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Programs

Program Chair: Joe Strohman / Ken Kagan

January 29, 2015

William Aura - Review of Nepal School

February 5, 2015

Mike Tracy - Ventura City Council

February 12, 2015

Tania Garcia - CSUCI: "State of the campus and future events"

February 19, 2015

Rich Rozzelle - "Our local state parks"

Greeter

January 29 - Michelle Cekov

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	January 27 5:30
Conference Call	(213) 992-5290 PIN 01623
International Service	TBD
Marketing	TBD
Membership	TBD

Club Events

Important Dates

Foundation Gala.....	Jan. 30
4th Annual STEPS Conference	Jan. 31

Raffle Scholarship Donor

Januray 29 - Bill Gray

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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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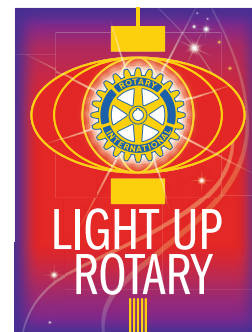
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The Four Way Test

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 January 22, 2015

Reported by Wemdy Pazen



Who will be our next P.E.N???

a P.E.N.

President Dave reminded everyone about the STEPS Conference at Cal Lutheran on January 31st.

Bruce McGee announced a BBQ Team meeting next Wednesday at GoCare at 5:30.

John Borneman led us in our song of the week followed by our joke of the week given by Tim Hughes and John Borneman.

Avenues of Service:

Nicole Kruetz (Community Service) spoke about the Tutoring program at Atlas Elementary.

Bruce McGee (Club Service) reminded everyone about the BBQ meeting next Wednesday.

Michelle Cekov (International Service) spoke about Nicaragua.

Joe Strohmman (Vocational Service) spoke about our next Student of the Quarter, the 4 Way Essay test and Job Shadow Day.

Midge Stork conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was Husam Hishmeh.

Happy \$'s: Husam Hishmeh and Bob Lynn.

President Dave rang the bell and invited everyone to get their lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians first.

President Dave thanked our greeter Ken Kagan and our attendance taker Tim Blackwell.

Husam Hishmeh led us in the Flag Salute.

Joe Strohmman introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Our Inspirational Message was given by Bruce McGee ... We need

INTENSE SUMMER PROGRAM GIVES ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN TEENS NEW PERSPECTIVES



Israeli, Palestinian, and American teens draw portraits of one another -- an exercise in seeing one another in a new way -- in an art studio in Encinitas, California, USA, during the 2014 Hands of Peace program.

Photo Credit: Courtesy of Kelly Mellos

Students from Israel and Palestine sat together at a local art studio in Encinitas, California, USA, one day last summer, drawing portraits of one another and learning how to live in peace.

Kelly Mellos, an organizer of the project from the Rotary Club of Encinitas Coastal, says that drawing someone who is sitting so close helps break down social barriers between the young people. "They see how many similarities there are between them," she says. "And they begin to understand we are all just people. There is a respect and trust that builds."

The students were participating in a program run by Hands of Peace, which every year brings together Jewish-Israeli, Palestinian-Israeli, and Palestinian teens, along with local students from a variety of religious backgrounds, for 18 days of dialogue and team-building exercises. The 12-year-old organization, which began in Chicago, expanded its program to the San Diego area in 2014.

Professional facilitators lead the sessions, in which the teenagers learn about different cultures and religions and are exposed to a range of perspectives on the Middle East conflict. The program's goal is to have the students

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Rafael Canton gave our joke of the day.

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use what they learn to engage in peace-building efforts in their everyday lives in and their communities.

ROTARY'S INVOLVEMENT

During the program, the young participants stay with host families, some of which have included Rotary members. Rotary members also serve as volunteers and take part in community forums, seminars, and other peace-building events. The Rotary Clubs of Encinitas Coastal and La Jolla Golden Triangle in California and the Rotary Club of Glenview-Sunrise in Illinois provide financial support.

Mellos got involved after Scott Silk, a history teacher at Pacific Ridge School, a private college preparatory school, and now director of Hands of Peace's San Diego branch, visited her club two years ago while organizing the branch. Mellos developed the art workshop because she believes art has the power to bring people together.

"I teach them to look at the big patterns and shapes," Mellos explains. "It is suddenly as if you can't be too specific about a person's story; you are seeing the beautiful patterns that make them up. And then you are seeing each other as people, not as Israeli or Palestinian, not as narratives, but as creations."

