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Advocacy for Children - Miriam Mack

November 14, 2013

Pension reform in Ventura County - David Grau

November 21, 2013

D.A.'s Office: White Collar Crime - Mark Leventhal

November 28, 2013

Dark

Greeter

November 7 - Jim Emch

November 14 - Judy Hoag

November 21 - Wendy Pazen

November 28 - Dark

December 5 - Jordan Eller

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date
December 5, 2013

Eclectic Music Festival

CANCELLED

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Avenues of Service Meetings

Club Service	TBD
Vocational Service	TBD
Community Service	TBD
New Generations	TBD
International Service	TBD

Avenues of Service Meetings

Marketing	TBD
Membership	TBD

Club Events

Important Dates

Master PRLS3	Nov 16
Master PRLS3	Nov 23
Poinsettia Plant Delivery	Dec 5
Master PRLS1	Dec 14
Children's Christmas Party	Dec 19
Rose Parade Float Decorating	Dec 29
Joint Meeting (East, South, Downtown)	Jan 2
Mid-year District Meeting	Jan 11
Master PRLS2	Jan 18
STEPS Poverty Conference	Jan 25
Master PRLS5	Feb 15
PETS	Feb 20-23
Basic PRLS	Mar 22
District Assembly	Mar 29
RYLA	Apr 12-15
Master PRLS3	Apr 12
Master PRLS4	Apr 26

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Message from our RI President Ron Burton

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Our goal in 2013-14 is to Engage Rotary, Change Lives . All of us know that Rotary has incredible potential to do good work. It's time to recognize how much more we could be doing and start working on new ways to turn that potential into reality. We're going to do this by engaging Rotarians – by getting them involved, by getting them inspired, and by making sure that all Rotarians know just what a gift they have in Rotary.

We're going to make sure that the work we do in Rotary is solid, effective, and sustainable. And we're going to make sure that Rotary itself will last – by committing to our goal of 1.3 million Rotarians in our clubs by the year 2015.

That goal is a little different from membership goals we've had in the past. The goal isn't just bringing in new members. The goal is growing Rotary. The goal is making Rotary bigger, not just with more members, but with more involved, engaged, motivated members who will be the ones to lead us into our future.

Each of us has our own reason for joining Rotary – but I believe we all want to make a difference. We all want to be doing something meaningful. That is absolutely essential for us to remember when we talk about membership.

We're not asking just anyone to join Rotary. We're looking to attract busy, successful, motivated people who care. We're asking them to take their valuable time and give it to Rotary. So if they say yes, and they come and join our club, then we'd better be showing them that their time in Rotary is well spent.

We have to make sure that every Rotarian, in every club, has a meaningful job – one that makes a real difference to the club and the community. Because when you're doing something meaningful in Rotary, Rotary is meaningful to you.

In Rotary, we all have something to give. At every stage of our lives and our careers, Rotary has something for all of us – a way to let us do more, be more, and give more. Rotary gives our lives more meaning, more purpose, and greater satisfaction. And the more we give through Rotary, the more Rotary gives back to us in return.

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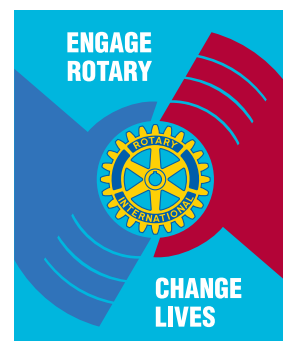
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First ... Is it the TRUTH? Second ... Is it FAIR to all concerned? Third ... Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Fourth ... Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Meeting October 31, 2013

Reported by Jeff Hata



Bill Spellman won our raffle today!

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

Tom Swan led us in the Flag Salute.

Bruce McGee gave our Inspirational Moment.

John Borneman read a poem about reincarnation instead of a song.

Vance announced that our raffle was a

\$50 gift card to Garman's Pub donated by Jordan Eller. President Tim asked what happened on Halloween 2012??? Answer was Hurricane Sandy.

PE Dave Anderson updated us on his tour of the district recently. Dave attended the PE Retreat a few weeks ago and the District Conference last week. Dave also attended the District Grants Seminar.

Happy \$'s: John Borneman, Rocky Ludes, Vance Thompson and Pete Gallagher.

Vance conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was Bill Spellman.



Jordan Eller donated our raffle prize today.

Scholarship recipient reflects on his journey to Rotary



As a high school junior in 1991, Mai (back row with cap) attended the Enterprise Institute of the Rotary Club of Oakland, California, USA, launching him on a path out of the ghetto.

My father moved us from Vietnam when I was a child to provide us with more than what we'd had under the communist regime. We ended up in a ghetto in Oakland, California, USA. I went to Fremont High School, one of the worst schools in a neighborhood plagued by violence, poverty, and high dropout rates.

Our house was on a busy street, and every night we heard gunshots.

The spring of my junior year, a group of Rotarians visited my class. They told us about the Rotary Club of Oakland's Enterprise Institute, a three-day camp that allows students to develop and test their business skills. Spending time in the Santa Cruz Mountains, creating a business plan with my peers, didn't appeal to me so much as escaping the projects for a few days. In my world, the only businesses I saw were funeral homes, liquor stores, and drug dealers.

The Enterprise Institute exposed me to a new reality. I met teenagers who talked about Plato and Shakespeare, not drive-by shootings and AK-47s. It was at camp that I heard the word "entrepreneur" for the first time. Surrounded by high school students from schools that were far superior to my own, I learned just how little I knew. As we considered case studies and came up with our own business plans, I also saw a future that didn't involve assault rifles and prison cells. These kids talked about going to college and starting their own companies, and I realized I wanted the same things. Coming from the streets, I knew I was at a disadvantage and would have to work even harder to achieve the same goals. That was one of the most important lessons I took away from the Enterprise Institute—not a business outline, but a sense of ambition and self-motivation.

