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of Ventura-East

The Breeze

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Programs

Program Chair: Joe Strohman / Ken Kagan

January 8, 2014

Geoff Dean - Sheriff

January 15, 2014

Marc Sloan - Fitness

January 22, 2014

Mike Tracy - Ventura City Council

Greeter

January 8 - TBA

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date

December 4, 2014

for information on fundraisers go to:

www.RotaryVenturaEast.org

Avenues of Service Meetings

Club Service	TBD
Vocational Service	TBD
Community Service	Sept. 9 6:00 Laura Shannon
New Generations	2nd Wed. 5:30
Conference Call	(213) 992-5290 PIN 01623
International Service	TBD
Marketing	TBD
Membership	TBD

Club Events

Important Dates

District Grants Webinar	Jan. 8
District Midterms (Oxnard).....	Jan. 17
Foundation Gala	Jan. 30
4th Annual STEPS Conference	Jan. 31

Raffle Scholarship Donor

January 8 - TBA

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Presidents Message ...



Dave Anderson
President 2014-2015

I'd like to commend everyone in Rotary Club of Ventura East for your generous donation of time, money and effort towards the Club's humanitarian goals during the preceding year.

I can happily report that the Poinsettia project was a great success - with a preliminary figure of about \$9,500 in profits! Add to that the \$3,500 in net earnings from our BBQ events during the last six months.

These efforts, by you and your fellow club members, allow The Rotary Club of Ventura East to give back to the community in profound and meaningful ways.

I'll share the letter we received from Chuck Terra of Food Share (and one of our newest club members!):

"I would like to express a big thank you to you and our team at 'Rotary Ventura East' for sponsoring a tree at the 2014 CAN-tree event at The Collection Riverpark. This year's event was a huge success in that we more than doubled the number of trees from last year. The success of this year's event could only happen because of partnerships like yours. FOOD Share will have plenty of food this holiday season for people in our community. I am attaching a picture of the tree our team built. Again thank you and I look forward to talking with you soon."

Regards,
Chuck Terra
Resource Development Manager
FOOD Share Inc.

It is a pleasure working with each of you as fellow Rotarians. I wish you all the best of Holiday Cheer!!

Dave

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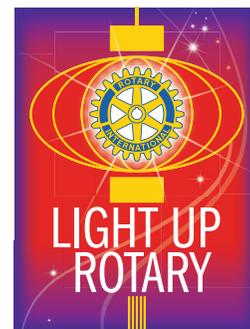
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The Four Way Test

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 December 18, 2014

Reported by Jeff Hata



Past President Tom Swan ran the meeting today.

Past President Tom Swan rang the bell and invited everyone to get lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians first please!

Past President Tom thanked our greeter Bob Noville. Bill Spellman then led us in the Salute to the Flag.

Past President Tom thanked Nicolle Kreutz for taking attendance.

Joe Strohm introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Guests

of Joe Strohm were Joe's daughters Olivia and Hannah and Hannah's friend Alexis Davis.

Tim Hughes gave our Inspirational Message.

Avenues of Service:

Club Service: Judy Hoag announced that we netted \$9,877 in Poinsettia Sales this year. That amounted to 331 cases of poinsettias.

Past President Tom reminded us we would be dark the next 2 Tuesdays. Our first meeting back will be a joint meeting with South and Downtown and our speaker will be Sheriff Geoff Dean.

John Borneman led us in a song.

Past President Tom presented Edy and Erica with Christmas tips for all the great service they provided us this past year.

Vance Thompson thanked Bill Spellman for hosting the Christmas party and Rich Stewart and Harriet Clune for helping with set-up.

Midge Stork thanked Jim Word for making signs for the Ventura Botanical Gardens.

John Borneman reported that Andy Corliss is doing much better. Andy is very determined to make a complete recovery!

Tim Hughes thanked everyone who purchased an Axxess

book for Atlas Elementary.

Happy \$'s: Hannah Strohm, Harriet Clune, Rafa Canton and Bill Spellman.

INDOOR AIR POLLUTION LINKED TO MILLIONS OF DEATHS



Rotary member Jorge Aufranc (second from right), supervises the delivery and installation of new indoor safe stoves for the kitchen at Rancho Alegre school in Guatemala. The World Health Organization estimates that 4.3 million deaths in 2012 were linked to indoor air pollution in homes like this around the world.

Photo Credit: Rotary International/Monika Lozinska

After decades dreaming about the Himalayas, Rotary member George Basch went on his first trek through the mountains in 2001, when he was 64. A member of the Rotary Club of Taos-Melagro in New Mexico, USA, Basch found that the experience was even more than he had hoped.

"My expectations were high, and dramatically exceeded," he remembers.

But a less-than-pleasant aspect of the experience was the indoor smoke pollution he encountered in the guest houses and private homes he visited. Many families in the Himalayas use rudimentary cookstoves or, in some cases, an open fire pit inside the home to prepare food.

Basch says the effect is like sitting in front of a campfire roasting marshmallows and suddenly having the wind blow the smoke in your face. "You're coughing, your eyes are tearing, you want to leave," he says. In some homes, this unpleasantness is compounded by the use of yak dung for fuel.

