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The Rotations

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Rotary Disaster Relief in Philippines

Penny Byram and her staff member (and Rotarian in the Garden Grove club) Chris Goodrum provided a presentation on Penny's disaster relief mission trip to the Philippines mid-December to mid-January. Penny devoted much of her annual trip home to meeting with local Rotarians as well as local business and community leaders to assess disaster relief needs following the late 2013 earthquake and its ensuing tsunami, followed only ten days later by a typhoon. In addition to local Rotarians helping to identify the areas of strongest need, Penny was working with them to garner commitments of hands-on support and participation once the projects are underway.

Our Rotary District 5320 raised \$40,000 which has been matched to provide \$120,000 in available funds for disaster relief. None has yet been disbursed, pending project applications and evaluation. These funds are intended for less immediate support, more infrastructure-type projects.

Some needs Penny reported were: clean water, schools, a girls' school dormitory (for safety), replacing destroyed fishing boats, and others.

Worldwide there have been outpourings of food and clothing to the Philippines for immediate relief; Rotarians have also offered immediate support. For instance, Shelterboxes have been deployed for 4,000 families (from contributions by Rotarians and others) and Rotaract has provided disaster relief kits.

During Penny's presidency of our club she set us up with not one, but two sister clubs in the Philippines. She is looking to build further relationships with Rotary clubs in the three areas hardest hit by these disasters.

Penny pointed out that the Philippines are politically stable and economically strong, and the U.S. enjoys a good relationship there.

She concluded by saying how proud she is to be a Rotarian, part of a worldwide organization that accomplishes so many important community support projects.

Kim deBroux, visiting Rotarian in eClub of the West, mentioned having spent a month in the Philippines as a GSE team leader. She said it was a great experience.

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

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

May 21, Gloria Pekala and Liza Krassner on youth with autism.

May 28, noon to 2 p.m. **OFFSITE** hands-on service being Book Doctors for Think Together – slightly new location, 2101-B (2nd floor) E . Fourth Street, Santa Ana. This is our regular club meeting, though we understand if you need to leave at 1:15. We will bring in lunch so please **RSVP to Denise Habjan, our Service Chair**, so we have enough food. This is also a great opportunity to bring guests and friends to participate in hands-on service with Rotary.

NO LUNCH MEETING June 11, as we're having Mel's Continuation Celebration that evening – see below.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11, evening, Antonello: Not your average demotion party – we're having a **Continuation Celebration** for Mel! If you haven't already RSVP'd to Lisa Scaglione, please do so. And many thanks to Penny Byram for her help with this – you know if Penny's involved it's going to be fun, with good entertainment, and entertaining surprises.

June 16, Governor's Transition Party (and Gov. Rae's birthday!) Register online at DaCDB. Fun night of music and Knott's Chicken! (Other menu options are available) Our own Ali Danta is heavily involved in planning this event so you know it's going to be a great party!

INTERACT SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Century High School (home of the Interact club we sponsor) annually holds exit interviews with seniors. In addition to faculty, community members are invited and encouraged to participate, as a way to learn more about what the school does. Since we are involved with the school via the Interact club and our participation in the school's Academies scholarship programs, we've been invited. Any individual member who is interested should RSVP (info below) and you may attend for whatever time you can. **The sessions are Wednesday and Thursday May 28 and 29, from 7:30 – 10 a.m.** My impression was one is not required to attend the full two and a half hours if one's schedule does not allow. Just RSVP as available. I think this would be a good way for us to show our support and learn more about the school and programs we do support at Century. The school is on Grand, near Edinger.

Century High School Senior Exit Portfolio

You are invited to serve as an interview panelist for the Class of 2013 presentation of electronic exit portfolios. This student-focused process allows students to:

- * Reflect on work and see growth accomplished throughout four years >of high school;
 - * Receive positive feedback from staff and community;
 - * Practice the interview process for real-world application;
 - * Focus on strengths;
 - * Begin a life-long process of reflection and service;
- and
- * Connect work to post-secondary goals.

WHEN? Wednesday, May 28, and Thursday, May 29, 2014
TIME: 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

We look forward to sharing the accomplishments of our seniors with you.

Click below to go to the hyperlink to the form:
<http://www.sausd.us/Page/21518>

Thank you,

OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR INTERACT CLUB and Century High School's eBusiness Academy (presented to our club by our Interact faculty advisor Alan Gersten around July 2012?)

But first an opportunity to help yourself: Many of the students are seeking summer internship opportunities. Generally this would be for a couple of months, up to 20 hours per week, and may be paid or not. If your company would be interested please give me whatever contact info you would like me to pass along to Mr. Gersten. Remember the students are Santa Ana based, near the school at Grand x Edinger.

Now, back to how we can help them: as you know our club helps with the funding mechanism of the school's scholarship fundraiser. They have several Academies (like the eBusiness one) who combine to do a big basket raffle (opportunity) fundraiser, and the money goes to scholarships which are awarded to applicants based on merit (The funds are only released to a student after (s)he has presented documentation of enrollment in / attendance at college.)

We can help in two ways:

- (1) buy raffle tickets – you can do this online and they will put your tickets in your chosen baskets for a chance to win
- (2) we can put together a basket. An easy way to go would be a bundle (or tree) of gift cards – easy to participate, just buy a gift card from wherever you like, and bring it to a Rotary meeting and I'll collect them. (Need to know the \$ value on the card) Or if you'd like to give actual items for a basket, Rita has very kindly offered to turn it into an attractive offering.

Thank you for your support! Note that a lot of our Interactors are in the eBusiness or other academies so we may well be helping them too.

CLUB ANOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

President's Remarks – Mel El Guindy

RI Conference will be in Sydney June 1-4.

The Club has committed to a different version of our annual sponsorship of Santa Ana elementary students getting some ocean experience and education. Instead of going with the Dana Point Ocean Institute, we are going with the OC Boy Scouts' Sea Base program. We will commit \$1800 and with a district grant we will be able to sponsor four classes of children going to the Sea Base. Newport Sunrise Rotary also works with Sea Base, sponsoring transportation costs for such classes. This should be a great synergistic use of our funds and we will get to support four times as many school children.

Ali Danta reminded us of upcoming fundraisers by two other Rotary clubs. Tustin Santa Ana will have their annual Lobsterfest, with unlimited lobster and steak for \$75, Saturday **May 17**. On the same date, Saturday **May 17** the Brea club will host their annual wine and food fest, \$100 admission.

Mel will attend Santa Ana College scholarship presentation May 16 and on behalf of our club will present the scholarships funded by Maureen Bricken in honor of Gordon's strong support of

education. We hope Maureen and Tricia will also be able to attend.

Memorial Day, May 26, 10 am.: **Gordon Bricken** is being honored as part of the annual service for the veterans at Santa Ana Cemetery. Although not a veteran himself, Gordon for many years provided support to this annual ceremony.

Maureen Bricken wanted us to have the information for those who are able to attend.

May 31: OC Legal Aid Society fundraiser: Wine Festival at the Great Park in Irvine (in Hangar 244), from 2-5 p.m. with beer and wine from about 40 providers, and about 10-15 restaurants. There will also be live music, a silent auction, and an opportunity drawing. Tickets are \$75 through May 12 and \$100 thereafter, with a designated driver ticket available for \$20. For more information go to www.greatwinefestival.com

Bruce told a highly entertaining story of raccoon bullying around his swimming pool.