



SANTA ANA NORTH ROTARY 1959

The Rotations

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Hand-on Service at the Book Doctor

Book Doctor is a program of Think Together, an organization that focuses on programs for school children.

The purpose of Book Doctor is to rehabilitate and extend the life of gently used children's books. It is widely known that the presence of age-appropriate books in a child's home has a strong positive correlation to their reading ability. By cleaning up donated books to get them into tip-top shape for distribution, we are able to enhance a child's literacy, and love of reading.

We held our regular club meeting at the Think Together offices in Santa Ana. We brought in lunch and about 12:30 Jonathan Barba gave us our (very easy) instructional training.

We all enjoyed seeing what kind of kids' books are available today. Some are new (such as the Hunger Games series and their ilk), and some are classics (hello, Amelia Padelia). Reminiscences abounded, along with Rotary talk and stories of families and vacations. This was a great member social opportunity along with the hands on service.

8 members and our returning guest Eric Stein participated in the project. Interact liaison Lisa has passed the project and contact information along to our Century High School Interact club for their consideration for next year.

In 90 minutes, we cleaned 400 books (and judged fewer than a dozen more to be beyond redemption).

Another way to support this program, of course, is to donate books. They distribute everything up through high school age books, but are in strong need of infant, toddler, and preschool-ages books. So as you see these at garage sales or your local Friends of the Library used book sales, please keep this great program in mind. You can drop books off at the Think Together offices, 2101-B E. Fourth Street.

If you'd like to replicate this program for any other service group with which you're involved, contact Jonathan at jbarba@thinktogether.org or 714.824-3522. For other volunteer opportunities visit <http://www.thinktogether.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/>

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

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

June 4 Chris Epting, local history author

June 11 NO LUNCH MEETING

June 11 evening, Mel's Continuation Celebration— see below

June 18 Eric Stein, branding for businesses and organizations like Rotary Also note Crossover Board meeting immediately following lunch meeting. Attendance is required for both outgoing and incoming Board members.

June 25 Club assembly Rotary: Mel will induct the incoming Board members and each will present their plans for the coming club year.

July 2 NO MEETING Happy Independence Day



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11, evening, Antonello: Not your average demotion party – we're having a **Continuation Celebration** for Mel! If you haven't already RSVPd 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!

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.