It turns out that the smoke is not only bothersome, it's

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Andy Corliss is determined to make a complete recovery!!!

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downright dangerous. The World Health Organization estimates that 4.3 million deaths in 2012 were linked to indoor air pollution in households where cooking is done over coal, wood, and biomass stoves. More than half of the deaths were among children under age 5. One expert says that having an open fire in the kitchen is like burning 400 cigarettes an hour.

After a second trip to the region in 2009, Basch decided he had to do something. The good news was that the problem could be solved relatively easily with the installation of clean-burning cookstoves.

Basch, an engineer by training, tracked down a clean-burning cookstove made by a company in Colorado and met with the inventors to determine whether the stove would be a good fit in Nepal. The Himalayan Stove Project kicked off with delivery of four dozen stoves to Nepal in 2010. When Basch followed up with a visit the following year, he learned that the stoves had been universally well received.

To date, his project has provided more than 3,000 stoves. For about \$100, the Himalayan Stove project can buy, transport, and install a new stove in a home. Because some of the recipients live in remote areas, the stoves have to be taken in by helicopter and then hand-carried, in some cases for days, to their destinations.

Each family that receives a stove provides a service or makes a donation in exchange, perhaps donating time to a local community center or purchasing supplies for a school or clinic. In one community, families paid small fees for the stoves, and the money was used to create a microfinance program.

Basch is hoping to drum up more support for his project from Rotary clubs around the world. His New Mexico club was the first to make a contribution. Individual Rotarians also have donated to the project.

Basch also is partnering with Rotary members in Nepal. In February, the Rotary Club of Tripureswor, Kathmandu, helped deliver and install 90 stoves in the village of Gamcha. When the Rotary members returned later to interview recipients, they were told that the new stoves used less fuel and cooked food faster than the ones they'd used before.

News like this fuels Basch's determination to change as many lives as he can. "Just in the mountainous areas of Nepal, there is a need for a million stoves," he says. "That would be a wonderful outcome, if we could deliver a stove to everyone who needs one."

By Susie Ma
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12-DEC-2014

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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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ROTARY STAFF MEMBERS BOND OVER MILES TO END POLIO BIKE RIDE



Members of Rotary's Miles to End Polio team cross the finish line of the 104-mile course of El Tour de Tucson bike event.
Photo Credit: James S. Wood

For six staff members from Rotary headquarters in Evanston, the fight to eradicate polio has become personal. Together, they biked the physically grueling 104-mile (167-kilometer) Tour de Tucson in Arizona, USA, collectively raising more than \$20,000 for polio eradication while putting their bodies and minds through a feat of endurance.

For the tightknit group, the experience was about more than just raising money and crossing the finish line. It was about learning about each other and what Rotary members are doing to rid the world of this crippling disease. They advocated together, trained together, and promoted each other's fundraising efforts. The total fundraising campaign was a huge success, yielding more than \$9 million from the participation of 100 Rotary members and staff once the current 2-to-1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is figured in. But the camaraderie of the team, and the magnitude of the cause, is what the staff from Evanston say they will remember most.

Here's more from staff members about what their 104-mile ride meant to them.

THOMAS WOODS, STEWARDSHIP:

One of the things that struck me was how much the word "team" truly ride, cont'd on page 6

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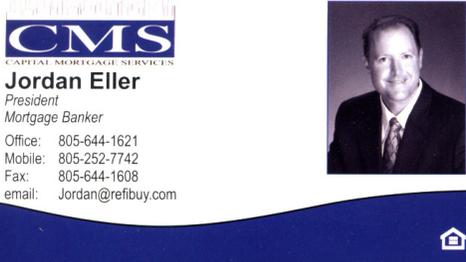


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KRISTIN BROWN, ROTARY SERVICE:

The course was spectacular. There were beautiful vistas and a deep blue desert sky with mountains as the backdrop. There was a long, steady climb from miles 50 to 70, followed by the fastest 10 miles I've ever ridden in my life.

One of our teammates, Naish Shah, needed new cleats. It was amazing to see the volunteers and other riders come together to help him out. Naish showed his dedication to the event by actually raising funds during the ride. He got one cash donation from a biker who rode along with him.

Bike holders! At every stop we had volunteers standing ready to literally hold our bikes while we filled our water bottles, applied sunscreen, grabbed a snack, or to tweet out our progress.

CATHERINE LANKFORD, IT OPERATIONS:

El Tour definitely came with challenges (a steep climb and a flat tire), but I truly can't imagine having more fun or enjoying my ride any more than I did. There were sections of the course that really gave me a chance to absorb and appreciate the land and the fact that I was in the midst of riding a 104-mile route when less than a year before I had a cast and [was] reliant on crutches after having foot surgery.

I was overwhelmed by how beautiful the desert is and how thrilled I was to be on a bike.

One of the more unexpected highlights was the support from spectators. Supporters were scattered throughout the course cheering on the riders and I can't describe how awesome it was hearing the cheers for "Go Rotary Rider!" and the high fives and excitement from others when my jersey was recognized. It was from this kind of support and excitement that it really hit me what an awesome thing we were doing -- we were all out there eradicating polio through some pretty impressive raising of funds and awareness. So grateful to have had such an amazing experience!

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary News
10-DEC-2014

