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Presidents Message ...



Tom Swan
President 2011-2012

What a crazy week!

First off, thanks to all the Rotarians who attended the offsite meeting at the YMCA. I was looking forward to the meeting and getting an update on the Operation Splash program and I am so glad that so many of you were able to make the adjustment and visit the “Y” with us. I had hoped to go on the tour and ask all those great questions and take the opportunity to take tons of publicity photos, but my wife, Georganna, had minor surgery that morning and I had to get back to the hospital.

Thanks to our public relations chair, Rich Stewart for taking some great photos! Did anyone else take pictures? If so, please send them to me at rcve2011@yahoo.com.

On Saturday we cooked for the TriAfrican Children’s Benefit Carnival. This is the event by the Thousand Oaks Interactor who organized the event. He did a great job, with multiple sub committees, plenty of vendors and made many last minute adjustments. Every time we threw another curve ball at him, he stood there and swung away. I was very impressed with his ability to anticipate the challenges and be able to solve most of the operational hurdles. We came prepared and served hamburgers, hotdogs and potato chips (it was mostly attended by teens). While we had some food left over, the event was fun and it is good to see our young people taking the initiative to put on a fundraising activity for those who are less fortunate than themselves. I hope they do it again next year.

This coming Thursday will be another great program, thanks to Deborah and Rocky. Dr. Ben LeBrot from Floating Doctors will be presenting their program to us. It is bound to be a very informative presentation so bring your questions.

I hope you all have a great week,

Tom

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Meeting August 18, 2011

Reported by Jeff Hata



Deborah Perkins took excellent speaker notes as usual!!!

Then President Tom Swan invited everyone to lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians first!

President Tom asked everyone to put their phones on silent.

Wendy Pazen led us in the salute to the Flag.

Tom thanked our greeter Jim Word.

Chad Gibson announced that we did not have any guests or visiting Rotarians.

John Borneman then lead us in a song.

We did not have a raffle today.

Presidents announcements:

Avenues of Service Reports:

Club Service - Jordan Eller announced we have a very large BBQ on August 20th at Conejo Creek in Thousand Oaks, September 18th is our Piggy BBQ, September 30 is the Moorpark Beer Festival and October 1st is the Octoberfest in Camarillo! We have a very busy schedule and need as much club participation as possible.

Community Service - President Tom announced for Craig Miller that this weekend is Arts in the Park and the winners of the student art contest will be announced. Arts in the Park will be Saturday and Sunday and will be in the harbor next to Blackbeards.

International Service - Jan Lindsay announced that Jeanette Stevens, in charge of of Nicaragua projects, will be here in 2 weeks for a GoCare Board meeting. Jan hopes to get Jeanette to our meeting while she is here. Also, GoCare has purchased a 6 bedroom facility in Nicaragua to help house people going down there for our trips.



Jan Lindsay made our International Service announcements.

Also a reminder that our next Nicaragua trip will be Sept. 7 - 14.

Happy \$'s: John Borneman, Bob Lynn, Richard Jimenez, Danielle Brinkman, Wendy Pazen and Michael Doyle.

President Tom introduced our speaker, Margo Byrne.

The Ventura Family YMCA graciously hosted our Club for an off-site meeting at its facility. Margo, Amy, Kate, Amber, and David all said a few words about the activities and services available at the YMCA.

Amber, the Aquatics Director, explained how the YMCA is truly for everyone. She noted that members range in age from six months old to 97 years old. Activities are offered for all age groups including, parent-child classes, swim teams, water aerobics, and water therapy for arthritis.

David, the Sports Director, told us about basketball, tee ball, soccer, and other sports offered at the YMCA. He is especially proud of a new teen program where the teens meet to discuss current issues. They then prepare a bill, secure a sponsor, and actually go to Sacramento to meet with the Governor.

Amy, the Operations Director, described how the facility is "busting at the seams." They literally have 6,000 members. In order to get the most out of the facility, they are going to knock down the wall between two racquetball courts and create a big cardio room. They will still have one racquetball court.

Amy explained that there are a lot of people who want to get started in fitness, but do not know where to start. As such, the YMCA has created a Ready to be Fit program. Each member is paired with a coach, at no charge, who shows the member how to use the equipment and helps create a fitness routine.

In order to encourage children to make fitness a part of their lives, the YMCA has a Kids Cardio Club. This is where children can work out with their parents. By



Jordan Eller and the BBQ Team are going to keep us busy!!!

working out together, the family bond is strengthened and parents act as good role models.

Kate stated that the YMCA has a Silver Sneakers program for seniors. Due to this, Medicare will pay for its customers to have a full membership to the YMCA. Other health insurance plans may pay for all or part of the membership fee.

One of the many programs offered at the YMCA is its Resident Camp. Children from 4th grade through 11th grade are taken on a camping trip. In addition to the usual camping activities, the children set goals and do some self-reflection. Kids who return the following year review how they did throughout the year in working toward the goals they had previously set.

After the presentation, the Club was taken to the pool area where we met several children in the Operation Splash program and handed out some goodies to them.

Thank you to the YMCA for hosting our Club and for putting your heart in all that you do.

