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of Ventura-East

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## Programs

Program Chair: Joe Strohman / Ken Kagan / Alison Thompson /  
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### May 21, 2015

John Knopp - Commemorative Air Force

### May 28, 2015

Brent Winebrenner - A historical look at Cuba

### June 4, 2015

4 Way Test Essay / Scholarships

### June 11, 2015

Tim Hughes/Husam Hishmeh - Membership

## Greeter

May 21 - John Masterson

## Fundraisers

### Poinsettia Sales

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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
Conference Call (213) 992-5290	PIN 01623
International Service	TBD
Marketing	TBD
Membership	TBD

## Club Events

## Important Dates

4 Way Test Essay contest awards	Jun. 4
Scholarships	Jun. 4
Johnny Cash Music Festival (BBQ Team)	Jun. 27 - 28
Step-Down Dinner	Jun. 28
Bruce McGee's first meeting	Jul. 2
Push-em Pull-em Parade	Jul. 4
Ventura Street Fair (BBQ Team)	Jul. 4
Ventura Chamber Family Day (BBQ Team)	Aug. 22
District Governor Jim Bell's Official Visit	Aug. 27
Moorpark Beer Festival (BBQ Team)	Oct. 10
Moorpark Civil War Reenactment (BBQ Team)	Nov. 7 - 8

## Raffle Scholarship Donor

May 21 - Jeff Hata

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## Presidents Message ...



**Dave Anderson**  
President 2014-2015

My wife, Wendy, subscribes to a bicycling magazine called Adventure Cyclist. Yesterday I was drawn to its cover article, "Circling the Volcanoes – Family Adventure in Nicaragua," by Aaron Teasdale. The article recounts one family's two-week bike ride around the double volcanoes on the island of Ometepe in Lake Nicaragua (about 20 miles south of Granada).

Their story brought to memory my own brief visit to Nicaragua several years ago, and evoked recollections of similar experiences. As

I mentioned at the club meeting last week, the opportunity to have visited Nicaragua changed my perception of the country from the abstract to a direct personal knowledge. My guess is that many of you have experienced the same phenomenon.



I want to thank Michelle Cekov for sharing her report last week on the work that GoCare is doing in Pantanal - and throughout Nicaragua. As members of the Rotary Club of Ventura East, we can be proud of the Club's efforts to

serve the people of Pantanal over the years. But we should express our appreciation to Michelle and the entire GoCare organization for envisioning and implementing a truly sustainable system - one that will continue to provide high-quality educational programs to these communities for years to come.

As Michelle mentioned, GoCare is also ready and willing to assist any Rotary Club (including Ventura East!) to identify, assess, plan, and execute any number of future humanitarian projects in Nicaragua. Perhaps there will be new opportunities for service that our club will want to explore and act upon.

You can visit GoCare's Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/GOCAREKids>

You can read an excerpt from Aaron Teasdale's bicycling article here:

<https://www.facebook.com/AaronTeasdaleWritingPhotography/posts/378180079036370>

Dave Anderson

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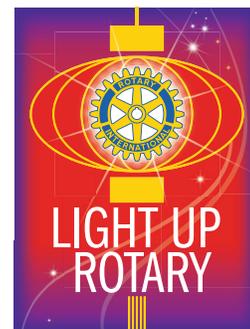
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## The Four Way Test

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 May 14, 2015

Reported by Jeff Hata



President Dave will be our Treasurer next year.

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

Midge Stork announced that she had a Plumeria cutting and a gift card for Danny's Deli as the raffle prize today.

President Dave thanked Tim Hughes for starting the meeting today.

President Dave then thanked Kathy McGee for greeting and Nicole Kreutz for taking attendance. Our

raffle prize donor today was Midge Stork.

Daryl Cruser then led us in the Salute to the Flag.

Joe Strohman introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Guest of Rich Stewart was Stephanie Becerra. Guest of Jeff Hata was Sheri Long from Vista Real Charter High School.

President Dave invited Stephanie to speak briefly about her bank and for Sheri to speak about Vista Real.

Rich Stewart said that his guest, Stephanie, was on the Advisory Board for the Rubicon along with Rich and that they had raffle tickets for the Rubicon drawing for a trip to England.

Vance Thompson presented President Dave with a flag from the Rotary Club of Eagle Pass (Texas).

Monte Widders spoke about his recent trip to Pebble Beach.

Jordan Eller said that we have received 34 applications for scholarships this year and that the interviews would be next Monday - Thursday and scholarships would be awarded on June 4th.

John Borneman led us in a song and then told us our joke of the day.

Bruce McGee announced that President Dave would be

our Treasurer next year and that Alison Thompson is putting together a finance committee.

If you have been making donations to Polio Plus, would like to be our the Rotary Foundation Rep or would like to help Todd Juvonen with the AV duties, please let Bruce McGee know.

Joe Strohman reminded us that the 4 Way Test essay contest winners would be announced on June 4th along with the scholarships and the next Student of the Quarter would be next week.

