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#### **Programs**

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes & Deborah Perkins

June 16, 2011

West Point Cadet - Clayton Reagan

June 23, 2011

Operation Splash Follow-up - Margo Byrne

June 30, 2011

**TBD** 

July 7, 2011

Tom Swan's opening remarks

#### **Greeters**

June 16, 2011
Chad Gibson & Floyd Gill
June 23, 2011
Jesse Gonzalez & Bill Gray
June 30, 2011
Tom Hashbarger & Jeff Hata
July 7, 2011
Bill Hicks & Husam Hishmeh

#### Club Events

## **Important Dates**

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	
GSE Team Application deadline	Aug 19
Ambassadorial Scholarship Application deadline	Aug 29
GSE Korean Incoming team	
Basic PRLS	Oct 8
District Conference	
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
Mid Terms	Feb 4
Poverty Conference	Feb 4
Foundation Gala	Feb 4

#### **Fundraisers**

Rotary Bullseye Target Shooting Competition September 5, 2011

**Poinsettia Sales** 

Delivery Date December 1, 2011

for information on fundraisers go to: www.RotaryVenturaEast.org

#### Raffle Prize Donors

June 16 - TBA

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## **Presidents Message ...**



Wendy Pazen President 2010-2011

President Wendy had such a great time at the Step Down Dinner that she had to leave town without a laptop or internet connection.

Therefore, her message is short and sweet! She hopes that everyone had a good a time as her and that your week is going well. She looks forward to seeing everybody Thursday at Rotary!

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# Meeting June 2, 2011

Reported by Jeff Hata



Dick Gallagher led us in the Flag Salute.

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

Wendy thanked our greeter Pete & Dick Gallagher.

Dick Gallagher led us in the salute to the Flag.

Tom Swan gave our Inspirational Moment.

Nikki Sloan introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. Guest of Bob Pazen

was Chris, guest of Wendy Pazen was Rotaract President Cheney Caldwell and guest of Deborah Roberts was her sister Katie Belliveau.

John Borneman then lead us in a song.

Terry McBreen announced that our raffle prize today

was 10 medium two topping Dominos pizzas donated by Hank Oster.

Cheney Caldwell invited the club to the Ventura Rotaract Club's One Year Birthday Party on June 6th at the Wedgewood Inn. The meeting starts at 6:00 pm with the party and dancing starting at 8:00.

The Ojai Wine Festival has also donated to the Rotaract Club 2 tickets for each Rotaract



Chuck Yuncker won the raffle drawing today!

volunteer working the Wine Festival on June 12th. The Rotaract Club has these tickets available for sale as a fundraiser.

**Presidents Announcements:** 

Our RYLA Students gave a presentation to the club today about RYLA.

Avenues of Service Reports:

Club Service - Tom Swan & Jordan Eller spoke briefly about a fundraiser on September 5th. It will be a target shooting competion. More information to follow.

Community Service - Craig Miller spoke about the Rotary Rehab event we did along with CareGivers.

Please read the article on page 5.

Vocational Service
- Bill Spellman
announced that there
would be a meeting this
afternoon at Balboa
Middle School about
charting a new Interact
Club.

JeffHataspoke about Wendy's Stepdown. It will be at the Museum of Ventura County. The Stepdown will be from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, but



Rotaract President Cheney Caldwell made some announcements.

we have arranged to have docent tours from 5:30 - 6:30. Dress is extremely casual.

Terry then conducted our raffle and the lucky winner was Chuck Yuncker. Congratulations to Chuck and thank you to Hank for his generous donation.

Happy \$'s Chuck Yuncker.

Rocky Ludes then introduced our speaker.

Today's program was straight from the 2011 Rotary International Convention in New Orleans which ended just last week. Special thanks to Rich Stewart, who assembled his digital photos into a very nice PowerPoint slide show.

Members of our Club who attended the convention include Rich Stewart, Harriet Klune, Bob and Wendy Pazen, Tom Swan, Judy Hoag and Jan Lindsay, plus spouses.

This was a large event, with about 18,000 in attendance. The New Orleans Convention Center had just recently reopened since the damage related to hurricane Katrina.

There were three major categories of events: Rotary International plenary sessions, Host Organizing Committee events, and a variety of personal activities, day trips, etc. We began with some slides showing people in colorful dress from their home countries.

The House of Friendship has merchandise for sale which supports various programs. We saw purses for sale, proceeds of which help Uganda women. You can talk with other Rotarians about various projects in their districts to get new ideas. There are also booths where you can sign up for various interest groups, such as

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travel: Exchange homes with another Rotarian family when you travel!

Each of the plenary sessions was described. The opening flag ceremony took over 30 minutes, as 185 flags representing all the countries with Rotary Clubs were processed, one by one, to a display on the stage. In another plenary, the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue of Service, New Generations, was formally introduced. Some of the speakers included Louisiana



Judy Hoag, Tom Swan, Rich Stewart & Harriet Clune spoke about the R.I. Convention.

Governor Bobby Jindal, Bill Gates, an inspirational talk, "I helped" from Ed Futa, and a number of high ranking Rotary officials.

Jazz, jazz and more jazz: In the plenary sessions, out on the streets, in the night clubs, on the riverboats – there was music everywhere!

For personal activities, some of our group visited a plantation. Another event was a riverboat cruise to a nearby town, where the whole town assembled, with a band, and a greeting by the town's mayor and Chief of Police.

