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of Ventura-East

# The Breeze

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## Programs

Program Chair: Joe Strohmman / Ken Kagan

**July 24, 2014**

The 2014 Ventura County Fair - Barbara Quaid

**July 31, 2014**

“Humanitarian Effects of Nuclear War” - Dr. Robert Dodge

**August 7, 2014**

“Your Ventura County Money” - Jeff Burgh

## Greeter

**July 24** - Nicole Kreutz

## Club Events

### Important Dates

VC Fair Parade.....	Aug 2
Master PRLS 3.....	Aug. 9
Master PRLS 3.....	Aug 23
President Elect Retreat.....	Sep 12 - 13
District Conference.....	Oct 3 - 5

## 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	2nd Wed. 5:30 Mimi's Cafe
International Service	TBD

## Avenues of Service Meetings

Marketing	TBD
Membership	TBD

## Raffle Scholarship Donor

**July 24** - Todd Juvonen

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## Presidents Message ...



**Dave Anderson**  
President 2014-2015

### LOOKING AHEAD: 2014-2015

Today's Club Assembly will focus on our goals and expectations for the coming year. As in previous years, the activities of the club will be channeled through our **Avenues of Service**.

If you wish to participate in the planning or execution of any of our service projects during the year, I recommend that you align yourself with one or more of these committees. That's where you'll find the real work of **Rotary Club of Ventura East**.

Let me reintroduce our Avenues of Service chairs. Please give your support, encouragement, and brilliant ideas!

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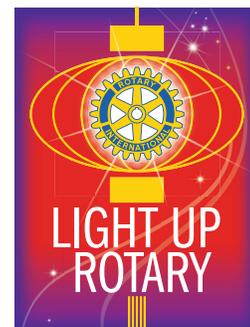
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### The Four Way Test

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 July 17, 2014

Reported by Jeff Hata



Happy Birthday Pete Gallagher!!!

President Dave rang the bell and invited everybody to enjoy lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians please go first.

President Dave thanked Carol Marquez-Olson for greeting.

Carol then led us in the Flag Salute.

President Dave introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Guest of the club was Pilar Gonzales, our exchange student from two years

ago.

John Borneman led us in a song.

Midge Stork announced that our raffle prize was \$50 cash donated by Bill Gray.

Midge then conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was Bill Gray who donated the prize back to our scholarship fund.

We then sang Happy Birthday to Pete Gallagher who was celebrating his 93rd birthday. We also recognized Judy Hoag who was also celebrating a birthday!

President Dave announced that Tim Hughes will be our Membership Chairman this year.

Happy \$'s: Wendy Pazen, John Borneman, Jeff Hata, Bill Spellman, Tim Hughes and Todd Juvonen.

President Dave presented Past President Tim Hughes with his Past President's badge and in exchange, Past President Tim Hughes presented President Dave with his President's badge.

We then had our club assembly.



Happy Birthday Judy Hoag!

## Rotary Scholar's unique ability in bringing clubs together



Rotary Global Grant Scholar Isis E. Mejias Carpio with children in Kenya during her work with Engineers Without Borders.

Photo Credit: Courtesy Isis E. Mejias Carpio

In a municipal hospital in Cubatão, Brazil, a new mammography machine funded by a Rotary global grant provides breast cancer screening to women who previously had to wait for weeks before they could get in for a checkup with a doctor.

A Rotary global grant also funded training for medical staff and cancer awareness education for people in the community. Isis Mejias Carpio of Houston, studying at the University of São Paulo on a Rotary scholarship, played an instrumental role in bringing together Rotary clubs in two countries to make the grant possible.

Members of the Rotary Club of Cubatão, who hosted Mejias during her scholarship, had already identified the hospital's need for expanded health services for women. Visiting the clinic herself, Mejias saw an opportunity to collaborate with her contacts back home in the Rotary Club of Humble Intercontinental, north of Houston.

"Building a bridge between a host and international sponsor on any grant project is always one of the most important parts," Mejias says. "It was very rewarding to know that my little participation evolved into a project like that."

The ink had barely dried on the final report for the mammography grant when Rotary member Bill Davis, Mejias' principal mentor in the Humble club, approached her with another health-related project. Baylor University in Texas had partnered with the government of Botswana to support the Botswana-Baylor Children's Center of Excellence, which

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provides free, state-of-the-art pediatric care, treatment, and support to HIV-positive children and their families in Botswana. The growing number of adolescents with HIV has outpaced the center's resources. So Davis, who had previous contacts with Baylor, was interested in pursuing a global grant to fund a separate adolescent center on an adjacent plot of land. The center would provide a safe place for kids to receive life skills education, health information, and training to deal with the stigma of HIV and discrimination they may face.

To get the project off the ground, Davis says he raised money in his district and called Mejias to see if her friends in Brazil would want to help.

The HIV project grant has been approved by the Foundation. It's just the latest good to come from Mejias' first meeting with Davis in 2011. A volunteer with the Central Houston chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB) at the time, Mejias was looking for help on a clean water project for a hospital in Kenya and had heard that Davis and his club had a history of supporting EWB projects. So she approached him.

"I liked what she had proposed," says Davis, who recalls Mejias had already been to Kenya twice to see the project, which also involved a retired doctor from San Diego whose wife is a Rotary member. "I thought it's a pretty secure deal, so our club became the international sponsor and got a couple other clubs in."

