



SANTA ANA ROTARY 1959

The Rotations



April 27th, May 4th & 11th, 2016

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Rachel and her Scouts

April 27th

Our own Rachel Cueva shared her presentation on her involvement with the Boy Scouts of America. Rachel initially started with the Boy Scouts as a receptionist, has loved working with them for the last 17 years and is now the District Director! Rachel's passion is outreaching into the community and starting new clubs.

Recently, Rachel has started 4 new clubs in local schools where none existed before. The challenge the clubs have is that it can take a full year for the students and parents to understand how scouting operates so Rachel has to spend a lot of time showing them how it's run and the fundamentals of the organization.

There is however, another important factor that affects the existence of the clubs – each club must have a charter partner to support them or they cannot continue to operate. The support consists of attending their events once a month, usually a Saturday morning. Our club could possibly do that but we need one of you to step up!

RYLA

Our team returned from a memorable weekend in the mountains, working with the youth we sponsored for this event. Each member was assigned to a 'family' of 10 students and each had a different name, such as 'Jaguar' and 'Wolf'. The daily schedule was intense, from 7am to 11pm, between outdoor activities and evening shows created by each family. Our team enjoyed it so much, they are signing up again next year!

May 4th



Kristen Peters, Director of Development, Southern California at Seneca Family of Agencies shared insights about the work

Seneca is doing to help disadvantaged children in the region. Specifically, she shared information on their Guided Animal Intervention Therapy (GAIT) program that brings healing to the children through horseback riding. Located in Anaheim Hills, the GAIT program is designed to help vulnerable children overcome the hurdles that affect their young lives, providing hope and healing leading them down the path of success.

Kristen mentioned that at any given point, there are over 50k children in California waiting for a safe and loving home. Specifically within Orange County, over 3k children exist, who have suffered physical or emotional abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Through GAIT program, high needs children who have experienced trauma and are easily triggered into distress are given the opportunity to heal by building a relationship with the horse while they learn to cope with and manage emotional triggers. The GAIT program is 100% supported by private donations.

Related to the GAIT program, Seneca also provides Fost-to-Adopt service to over 1k children and families in Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties. Kashif Zubair, a

Rotary member, provided a testimonial to the group about the services Seneca provides, as he and his wife recently went through their training program to adopt a child through their agency.

May 11th



L.E.A.P.

It stands for 'Law Enforcement Against Prohibition' and is an organization made up of current and former members of the law enforcement and criminal justice communities who are speaking out about the failures of the existing drug policies.

Diane Goldstein, a retired police officer from Redondo Beach, explained how the current drug policies have failed to make a dent in drug enforcement. One drug dealer would be arrested and 10 more would 'pop-up' to take over the 'business'. The vision of LEAP is that a system of regulation and control of these substances (by the government, replacing the current system of control by the black market) would be a less harmful, less costly, more ethical, and more effective public policy. The justifications for legalizing drugs are many including the following: More than 118 million Americans above the age of 12 (47 percent of the population) admit to using illegal drugs.

The illegal drug market in the U.S. is dominated by 900,000 criminally active gang members affiliated with 20,000 street gangs in more than 2,500 cities. Legalizing and regulating drugs could boost the U.S. economy by \$88 billion a year in law enforcement savings and new tax revenue.

For more information, check out <http://www.leap.cc/>

Upcoming Events

May 18th Meeting at Antonello

Our guest speaker is Matthew Sockolov of Parent Team. A Board meeting will follow immediately.

June 5th/6th Tecate

Our trip to Tecate this year, in support of their annual fundraiser for local schools and clinics, and in junction with other S.C Rotary clubs, will take place over the weekend. All are welcome to participate.

June 20th Mixer!

Our mixers are great fun (thanks Leslie!) and this one is hosted by LeTip. Location is Parkstone, 5180 Birch St, Newport Beach, at 5pm.

June 22nd Book Doctor

This is our annual group event where we restore 'gently used books' for children. It will be held at The Think Together location, 2101-B E. Fourth St., 2nd Level, Santa Ana. Pizza will be served and as it

is on a Wednesday, there will be no meeting at Antonellos that day.

June 29th Demotion Party

Our president's demotion is coming up fast! Our party to celebrate his exit is scheduled for the evening of June 29th, at Antonellos. I don't have the time yet, but will follow up in the next newsletter.

Other News



Ali Danta was recognized as a Paul Harris level 8 Fellow by Rotary International and George Wilson, Santa Ana Rotary Club President, presented a new pin to Ali. Congratulations Ali!

**We meet Wednesdays at noon
at Antonello Ristorante
3800 S Plaza Drive, Santa Ana**