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Programs

Program Chair: Robert Pazen

February 20, 2014

Student of the Qtr and Interviews

February 27, 2014

Glocalization: the change in relationships between local and global - Terry Long

March 6, 2014

History of Ventura - Glenda Jackson

Greeter

February 20 - John Masterson

February 27 - Bob Pazen

March 6 - Wendy Pazen

March 13 - Bill Spellman

March 20 - Jordan Eller

Club Events

Important Dates

PETS	Feb 20-23
Board Meeting	Mar 5
Basic PRLS	Mar 22
District Assembly	Mar 29
Board Meeting	Apr 2
RYLA	Apr 12-15
Master PRLS3	Apr 12
Master PRLS4	Apr 26
Board Meeting	May 7
Board Meeting	Jun 4

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date
December 4, 2014

for information on fundraisers go to:
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Avenues of Service Meetings

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

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Marketing	TBD
Membership	TBD

Raffle Scholarship Donor

February 20 - Joe Strohmman

February 27 - Bill Hicks

March 6 - Jan Lindsay

March 13 - Monte Widders

March 20 - Ron Polito

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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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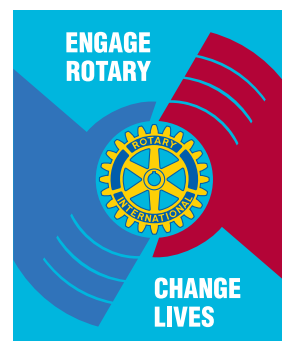
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The Four Way Test

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 February 13, 2014

Reported by Jeff Hata



Jan Lindsay introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

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

Midge Stork "Teased" our raffle prize today. Which was a bottle of Four Brix 2011 Rhonedevous, a box of Trufflehounds chocolate and a 2014 Ventura Axxess book.

President Tim thanked our greeter Harriet Clune who

graciously stepped in for Monte Widders.

Bob Lynn led us in the Flag Salute and Ron Polito gave our inspirational message.

Jan Lindsay introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Guest of Bruce McGee was Bruce's father David McGee. David was visiting from Melbourne, Australia.

Bruce McGee then told our joke for the day.

John Borneman led us in a song followed by Olympic trivia given by President Tim.

President Tim spoke about the light bulb project being done by the Rotary Club of Ojai.

We still need to collect a few checks for the club foundation.

Avenue of Service Announcements:

Vocational Service - Joe Strohmman reminded us next week will be Student of the Quarter awards. The 4 way test essays have been passed out to the committee to review.

President Tim announced that on February 15th from 8 - 12 Rotaract will be doing a project at the City Center with Project Understanding.



Bob Lynn led us in the Flag Salute.

Next Thursday is the club social at Garmans Pub. 6:00 will be dinner followed by trivia at 7:00.

Happy \$'s: Bill Gray, Rich Stewart, Rafael Canton, Rocky Ludes, Midge Stork, Wendy Pazen, Harriet Clune, John Borneman & Tim Hughes.

Vance and Jacki Thompson will be celebrating 32 years of marriage this month.

Midge Stork conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was Andy Corliss!!!. Midge then conducted a second drawing for the "Love" tie and the winner was Bill Gray.

Rotarian Action Group helps countries grow indigenous crops



Bruce French at a market in the Solomon Islands, where Learn Grow launched a local foods project. Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group

Australian Bruce French has been eating locally for 35 years— long before it became a culinary trend. Now he's working with Rotary members to help countries struggling with food security do the same.

French founded the not-for-profit Food Plants International, which maintains a database of 25,000 edible plants that includes descriptions, lists of countries and climates where they grow, photos and drawings, and cooking methods.

"There are thousands of nutritious plants, but people don't have any information about them," says Buz Green, an agriculturalist and member of the Rotary Club of Devonport North in Australia. "We're trying to bridge some of the gaps." Green launched the Learn

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Grow project with French in 2007 to help people in developing countries grow local food that suits their nutritional needs.

The project receives support from the Devonport North club and Rotary District 9830. Early last year, the RI Board recognized the Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group, whose 195 members are helping support Learn Grow efforts. Past RI Director John Thorne chairs the group.

