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of Ventura-East

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## Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes & Deborah Perkins

**May 19, 2011**

Club Anniversary

**May 26, 2011**

Avenues of Service

**June 2, 2011**

RYLA Report

**June 10, 2011**

Meeting moved to June 10 Stepdown

## Greeters

**May 19, 2011**

Tom Crozier & Michael Doyle

**May 26, 2011**

Jordan Eller & Jim Emch

**June 2, 2011**

Pete Gallagher & Richard Gallagher

**June 9, 2011**

???

## Fundraisers

**Poinsettia Sales**

Delivery Date

December 1, 2011

## Club Events

### Important Dates

R.I. Convention New Orleans .....	May 22 - 25
Wendy Pazen's Stepdown .....	Jun 10
Grants Seminar South .....	Jun 11
GSE Team Leader Application Deadline .....	Jun 17
Deepa Willingham's Stepdown .....	Jun 25
Push em Pull em Parade .....	Jul 4
Tom Swan's First meeting .....	Jul 7
Membership & PR Seminar South .....	Jul 9
Foundation Seminar .....	Aug 6
GSE Team Application deadline .....	Aug 19
Ambassadorial Scholarship Application deadline .....	Aug 29
GSE Korean Incoming team .....	Sep 25 - Oct 25
Basic PRLS .....	Oct 8
District Conference .....	Oct 20 - 23
Master PRLS3 .....	Oct 29
D.G. Wade's Visit .....	Nov 3
Master PRLS4 .....	Nov 19
Master PRLS1 .....	Dec 10
Mid Terms .....	Jan 7
Mid Terms .....	Jan 14
Master PRLS 2 .....	Jan 21

### Raffle Prize Donors

May 19 - Bob Lynn

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## Presidents Message ...



**Wendy Pazen**  
President 2010-2011

This is one of my favorite times of the year. Last week we had 3 students and some of their parent's attend our meeting to receive recognition for their achievements for the quarter. **Kristine Lube, Rachelle Corrales** and **Jason Abboud** were chosen by their teachers as **Students of the Quarter**. These students are not only outstanding in their classes, but most of them are very involved in sports, community service and campus clubs.

We also presented scholarship awards to 5 students and we will have the 6<sup>th</sup> student at our club this week. They really impressed our club with their GPA's as well as their involvement in community service, school sports, etc. The students were **Alec Sears, Kelsey Wood, Brooke Jepsen, Su Ji Hong and Tigran Parsadanyan**. **Paige Worley** will be at our meeting this Thursday. The "**Eric Nicolet Award**" was continued for 1 more year for **Lauryl Nakagawa**, **Su Ji Hong** received the "**Pete and Tootie Gallagher Award**", and **Tigran Parsadanyan** received the "**Presidents Award**". Both **Su Ji** and **Tigran** spoke a little bit about their home countries of Korea and Armenia. **Tigran's** mother also shared a very emotional and heartwarming story with **Bill Spellman**. I am hoping that **Bill** will share it with the club this week.

And, if that were not enough, I received 4 letters from our **RYLA** students that we sponsored!! Amazing young people!!

The **RYLA** students all wrote about how much they learned about themselves and their leadership capabilities. They realized that going to **RYLA** was a privilege and an honor to be chosen. As usual, they were all hesitant about attending, but after the first couple of hours they became "best friends" with over 200 other students. They expressed that it is okay to go outside your comfort zone and one young lady said, "I was inspired, my heart was touched, I received motivation and I began to see myself as a leader". Wow! Our club is making a difference in a young person's life.

Each one of these **RYLA** students is looking forward to sharing their **RYLA** experiences with our club at the luncheon on June 2.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE  
OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AND  
THEIR PARENTS!! YOU HAVE DONE AN INCREDIBLE  
JOB!!**

**\*\*\* Reminder: Wendy's Step-down, June 10, 6-9pm,  
Ventura County Museum, \*\*\* Jeans, shorts, Hawaiian shirts,  
sundresses (Ron Polito).**

## 2010 - 2011 Club Board of Directors

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## The Four Way Test

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# Meeting May 12, 2011

Reported by Jeff Hata



Jan Lindsay gave a report on our Nicaragua Projects.

guest of President Wendy was old high school sweet heart Mark. Visiting us from Ventura Downtown was Barbara Asbell and Gary Wolfe.

John Borneman then lead us in a song.

Terry McBreen announced that our raffle prize today was a \$50 cash donated by Carol Marquez-Olson.

Presidents Announcements:

President Wendy did not have any announcements this week.

Jeff Hata spoke about President Wendy's Step Down.

Barbara Asbell announced that the Downtown Club is having a surprise Birthday Party for Dr. Leo Tauber and we are invited. Just let Barbara know if you will be attending and don't tell Leo! It's a surprise.

Avenues of Service Reports:

Vocational Service (Bill Spellman) Spoke about the Mock Interviews at Buena High School the past two days.

Chuck Yuncker & Bill Spellman then presented the Student of the Quarter awards.