Landing on firm ground

We didn't have much money, so I applied for every college scholarship I could. I filled out 20 applications and received 19

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rejections because I was not a U.S. citizen. Only one scholarship program accepted me: the Rotary Club of Oakland's. The Rotarians met with me and my family and listened to what I had been through and where I wanted to go. I know they had many applicants, and when they awarded me the \$5,000 scholarship, it proved they believed in me. The scholarship, along with financial aid, allowed me to go to college.

At the University of California, Davis, I used the scholarship money to pay for rent and books. The first three years I was in school, the scholarship meant that I didn't have to work and could concentrate solely on studying. Whenever I would talk to my Oakland club counselor, Terry Turner, he would always ask how I was doing, and I would tell him truthfully that I was struggling. Fremont High School had not prepared me for UC Davis. Terry offered me advice, and I listened to it. I started at Davis at the same time as three other Fremont High School graduates. By my second semester, I was the only one left. The Enterprise Institute had jump-started my future. The Rotary scholarship kept it in motion.

I spent several years working for a series of small companies before striking out on my own with Novateck PC in 2004. As soon as I opened my business, I joined the Oakland club. Its members became some of my first clients. Novateck has grown since then and now has three employees. My family has also grown; I now have a wife and two young daughters.

Last year I took my wife and oldest daughter to Vietnam. The little fishing village I left as a child 30 years ago is now a bustling metropolis. My childhood home in Oakland has also morphed into something else; the basketball court where I used to play has been replaced with apartment complexes. The Rotary Club of Oakland's Enterprise Institute is one of the things that remain unchanged. Now in its 30th year, the institute continues to take dozens of high school juniors to the mountains and teach them how to make their own future in the business world. I have helped with the institute for the last seven years and am now co-chair of the committee that runs the whole thing. I know that the camp experience will help other teenagers change their way of thinking and give them hope for a better future. That's what it did for me.

By Daniel Mai, as told to Katya Cengel

This story originally appeared in the September 2012 issue of The Rotarian.

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Clubs Nearby ...

Ventura-South	12:00 pm	Monday
Wedgewood Banquet Center		
Santa Paula	12:00 pm	Monday
The Glen Tavern Inn		
Ojai West	7:00 am	Tuesday
Soule Park GC		
Camarillo Breakfast	7:00 am	Tuesday
Spanish Hills GC		
Oxnard	12:10 pm	Tuesday
Courtyard by Marriott		
Fillmore Sunrisers	6:45 am	Wednesday
Varies, go to their website		
Ventura	12:00 pm	Wednesday
The Derby Club		
Camarillo	12:00 pm	Wednesday
Camarillo Center for Spiritual Living		
Oxnard Sunrise	7:30 am	Thursday
Tomas Cafe		
Fillmore	12:05 pm	Thursday
The Fillmore & Western Train		
Ojai	12:00 pm	Friday
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Opening the door to polio eradication



Volunteers show a woman in Azuretti a pamphlet on polio and de-worming, part of the public awareness campaign to boost participation.
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It's been more than two years since the last polio case was reported in Côte d'Ivoire. Time enough for people to become complacent about immunizations. But that would be a mistake – a potentially deadly mistake.

“The public sometimes doesn't understand why, after so many rounds of polio immunization, they are still being asked to bring their children to the immunization post,” says Marie-Irène Richmond-Ahoua, chair of Rotary's National PolioPlus Committee in Côte d'Ivoire.

As a long-time advocate for polio eradication, Richmond-Ahoua knows you can't let up against this tenacious and crippling disease. With Nigeria one of three remaining polio-endemic countries, the possibility of fresh outbreaks in Côte d'Ivoire is a constant threat. The only way to keep the poliovirus out of the country are regular immunizations of all children under age five.

During National Immunization Days (NIDs) in April, thousands of volunteers and health workers, together with Rotary and Rotaract members, canvassed the streets throughout the country in search of children to immunize. They traveled from house to house knocking on doors in shantytowns and rural villages. But gaining entrance to these homes required another round of convincing.

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was \$50 gift card to Garman's Pub donated by Jordan Eller.

Our lucky winner was Bill Spellman.

We have raised \$90 today bringing our total to \$1,515 for this Rotary year.

Congratulations Bill and thank you to Jordan Eller for your generous donation.



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“Côte d’Ivoire has just experienced a conflict and people are still cautious. They don’t want to open their door to just anyone,” says Richmond-Ahoua. But once they see the polio T-shirts and hats that Rotary clubs supply to identify vaccinators, she says they feel safe opening their doors.

Communication is also key to mobilizing public support. Rotary members use the media, television, radio, and even griots, African tribal storytellers, to encourage participation in immunizations. As a result, 7.5 million children received two drops of oral polio vaccine, along with vitamin A supplements and de-worming tablets, during the NIDs.

Supplementary immunization campaigns like this one are part of the comprehensive 2013-18 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan. The plan outlines what is needed to eradicate all polio disease by 2018. In June the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced a new fundraising agreement with Rotary. If successful, the campaign, which matches donations two-to-one (up to \$35 million per year), will help raise \$525 million for polio eradication.

“Polio eradication is not an option, it’s an obligation,” Richmond-Ahoua says. “When you consider what’s been done in Côte d’Ivoire, despite the many obstacles we’ve faced, you are deeply convinced that polio will soon be eradicated.”

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