“Rotarian teams in developing countries inevitably identify hunger, malnutrition, and food security as critical issues,” Green explains. “They tend to look to Western solutions to address food production issues.”

The problem, he says, is that Western crops don’t have the right nutritional profile for people in the developing world, whose diets often have little variety. Indigenous crops can allow them to eat more nutritiously and are already adapted to local pests, diseases, and climatic conditions.

“Virtually every woman in the tropical world is anemic,” French adds. “We go there with cabbages and make the situation 10 times worse.”

In 2010 Learn Grow launched a pilot project in the Solomon Islands, producing a compendium of local edible plants, field guides for growers, and a book on crops for schools and community groups. Local organizations provide support and distribute information while a qualified agriculturist serves as a technical support specialist. The project team has received inquiries from 20 developing countries; another effort is underway in North Korea where a Canadian Rotary member will serve as the specialist.

The principles of eating locally are gaining momentum in the Western world, French says. “My children and lots of other people thought I was eccentric for 35 years. Now I’ve become fairly trendy in my old age.”

By Diana Schoberg and Katie Hills

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

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You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

C. S. Lewis

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		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
		Soule Park GC

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Engineering sustainable water solutions in Latin America



High school students from the Builders Beyond Borders program help install pipes that will carry water to the mountain town. Photo Credit: Photo by Tony Riggio

Perched in the rugged mountains of central Ecuador, the village of Tingo Pucará seems an unlikely place for artistic inspiration to strike. But Tony Riggio never leaves his camera behind—and his photos of Tingo Pucará illustrate what can happen when Rotary members and young people team up on a water project.

Riggio has been leading youth expeditions to Central and South America since 2001, when his daughter participated in a program of Builders Beyond Borders (B3), a nonprofit based in Connecticut, USA. Construction projects have included hurricane shelters in the Dominican Republic, bridges in Nicaragua, and classrooms in Costa Rica. Water and sanitation are always primary components.

“People don’t believe what you tell them sometimes—that things are how they are in parts of Central and South America,” says Riggio, a member of the Rotary Club of Westport. “Water is such a precious commodity.”

In April 2011, Riggio traveled to Tingo Pucará—one of five B3 project sites across Ecuador that season—to build pipelines in a joint effort with the Peace Corps and Engineers Without Borders. The village stands at an altitude of 12,600 feet, with the nearest spring about 4,900 feet down a steep path.

Historically, faced with a lack of potable water and arable land, the

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was a bottle of Four Brix 2011 Rhonedevous, a box of Trufflehounds chocolate and a 2014 Ventura Axxess book donated by Jeff Hata.

Our lucky winner was Andy Corliss!

We raised \$150 today for our scholarship fund.

Congratulations Andy and thank you to Jeff Hata for your generous donation!



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men of Tingo Pucará have headed to the lowlands to find work, leaving the women to transport water for cooking, washing, and drinking. Before the project was completed, the 26 village families had as little as 15 minutes of running water per month, sent from a neighboring area when available.

The engineers designed a pumping system to draw water from the spring-fed stream, and the B3 team, made up of high school students and adult advisers, worked with locals to install the pipes, which now bring running water to homes.

“For our kids, that project was not very rewarding—until the last day, when we got to turn the water on,” says Amy Schroeder-Riggio, executive director of Builders Beyond Borders and Riggio’s wife. “When you’re doing a water project, you are laying the pipe, you’re covering it over, and it doesn’t even look like you were there. But when they turn the water on and everybody’s crying, it’s an incredible moment.”

Collaborating with the worldwide networks of the Peace Corps and Rotary boosts credibility and facilitates relationships, Schroeder-Riggio says. In 2008, B3 built a school for hearing-impaired students in San Marcos, Guatemala, with help from a local Rotary club. This year B3 teams will partner with the Rotary Club of Georgetown, Guyana, on five construction projects, including community centers and a sand bridge that will connect coastal islands to medical facilities.

“These organizations make the world go ’round,” Schroeder-Riggio says. “The heart of it is our kids. It’s about building character, their relationship with these leadership programs. It lines up nicely with Rotary.”

by Sallyann Price


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