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March 19, 2015

Bob Warnagieris – Ventura Botanical Gardens update

March 26, 2015

Job Shadow

April 2, 2015

Bake Sale

April 16, 2015

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March 19- Jordan Eller

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Avenues of Service Meetings

Club Service TBD

Vocational Service TBD

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New Generations April 15 12:30
Conference Call (213) 992-5290 PIN 01623

International Service TBD

Marketing TBD

Membership TBD

Club Events

Important Dates

Bake Sale	Apr. 2
Rotaract Non-Profit Summit.....	Apr. 6
Sandy Waddell Memorial.....	Mar. 15
Job Shadow.....	Mar. 26
District Assembly	Mar. 28
Step-Down Dinner	Jun. 28

Raffle Scholarship Donor

March 19 - Tom Swan

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Presidents Message ...



Dave Anderson
President 2014-2015

Five years ago, the Rotary Club of Ventura East provided a gift of \$5,000 to the **Ventura Family YMCA**, which was used to launch a program called **“Operation Splash!”** This initiative enabled the YMCA to offer introductory swim lessons to disadvantaged children in the Ventura area. Thanks to this and subsequent gifts from the Club over the past 5 years, the YMCA has been able to deliver free swimming lessons to over 700 children in need.

The success of **Operation Splash!** has inspired the YMCA to launch similar programs, such as **“Operation Kick!”** which provides free soccer lessons to children living in shelters and transitional homes, and **“Operation Senior!”** which provides aquatic therapy classes for active older adults.

In 2013, the YMCA consolidated its various outreach programs under the name **“Operation Ventura!”** Under this expanded program, the YMCA offers its full range of programs and services, including swimming, youth sports, and leagues, to Ventura’s homeless and underprivileged children.

As members of Rotary Club of Ventura East, we can be proud of our participation with the YMCA in bringing these services to the community. We will have an opportunity to see the program in action, at our upcoming off-site lunch meeting at the YMCA facility, Thursday April 23, 2015.

Dave Anderson

2014 - 2015

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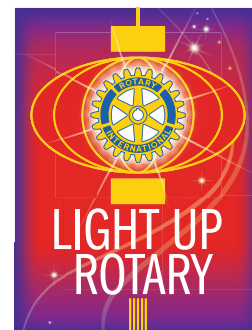
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Meeting March 12, 2015

Reported by Jeff Hata



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Rich Stewart told us that the Boys & Girls club tutoring is being eliminated and all tutoring will now be held at Atlas Elementary.

President Dave announced that the memorial service for Sandy Waddell would be on Sunday at 2:00.

President Dave also asked that all Avenues of Service chairs and Directors attend the district assembly on March 28th.

Tim Blackwell announced a BBQ for the City of Ventura for about 200 at the Ventura Aquatics Center on April 2nd from 4:00 - 7:00.

Tim also announced that we will be inventorying the storage unit on March 21st at 9:00 and that we are selling the BBQ trailer and will be purchasing a smaller trailer.

Midge Stork announced that the raffle prize was a gift card to the YardHouse.

Happy \$'s: Harriet Clune, Jeff Hata, Michelle Cekov, Midge Stork, Todd Juvonen and Bruce McGee.

Pete Gallagher spoke about the St. Patrick's day parade.

John Borneman led us in a song and then Dick Gallgher gave our joke of the day.

Midge Stork conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was

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

President Dave thanked our greeter Rich Stewart. President Dave also thanked Tim Blackwell for taking attendance and Michelle Cekov for donating our raffle prize.

Harriet Clune led us in the Flag Salute.

We did not have any guests or visiting Rotarians today.

Todd Juvonen.

Bruce McGee announced that Husam Hishmeh has accepted the President Elect Nominee position!

MONROVIA CLUB'S EBOLA FIGHT NOT FINISHED



Members of the Rotaract Club of Monrovia conduct a door-to-door outreach campaign aimed at raising awareness about Ebola prevention.

Photo Credit: Courtesy of Rotary Club of Monrovia, Liberia

After the first cases of Ebola reached Liberia's capital, Monrovia, last June, local Rotary members feared that the city's limited health care system wouldn't be able to contain the highly infectious, often-deadly disease.

Those fears were realized when infections quickly multiplied, underscoring the speed with which Ebola can spread in an urban center. It was the first time the hemorrhagic fever had threatened a major city since it erupted in West Africa last March.

Now, after months of crisis-level response, and with the number of new cases declining, club members are looking to the long term, planning three projects that will have a sustained impact in the Ebola fight in their community.

"We were at the mercy of Ebola," recalls David Frankfort, a member of the Rotary Club of Monrovia and chair of its Ebola committee. "We didn't have enough trained health personnel or proper medical equipment to handle the onset of the epidemic here."

The Monrovia club quickly stepped up efforts to control the spread of the disease in the city. By October, members had donated 220 noncontact infrared thermometers, 10,000 examination gloves, 100 plastic



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buckets with spouts for handwashing, 120 pairs of rubber boots for health care workers, 80 mattresses, fuel coupons for Ebola response vehicles, and books for students who had to stay at home after the government ordered the closing of all its schools in June.

The 53-member club is also working directly with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to enhance local support for Ebola patients, health workers, and support staff.

"When this crisis hit, we weren't going to stand by and wait for help to arrive; we created our own emergency action plan," says Frankfort. "We felt a responsibility, as a Rotary club, to show our community that responding to disasters like this is what we are all about."

The Rotaract Club of Monrovia also pitched in, conducting a door-to-door outreach campaign aimed at raising awareness about Ebola prevention and home management. The effort was co-sponsored by the Liberian Nurses Association.