Community Service - Rich Stewart announced that the Atlas School tutoring project is done for the year.

Happy \$'s Vance Thompson.

Midge Stork conducted the raffle and our lucky winner was President Dave!!!

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## Did ya know???

*The ABC's of Rotary by Cliff Dochterman*

*1992-93 President*

*Rotary International*

### FIRST NAMES OR NICKNAMES

From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Mister, the Honorable or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Charley or Jerry by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom. In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknames "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles," "Foghorn" or "Smiles" as commentaries on their physical features. The nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step, which opens doors to all other opportunities for service.



Vance Thompson presented President Dave with a flag from the Rotary Club of Eagle Pass (Texas)

# ROTARY, USAID COLLABORATION IMPROVES SANITATION FACILITIES IN GHANA



*A young girl takes a bath using a single gallon of clean water.  
Photo Credit: Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*

According to a 2012 report by UNICEF and the World Health Organization, Ghana has made great strides in providing its people with clean drinking water. But access to better sanitation has lagged.

Only about 14 percent of Ghanaians have access to improved facilities, compared with the 54 percent target set for 2015 by the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Addressing the issue isn't simple, as pit latrines need emptying, toilets need maintenance, and promoting hygiene requires education.

The H2O Collaboration, a partnership between Rotary and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is working to alleviate the problem. Between 2009 and 2013, the collaboration invested \$2 million in water, sanitation, and hygiene initiatives in Ghana, along with equal amounts in the Dominican Republic and the Philippines.

In Ghana, the effort resulted in 57 boreholes, 20 wells, latrines for 41 public schools, three public toilet and shower-block units, and three mechanized water supply and distribution systems for rural communities.

In each community, Rotary members and USAID partnered with Ghana's Community Water and Sanitation Agency to set up local water and sanitation committees that assume ongoing oversight of the improvements.

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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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They have also worked with the country's Ministry of Education and its local affiliates to promote a health curriculum that teaches the importance of hand washing with soap, safe water storage, and use of improved household latrines.

The collaboration is poised to enter its second phase this year with commitments of \$4 million each in Ghana, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, and Uganda.

**UNIQUE STRENGTHS**

Rotary and USAID both bring unique strengths to the effort. Rotary's global network of members raise money and oversee construction of the improvements. USAID provides the technical support to design and carry out the initiatives, and works to build the capacity of local, district, and regional agencies to operate and maintain the systems and oversee education and training.

"Working with USAID has been great because they have been in the development business for years and have the backing of the U.S. government," says Ako Odotie, a member of the Rotary Club of Tema, Accra, who serves on a committee overseeing the effort in Ghana. "In Rotary, we are volunteers and many individual clubs. USAID is one unit, and that provides strength to our effort."

One of the first steps for Rotary was the creation of a host organization committee made up of Rotary leaders who could steer the project. The committee members sat down with representatives from USAID and the Community Water and Sanitation Agency to determine where the need was greatest; they selected the Volta, Eastern, Central, and Greater Accra regions. Sites were then chosen, and Rotary's share of projects in 114 communities was divided up among 16 clubs.

The clubs met with each community to get their input before seeking bids for projects. Local water and sanitation committees participate in decision-making, donate land for the improvements, set up bank accounts, establish and collect user fees to cover ongoing costs, and receive training in the use and maintenance of the facilities. Health and sanitation teams from local government units and the Community Water and Sanitation Agency regularly inspect and monitor the sites and evaluate reports from the communities.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

"Some of the water and sanitation committees have done so well with the fees they get from users that they have expanded things," says Odotie. "In one community where we dug a borehole, they got additional funding from a church camp and installed pump-to-pump water into a tank and

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## Weekly Raffle

Today's raffle prize was a Plumeria cutting and a gift card to Danny's Deli graciously donated by Midge Stork.

Our lucky winner was President Dave.

Thank you to Midge Stork for your generous donation and congratulations to President Dave!



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built themselves a complete water system.”

“Sustainability is built right into the project,” notes Robert Holden, who served as international project sponsor for District 7630 (Delaware and Maryland, USA). “When we entered a village, they had to show us their bankbook and deposits, which were enough to keep the projects running. I was very impressed with how much prior planning went into this project, its detail, ingenuity, and foresight.”

Odotie says it has been rewarding to see the reaction of villagers to all the improvements.

“Sometimes it is very emotional to see the joy and appreciation on their faces,” he says. “When you bring in water -- clean water versus what they are used to drinking, which is very pitiful -- you can tell straightaway that their health situation is improved. This is what I live for. It is what makes Rotary what it is.”

By Arnold R. Grahl  
Rotary News  
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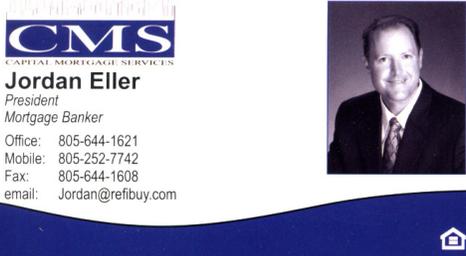
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