When Rich asked for a show of hands, about half our Club had been to at least one Rotary International Convention. With a presentation like this, we should have more signing up for Thailand next year, or Lisbon in 2013, or Sydney in 2014, or Sao Paulo in 2015 or ?

Thanks, everyone, for a great presentation.

Rocky Ludes

# Promote Rotary through signature activities

Rotary International News -- 8 June 2011

The Rotary clubs of Churchland-Portsmouth and Portsmouth, Virginia, USA, hold a barbecue networking event every year, full of food, refreshments, and live entertainment.

According to Bill Pollard, a member of the Churchland-Portsmouth club, thousands of people attend the event, with each club netting about US\$10,000 to support local projects and programs.

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Uptown, West Bengal, India, is best known for helping provide eye care, computer centers for youth, and improved sanitation

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## A fine collaboration

By Nanci Cone

Recently Rotary East of Ventura and CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly joined forces to make a difference in someone's life. When Rotary's Craig Miller was approached about creating a new program, he thought it would be a great idea to help people who needed work done on their homes but couldn't afford it. Rotary East wanted to partner with a nonprofit group, which is where CAREGIVERS came in.

CAREGIVERS provides services to hundreds of seniors that enable them to remain in their homes. "Pairing with CAREGIVERS has allowed Rotary to reach the people who need our help most," said Craig. "When we decided on whom we were going to help, the response from my Rotary club was fantastic," he went on to say.

George Harrell of CAREGIVERS suggested the first recipient should be Curt McKenna, a 96-year-old individual from Casitas Springs who is disabled and lives alone. "Once you meet Curt, you realize what a special individual he is," comments George. Executive Director Brad Berens added, "Curt is an amazing individual. He has such a positive outlook on life and an incredible background. We were fascinated as he related tales of how he drove out west in his purple Ford touring car with the bright red canvas top. There wasn't a person who showed up that wasn't impressed with him!"

Curt said it all very succinctly. He said, "People are always telling me that I've led a fascinating life. Heck, I'm still here so I'm *still* leading a fascinating life!" Students from Foothill and Ventura High Schools who participate in CAREGIVERS' Building Bridges program were on hand to brighten up the inside of his house and rid it of any cobwebs that might have been missed due to Mr. McKenna's macular degeneration. During that time, Curt regaled everyone by talking about his exploits as well as his 13-year relationship with Barbara, a very colorful individual he met at the Legion Hall. He commented, "She's only 70 years old but that was just right because I like my women younger!"

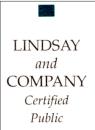
It was an ambitious undertaking with the volunteers from Rotary cleaning away brush, pulling up the weeds and mowing the <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acre site to prevent it from becoming a fire hazard. After five hours of intense work from the Rotary and CAREGIVERS volunteers, Rotarian Husam Hishmeh, owner of several Domino's Pizza restaurants showed up with a dozen pizzas and drinks for the weary crowd. The food was great and Curt, who tried the vegetarian pizza, was amazed. He said, "Gee, I never knew they even made anything like this!"

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# **Weekly Raffle**

Our weekly raffle was 10 medium two topping Dominos Pizzas donated by Hank Oster.

We raised \$113 this week bringing our total to \$4,807 for this Rotary Year!

Our lucky winner was Chuck Yuncker. Congratulations Chuck.

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

Again, thank you to Hank Oster for his generous donation and congratulations to Chuck Yuncker!

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Everyone really enjoyed meeting Curt who did a great job bridging the generational gap with his fascinating stories from the Depression, World War II through his current day adventures. He definitely set a great example everyone who came out to help.

For more information about how you can help, visit the CAREGIVERS website at www.vccaregivers.org or to learn more about Rotary East, visit their site at www.rotaryventuraeast.org.

Promote Rotary, cont'd from page 4 in rural areas of the Bengal region.

Many Rotary clubs are known in their communities for one big project or event that sets them apart from other groups. Whether it's an annual dinner that raises funds for polio eradication, or a park clean-up, your club's signature project or fundraiser can help promote Rotary's public image as an action-oriented service organization.

"Several small projects leave no mark, but one larger project leaves a signature," notes RI Vice President Thomas M. Thorfinnson. "A great way to promote Rotary's image is to have a significant project or a significant fundraiser that is a very public event in your community and to do that event or fundraiser consistently over the years."

The Rotary Club of Kenosha West, Wisconsin, USA, holds an annual sports tournament to raise money for the club's charities. This highly anticipated event involves youth from the entire community. The club promotes the tournament prominently on its website and includes videos from previous years. The club's online membership directory, which includes photos, shows many members in their tournament uniforms.

Here are a few tips on how to create a signature activity. Also check out what other Rotarians have had to say on the topic in Your Voice, Your Solution.

- \* Identify. Decide on a public event and its purpose, such as to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation or to involve members of the community in a local service project.
- \* Publicize. Include your Rotary club or district in the name of the event, following the RI guidelines for using the Rotary Marks. Use social media and press releases to publicize your event and the work of Rotary and build interest and excitement.
- \* Connect. Assign club members to help answer questions about the Rotary club and its projects during the event to form connections with the general public. Distribute take-away information such as What's Rotary? as well as pamphlets or business cards linking to your club's website.
- \* Repeat. Hold the event annually to build recognition. As awareness grows, more community members will participate and the event will become increasingly successful. You may even attract new members to your club.

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