Jim and Gail Tatsuda began hosting student participants after a Hands of Peace volunteer spoke to the Rotary Club of Glenview-Sunrise in suburban Chicago. They have hosted four students, and have remained close to all of them. Gail, who is Jewish, recalls being touched when the mother of their second student, Mohammed, a Muslim from the West Bank, learned she had a bad cold.

"She had been calling every morning to talk to her son, but now she called to talk to me," Gail recalls. "She would say, 'Are you taking your honey and lemon juice like I told you? Are you taking it three times a day?' I would get off the phone and think: Here I am, this little Jewish woman, and I have a dear friend who is a Muslim Palestinian."

Mohammed later attended high school in Italy and then received a full scholarship to Lake Forest College, not far from Glenview. When he graduates, his parents plan to stay with the Tatsudas.

"Once these kids go through the program and meet each other, it's life-changing for them," Gail says. "I heard one of the kids asking one of the others, 'What if you see me at one of the checkpoints -- are you going to aim a gun at me?' And the other kid said, 'No, I could not do that. I would treat you respectfully.'"

PARTICIPANTS PRAISE PROGRAM

"It was really surprising to hear things I'd never heard before. The

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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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dialogues can be really hard, very intense,” says Hagar, an Israeli teen invited back last summer to provide peer support to new Hands of Peace participants. “I thought the program might change how I see Palestinians, which it did. But I didn’t think I would bond this much with the other participants. They are part of my life now; we talk all the time.”

Alumni programs bring past participants together for seminars and workshops several times a year in Israel, providing them with a support network to pursue what they have learned. Inspired by the program, Hagar is working with a student from Tel Aviv to organize a soccer game for Israeli and Palestinian youth in Nazareth. They have spoken with city officials and soccer clubs, and hope to raise enough money to hold the event soon. “We want [the players] to understand they are humans and they have the same interests and enjoy the same things.”

Roxanne, a high school student in Carlsbad, California, was participating in last summer’s program when news broke that Israeli ground troops were entering Gaza.

“No one was sure what was going to happen [in the program],” she recalls. “Would people start fighting, or break into their own delegations and not talk for the remainder of the trip? But then an Israeli girl stood up and bowed her head for a moment of silence, and then everyone else stood up. And then everyone started crying. We all came together that day and embraced each other.

“It was just incredible to see that, even though they all had family on different sides of the conflict, they had built friendships that could transcend all that was unfolding.”

By Arnold R. Grahl
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Weekly Raffle

We did not get who our raffle prize donor was this week, but our lucky winner was Husam Hishmeh!
 Congratulations Husam!



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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

GARY C.K. HUANG
PRESIDENT 2014-15

JANUARY 2015


At the beginning of this Rotary year, I asked Rotarians everywhere to Light Up Rotary by holding a Rotary Day. How you do this is something I'm leaving up to you: It can be a full day or just a few hours. It can be organized by your club, by your district, or even across your entire country. It can be a service project, a festival, or any kind of event you want. As long as it's open to the community, embraces the whole family of Rotary, and is fun, it's a Rotary Day.

The goal of a Rotary Day is to shine a light on Rotary. For many years, we in Rotary felt that it wasn't appropriate to boast about our good work. We felt it was best to serve quietly and let our work speak for itself. But today, in many communities, people aren't even aware that they have a local Rotary club. Not because the clubs aren't strong, or because they aren't serving well. They are. But if Rotarians don't talk about their work, people will never know about it.

It is time for us to Light Up Rotary and let people know what we are doing. In the first half of this Rotary year, I've been thrilled to see how many Rotarians have taken up my Rotary Day challenge. I've attended Rotary Days in so many places, including the Philippines, Korea, China, the United States, Turkey, India, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. Every one has been different, and every one has met the challenge to Light Up Rotary in its own way.

If you've organized a Rotary Day in your community, tell us about it: Email details and photos of your event to rotarian@rotary.org, with "Rotary Day" as your subject line. We'll do our best to feature as many Rotary Days as possible in the coming months.

And if you haven't planned a Rotary Day yet, why not? It's a great way to share your love for Rotary with your community. When we tell others about Rotary and let them know how membership can enrich their lives, we share a gift that was given to us when we were invited to join our clubs. By passing that gift on, we help ensure that Rotary, and its service, will endure for generations to come.




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