"Talking to Bill we made a friendship through the months of developing this grant," Mejias says. She told him she was working with a team at the University of Houston developing a bio-filter to remove metals from water. Davis told her of a Rotary scholarship for graduate students that she might be interested in. But the deadline was in two weeks. "I knew little about the scholarship, but I researched it and thought it would be a perfect opportunity to understand more about water treatment."

Mejias met the deadline and was selected for the scholarship, but she didn't want to abandon her work. So with the help of her academic sponsors, she forged an agreement between the University of Houston and the University of São Paulo to collaborate on the study and work toward a dual PhD.

About her Rotary scholarship, Mejias says, it made her realize "I can have a huge impact on changing people's lives. I was able to find my passion in life and determine I want to create a road for future projects."

Mejias was also recently selected by The Rotary Foundation to lead a team of engineers who will be traveling to Uganda to study the feasibility of water projects.

By Arnold R. Grahl  
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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
	Soule Park GC	

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# Rick Burns' thoughtful approach to Iraq and Afghanistan



One of 15 women participating in the Goats for Afghan Families project organized by Karadah Project International.  
Photo Credit: Safi Haidari

Humanitarian Rick Burns, a retired civil affairs officer in the U.S. Army, has been helping people in the war-torn countries of Afghanistan and Iraq since 2003. He's seen a lot of good, but he's also seen what happens when good intentions go awry.

Take the fertile grounds of Arghandab River Valley in Afghanistan, for example. Burns recalls an initiative to help fruit exporters become profitable again after the war. Cold storage facilities were built, but because no one considered the country's spotty electricity, the facilities ended up being too expensive to maintain.

"We really want to make the world a better place," says Burns, "but if we don't consider the outcomes of these projects, we can cause more damage than good."

He's seen similar failings at vocational training centers, where the unskilled and the unemployed receive training but not jobs. Then there are wells that fall into disrepair because no one planned for ongoing maintenance. Watching all this good energy and hard work go to waste is one reason Burns started his nonprofit, Karadah Project International.

"I'd been whining and complaining for so long, I thought that it's time I do something," says Burns, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Atlantic, Iowa, in the U.S.

The organization helps communities in Afghanistan and Iraq create international partnerships to help solve such pressing problems as hunger, poverty, and disease.

## Smart partnerships

Burns is a big believer in partnerships. He says more gets accomplished when organizations are connected. So last March he arranged a conference in his hometown of Elk Horn, Iowa, and invited representatives from 30 nonprofits working in Afghanistan

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## Weekly Raffle

The raffle prize today was \$50 cash graciously donated by Bill Gray.

Our lucky winner was Carol Marquez-Olson!

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and Iraq to share their knowledge and resources.

“Small nonprofits pop up in response to a need they feel passionate about,” says Burns. “But we can do so much more if we all work together.”

He also approached his Rotary club, which donated \$1,000 to his nonprofit. The money was given to the Shindand Women Social Foundation (SWSF), Burns’ Afghanistan partner, to help purchase two goats each for 15 women (total cost \$10,000). The goats not only provide food for the women’s families, they also provide an income. The women sell the goats’ milk in the village. The SWSF also purchased 10 goats for breeding, to ensure the project’s sustainability.

Like Heifer International, each family is required to donate the first offspring of their donated animal to another needy family, giving even more families the chance at a better life. In fact, Burns first approached Heifer International for help with this project but was told they didn’t work in Iraq and Afghanistan. So he found a local group, the Shindand Women Social Foundation, who could adapt Heifer’s model to fit their needs. The SWSF works with village leaders to determine which families receive the goats. It also purchases milk processing equipment locally and hires men in the village to train the women in milk production, further helping the local economy to recover.

***Focused on outcomes, not spending money***

As a soldier, Burns saw the success of projects measured solely on the amount of money spent and number of projects completed. “Those are very poor metrics,” he says. “I try to do things intentionally and perhaps slower than other organizations so we can get it right.”

Burns started by building upon the relationships he had developed while based in Iraq. In 2008 he established a friendship partnership between the Karadah (Baghdad) District Council and Council Bluffs, Iowa, through Sister Cities International.

He later formed a partnership between the University of Baghdad College of Dentistry and Creighton University School of Dentistry in Nebraska. With the help of the sister city committee, a delegation of professors from the Baghdad school visited the Creighton campus. Burns hopes to take advantage of a vocational training team through Rotary to further the mentoring relationship.

And then came the goats, a project so successful that a second group of 15 families is set to receive the animals. Burns worked through friends he’d made while on duty in Afghanistan to find the right partners and community support before launching the project. To ensure its ongoing success, he’s put a priority on maintaining accountability and obtaining data through photographs, reports, and observation. But it’s not always easy.

“Everything we do (in Afghanistan and Iraq) is fraught with risk,” says Burns. “But by being intentional and focused on the outcomes -- and not just simply spending money because we have it and it’s easy -- we can make a difference in the lives of these amazing people.”

By Maureen Vaught  
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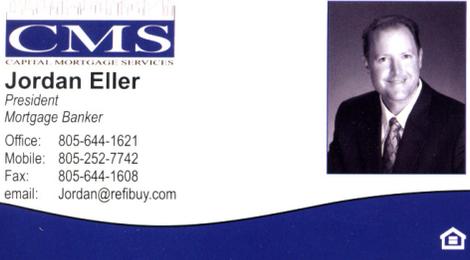
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