Happy dollars: Ken Kagan, John Masterson, Jan Lindsay, Wendy Pazen, Rocky Ludes & Hank Oster.

Terry then conducted our raffle and the lucky winner was Jordan Eller! Congratulations to Jordan and thank

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

Wendy thanked our greeter Andy Corliss.

Mark Rook led us in the salute to the Flag.

Rafael Canton gave our Inspirational Moment.

Chad Gibson introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. Guest of Jim Word the lovely Alberta Word and

you to Carol Marquez-Olson for her generous donation.

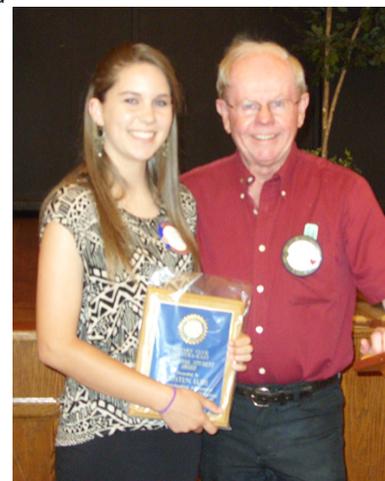
Michael Doyle then presented scholarships to some very deserving students.



Vocational Student of the Quarter  
Jason Abboud



Vance Thompson introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.



Vocational Student of the Quarter  
Kristine Lube



Vocational Student of the Quarter  
Rachelle Corrales



2011 Pete & Tuttie Gallagher Scholarship  
Su Ji Hong



2011 Pete & Tuttie Gallagher Scholarship  
Tigran Parsadanyan

## 2011 Scholarship Recipients



Michael Doyle, Brooke Jepsen, Kelsey Wood, Tigran Parsadanyan, Alec Sears and Su Ji Hong

"Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!"

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# Former Rotary Peace Fellows start their own peace studies programs

by Susie Ma

Rotary International News -- 13 May 2011

Many former Rotary Peace Fellows are at work around the world, promoting peace in their communities through education. Some are creating their own programs, aimed at achieving far-reaching goals. Among those fellows in Asia are Maria Saifuddin Effendi, Jianrong Chen, and Prakash Tewari.

## Acting on convictions

Maria Saifuddin Effendi is assistant professor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies at National Defence University in Islamabad, Pakistan. She and some of her colleagues established the department in 2009, the first of its kind in the country, in spite of opposition.

"There was criticism and resistance from [academics] to close down the department," who considered it "useless," says Effendi, a 2007-09 peace fellow at the University of Bradford in England. "But we have survived with dignity. It's a great pleasure and satisfaction seeing [the department] grow in my country."

Effendi's book, *Understanding Ripeness in Kashmir*, is based on the master's dissertation she wrote as a peace fellow. The book explores the South Asian region's readiness for dialogue and peacemaking to address longstanding conflict.

Effendi also participates in conflict prevention/resolution symposiums and workshops sponsored by universities and nongovernmental organizations like the International Peace and Security Institute in Washington, D.C., founded by friend and former peace fellow Cameron Chisholm. These events, she says, "encourage me to work in the field of peace and for peace in Pakistan."



Prakash Tewari, a former Rotary Peace Fellow, is developing a course to help New Delhi's civil servants prevent and resolve conflicts. Photo courtesy of Prakash Tewari

Peace Fellows, cont'd on page 6

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## Weekly Raffle

Our weekly raffle was a \$50 cash donated by Carol Marquez-Olson.

We raised \$99 this week bringing our total to \$4,492 for this Rotary Year!

Our lucky winner was Jordan Eller! Congratulations Jordan.

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

Again, thank you to Carol Marquez-Olson for her generous donation and congratulations to Jordan Eller!

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**Dealing with conflict**

Jianrong Chen believes that China has a special need for peace studies because of the diversity of its people. With a population of 1.3 billion and 56 different ethnic groups, interethnic conflict is common. Chen, a lecturer in the Department of International Relations at Jinan University in Guangzhou, China, wanted to equip the younger generation of Chinese with tools for dealing with conflict.

“In the past, we stressed harmony and we almost forgot that we have conflict,” he says. “If we cannot look at conflict in a way that it should be, how can we have peace?”

After completing the professional development program at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, Chen began teaching an introduction to peace and conflict course at Jinan University. He is hoping to recruit other academics working on conflict issues at the university to create a peace teaching team. He also plans to hold a peace workshop at his university on China-Africa relations in July.

“What I am doing now is just the very beginning of this long-term journey in my dream,” Chen says.

**Community dialogue**

Prakash Tewari works in the defense ministry in India and is a former army colonel. After attending the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University, he received a request from the president of his sponsor club, the Rotary Club of New Delhi, to create a peace studies course based on his peace fellow experience.

Tewari says the course, projected to start at a university in New Delhi in September, will offer the city’s large number of civil servants an opportunity to receive training in conflict prevention and resolution. He hopes the course will “get different sparring groups together to work on dialogue skills -- government workers, activist groups, and civil society groups.”



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