In addition, Frankfort says that dozens of clubs worldwide have assisted Rotary members in Monrovia, including the Rotary Club of Marlow, in Buckinghamshire, England, which raised more than \$113,000 for the effort.

CASES DROP, RESPONSE STAYS STRONG

The Ebola epidemic, the worst on record, has claimed more than 3,600 lives in Liberia. In the three worst-hit countries -- Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea, -- the death toll is more than 8,620, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Ebola, which causes vomiting, diarrhea, and internal bleeding, is spread through direct contact with blood or other bodily fluids. It has no known cure.

However, the rate of new cases has declined in recent months, prompting the government to end the country's state of emergency in November. But William Martin, senior adviser to Liberia's Health Minister and a member of the Monrovia Rotary club, says more has to be done to end the epidemic.

"Our biggest concern is that this disease doesn't stop at the border. The boundaries of these three countries are poor. People migrate back and forth all the time," says Martin, who serves on the Presidential Advisory Council on Ebola. "Eliminating cases in Liberia isn't enough. We [the government] must continue to prepare for cases."

His club, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, is also ready to continue the fight. "I'm extremely proud of what we've been able to accomplish so far. Every one of our members agreed that this outbreak is something we must take on as a challenge," he says. "But we can't stand down."

The Monrovia club plans to institute three major projects for long-term

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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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relief. Members will donate \$80,000 to an orphanage caring for children who lost parents to the disease. They are buying an oxygen machine for the John F. Kennedy Medical Center, one of Liberia's largest and oldest medical facilities, which lacks proper equipment for Ebola patients. Martin says the machine will be crucial to the hospital's treatment of infected patients. The third initiative is to provide scholarships for people to study health and social work subjects.

Ebola's impact on Liberia was magnified by its deadly reach into the health care system. More than 300 medical workers contracted the disease, and 178 of them died from it. This was a significant blow in a country whose population of 4.4 million was served by only one doctor for every 100,000 people before the outbreak started, according to WHO. That compares with WHO's recommendation of at least one doctor for every 600 people.

As the club's efforts transition from emergency response to long-term relief, members will focus on filling gaps the government can't address, Frankfort says.

"There is going to be a strong focus on community outreach and awareness," he says. "It's crucial that people are educated on Ebola, because taking even a small step back can be disastrous for this country."

By Ryan Hyland
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

Announcement

The following
has been proposed as new member of
the Ventura-East Rotary Club:

Name: Kathy McGee
Classification: Retired: Education
Proposer: Bruce McGee

Any objections to this person becoming a member of our club should be brought to the attention of the President, President-Elect or any Director within ten (10) days of this publication.

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was a \$50 gift card to the YardHouse donated by Michelle Cekov.

Our lucky winner was Todd Juvonen!

Thank you to Michelle Cekov for your generous donation and congratulations to Todd Juvonen!!!

ROTARY WINS PRESTIGIOUS SILVER TELLY FOR AIDS DOCUMENTARY



Marion Bunch (left), a Rotary member from Georgia, USA, whose son died of AIDS, sits with Me Maria, a South African grandmother who is raising her two grandsons after their parents died of AIDS.


A documentary film produced by Rotary's broadcast media department that features Rotary member Marion Bunch and her work to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in underprivileged African communities won two 2015 Telly Awards.

The prestigious awards are given annually to the finest film and video productions. Rotary's documentary, "Rotary Family Health Days" received a Silver Telly, the highest honor, in the online video-documentary category, and a Bronze Telly in the online video-branded content and entertainment category. The documentary was shown by the South African Broadcasting Corporation and throughout Africa.

"What we tried to accomplish with the film was to get the good news and the good deeds out there so that the non-Rotary world can see it," says producer Andrew Chudzinski. "It was a great collaborative project."

The film documents the tremendous burden HIV/AIDS places on African families and communities. It covers the journeys of two women: South African grandmother Me Maria, who is raising her two grandsons whose parents died of AIDS, and Bunch, from Atlanta, Georgia, USA, who became a global advocate for AIDS prevention and the inspiration for Rotary Family Health Days after she lost her son to the disease.

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“Because of that one single tragedy, my life’s journey changed dramatically, from a very engaged businesswoman to a warrior on AIDS and advocate of human rights,” Bunch told senior White House staff in October, when she was honored as one of 10 Rotary Women of Action for 2014. A member of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Bunch is the founder and CEO of Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention, a group of members that collaborates with Rotary clubs and districts on health-related projects.

The Rotary Health Days project, now in its fifth year and supported by Rotary clubs in Africa, has grown to deliver free basic health care, including HIV/AIDS screening and other preventive services, to underserved communities in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, and Uganda. It began in 2010, when Ugandan Stephen Mwanje, then governor of District 9211, asked Bunch if the Rotarian group would organize a multisite, comprehensive health event.

“The tremendous burden on the families of those infected by HIV/AIDS -- particularly for older people caring for their terminally ill children and raising their grandchildren, and for children orphaned by this disease -- is incalculable,” says Bunch. “This is a story of people coming together to help fight this global killer and other preventable diseases.”

The award-winning documentary was a joint project of the public relations and broadcast media staff at Rotary’s world headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. In addition to Chudzinski, producer Vivian Fiore, writer/editor Todd Murphy, and executive producer Stephen Guenther worked on the film.

“We went through many different outlines, thoughts, and angles, and worked closely with Marion [Bunch] on it,” says Fiore. “It evolved into a better piece than we all imagined.”

In 2012, Rotary won a Silver Telly for its documentary “Doing Good in the World: Growing Local Economies.”

By Adam Ross
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