Deborah A. Perkins



Margo Byrne, Executive Director of the Ventura Family YMCA, was our speaker



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District 9200 delivers famine relief to Kenya communities gripped by drought

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 19 August 2011

Drought-stricken villages in northern Kenya received desperately needed aid this week from District 9200 (East Africa) and the Red Cross, which delivered more than 18 tons of food and water.

The hunger crisis plaguing the Turkana district in northern Kenya is a "stark example of what is happening to people in East Africa," says Geeta Manek, District 9200 governor-elect. The Horn of Africa's worst drought in 60 years has sparked famine conditions in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia.

Manek, along with three Rotarians and the secretaries general of Kenya Red Cross and Canadian Red Cross, visited the village of Kaikor on 25 July.

"We witnessed horrific scenes of starvation and unimaginable poverty," says Manek, a member of the Rotary Club of Muthaiga, Kenya.

The drought in Africa has affected more than 12 million people including 3.7 million who are at risk of starvation, according to the United Nations. Tens of thousands of people have died in southern Somalia, including 29,000 children under the age of five. Hundreds of thousands are fleeing Somalia to seek aid in Ethiopia and Kenya.

While many international relief agencies are at the southern border of Kenya and Somalia, Manek says the nomadic villages of Turkana, including Kaikor, have received little aid.

"There are so many areas that have been totally forgotten, and Turkana



Top: Geeta Manek, District 9200 governor-elect, plays with children during a visit to the village of Kaikor in the Turkana district in northern Kenya on 25 July. Photo courtesy of District 9200

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is one of them,” says Manek. “We [Rotary] must act quickly.”

District Governor Eric Kimani says there is an alarming rate of malnutrition among children in Turkana.

“We are stunned by the scale of this devastation. The exodus of malnourished children to feeding centers is shocking,” Kimani says. “A rapid increase in emergency aid is required to stave off catastrophic starvation.”

Kimani is appealing to Rotarians worldwide to help the district secure food and water for thousands of people still at risk in Turkana.

“While the entire region [Horn of Africa] has experienced prolonged drought, the situation has been exacerbated by political instability and climate change,” says Kimani. “But we as Rotarians must find ways to address the hunger crisis first.”

Learn more about how to help District 9200

In response to the crisis, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Horn of Africa Famine and Refugee Relief Fund, which will support recovery projects in the affected areas.

Former Rotary Scholar from Japan helps her homeland recover

By Martina Krajňáková

Rotary International News -- 18 August 2011

Naoko Kurauchi, a nurse and former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, provided medical relief in Miyako, Japan, two weeks after her country was hit by an earthquake and tsunami on 11 March.


The disaster was overwhelming, she says. “My mind suddenly slipped back to the [South Asia] tsunami in 2004, which was what made me decide to apply for the Rotary scholarship,” explains Kurauchi, who studied international health at Queen Margaret University in Scotland in 2008-09.

Talking via Skype from Okinawa with her family in Tokyo, she could see their house shaking from aftershocks. “I was used to seeing these things happen in countries where infrastructure is inadequate,” says Kurauchi, who never expected a major disaster to strike so close to home.

Her team traveled from Okinawa to Miyako, arriving with two ambulances full of medical supplies and food. Evidence of the tsunami was everywhere. “There were boats in the middle of the road, cars on top of houses, and houses on top of roofs,” she says, adding that “the whole town was filled with mud and garbage.”

Kurauchi served in Miyako for five days. “I believe we all have

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something to offer,” she says, but emphasizes that “the aid needs to be really organized and well prepared.”

Her passion for humanitarian service has taken her to other parts of the world as well. In February, she traveled with Japanese Rotarians to India for a National Immunization Day. And while she was a Rotary Scholar, she did field research in Niger for her master’s thesis on PolioPlus, interviewing staff from the World Health Organization, UNICEF, Islamic Relief, and other groups about the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

“Rotary taught me the concept of helping out,” she says.

During her studies in Scotland, Kurauchi was hosted by the Rotary Club of Livingston, Lothian. Her host counselor, Harry McPherson, and his wife, Myra, made her feel especially welcome, she recalls. “Countless times I went over to their place to just have dinner and spend the night. I don’t think I’d be as attached to Rotary as I am today if it weren’t for them.”

At first, Kurauchi found it difficult to overcome cultural obstacles in Scotland. In Japan, for example, greetings are always bows. “I had to remind myself to put my hand out to shake hands, and to give people hugs,” she says.

But “getting over these cultural differences gave me courage to do new things and adopt new ideas,” she explains.

Reflecting on Japan’s recovery from disaster, Kurauchi believes the damage will take years to mend, both psychologically and financially. “I wish for things to settle down as soon as possible so that I can show how beautiful the cherry blossoms are, when the wind is full of their pink petals.”



Top: Ambulances driven by Kurauchi’s medical team share the road with a boat swept away by the tsunami. Photo courtesy of Naoko Kurauchi

Bottom: Kurauchi (left) takes part in a polio awareness rally in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, while in India for a National Immunization Day in February. Photo by Allison Kwesell

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