Our weekly raffle was a \$50 Trader Joes gift card donated by Bill Spellman.

We raised \$125 this week bringing our total to \$3,480 for this Rotary Year!

Our lucky winner was Bill Hicks! Congratulations Bill.

Remember, all proceeds from the weekly raffle go directly to help fund college scholarships for Buena High School Seniors.

Again, thank you to Bill Spellman for his generous donation and congratulations to Bill Hicks!



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
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RI Travel Service helps scholars flee Egyptian unrest

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 11 February 2011

Rotary International Travel Service (RITS) stepped in to help Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Jamie Gajewski and four other scholars to leave Egypt when civil unrest made it unsafe for them to complete their scholarships there.

Gajewski, from Madison, Wisconsin, USA, was studying Arabic at Alexandria University. Rotarians and Rotaractors in Egypt took good care of her from the minute she arrived in the country five months ago until her safe departure. After widespread street demonstrations erupted on 25 January, her previously safe neighborhood in Alexandria was overrun by military tanks and demonstrators.

“My neighborhood is a labyrinth of dark, narrow streets, and in front of every building there were bands of men and young boys armed with wooden planks, metal rods, knives, and guns, working together to protect their businesses and families from looters,” says Gajewski. “Overnight, this safe neighborhood became unstable and dangerous.”


Gajewski says that when foreigners were urged to leave the country, Internet and cell phone interruptions made it difficult to get information about evacuations.

“I began receiving worried phone calls from Egyptian and foreign friends from all over the city,” she says. “They heard reports of roving gangs armed with guns who were specifically targeting our neighborhood. Seeing as my roommate and I lived on the ground floor, our friends, including

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Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Jamie Gajewski was studying Arabic at Alexandria University before the civil unrest in Egypt. Rotary International Travel Service helped her and four other scholars leave the country safely. Photo courtesy Jamie Gajewski




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Rotaractors I met, began to devise a plan to get us out of our apartment and into a safer area.”

Using a landline phone, Gajewski was able to reach her mother, Janet, who contacted RITS. Within 24 hours, RITS secured transportation to the airport, as well as a plane ticket to Kuwait. It also obtained flights out of the country for four other Rotary Scholars.

“It was pretty scary not having reliable communication with anyone. Since the Internet was shut down, all I brought to the airport was a slip of paper with my ticket number written on it,” says Gajewski. “Within a few hours, I was in Kuwait and continued on to Germany, Belgium, and finally France. I’m very lucky Rotary was there to pull me out.”

Gajewski says the Egyptian Rotarians and Rotaractors she met became close friends. “They were involved in every facet of my life,” she says. “I never went a day without a phone call, an e-mail, or a personal visit from someone. It really was comforting to know they were there when things got bad.”

She says Rotary has a strong presence in Egypt, and Rotarians are already making efforts to help in affected areas. Club members are also handing out food to families in need.

Gajewski acknowledges that it’s unlikely she’ll be able to return to Egypt. She is scheduled to finish her scholarship at the University of Granada in Spain.

“I wish I could have said goodbye to my friends the way I would have liked,” she says. “I worry about their safety. I hope all Egyptians can achieve their goals peacefully and return the country to stability.”