



The Rotations



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Guest Speaker-Cisca Stellhorn

We had another full house at Wednesday's meeting which was held in the upstairs function room at Antonellos's – a favorite location for most of us. Guests included Gary Heath (Santa Ana/Tustin Club) who has offered to help us with our website. Leslie Heid, a reverse mortgage specialist, joined us once more and is interested in joining our club!

Remember Chris Bevans? ☺ Everyone was so pleased to see him again and he gave us a 5 minute summary/analysis of the financial market and China's role in the market volatility. Patman also attended, having celebrated his wife's birthday with a wine-tasting trip.

Our speaker was Cisca Stellhorn, past president of the Irvine Club, who brought a guest, Lauren Hamilton. Cisca spoke of the Foundation Gala which is coming up on November 14th. They are still seeking items for the Silent Auction, so please let your club know if you can contribute. Cisca also mentioned the Rotary Peace Conference, which occurs in only 5 locations worldwide, and the only one occurring in the 'Americas', is in Ontario, California!

PAST EVENTS

August 22nd Chili Cook-off

We had 2 members attend the cook-off, Ali and George. This event was in lieu of our weekly meeting on August 19th. The photo below is of Ali sampling some chili. I don't know who won, but it wasn't us.... ☹



August 28th - 30th Tecate

George and Catherine joined Villa Park and Balboa Club members (we were 9 in all) in a visit to the Tecate, Mexico club for the weekend, to see the schools and clinic that the Tecate members have built, including how our donation

towards the computer lab is taking shape. The trip was best documented by Ken Caplan, Villa Park Club, which I have edited below;



Friday morning- stop (11 am) at Hooleys Irish Pub and Grill in El Cajon for refreshments. No, this was not Catherine's idea...



Arriving at 1:30 am in Tecate, CA, we parked our vehicles in a lot near border crossing - proceeded in MX office for passport processing - met by Estancia Inn (owned by Tecate Rotarian) at 1:45 pm - enroute to elementary school for VPRC \$500 school supplies donation ceremony. Hands-on - we had a chance to hand supplies to children.



Our Tecate-VPRC \$43,000 Global Grant will provide this Rotary elementary school with up to date computers, equipment etc. We visited the room where this equipment will be installed.



Saturday Morning -Initial stop was a Medical Clinic established in the mid-2000. VPRC Rotary Club donated mucho dinero to assist funding medical equipment in this \$5000 clinic. Between Ensenada-Tecate-except for a fire department rescue facility, there isn't any clinic to assist those in need. Having this clinic in the area approximately 1/2 hr. south of Tecate-provides medical facility for those in the area. In fact a community has "sprung up" surrounding the clinic. Leaving the clinic- we arrived

at the 4th Tecate RC school- possibly a site for our 2015-16 Global Grant- needs are great for equipment but more Rotary club discussions are taking place for alternatives too!



Saturday Evening: Gala Dinner at Rancho Tecate, owned by the Mora Family. Former Tecate Rotarian Alex Mora (deceased) owned Formula Plastics now run by his son. Alex died 5 or 6 years ago. He was a very giving person who did lots for the community plus initiating the Mora Foundation to assist students who couldn't further their education. His Rancho Tecate was built for to benefit his employees and is also rented for parties, events etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2nd Meeting @ Antonello's

Our meeting will be in the Banquet Room and our guest speaker will be Leslie Heid on reverse mortgages.

November 14th Foundation Gala

This event celebrates the work and acknowledges the supporters of the Rotary Foundation. This is a fun event to attend and will be held at the Crevier Classic Cars, 365 Clinton St., Costa Mesa. There will be a gourmet dinner, no-host bar and live & silent auction and the guest speaker is Gaddi Vasquez, a senior VP of Government Affairs for SCE.

January 15th-16th. Rotary World Peace Conference

Registration before October 1st 2015 is \$249 for this 2-day conference in Ontario, CA. After October 1st, the fee is \$300. You can get all the information from the website, www.peaceconference2016.org.

The Observatory

Here's your chance to pour beer, listen to great music - for free - and participate in our fundraisers. Two events are coming up **FAST**:-

September 26th

La Tocada with Caifanes

October 24th & 25th

Beach Goth.

Ali Danta has the sign-up sheets for both days, so contact Ali if you would like to sign-up and haven't done so already. The more volunteers we have, the more money we make, so please, invite your responsible over-21-year-olds to help us out. It really is one of the most fun events we have the entire year and your participation will keep it going. I'll have more information as the dates approach.

Sad News

Warren Johnson, Past President, passed away last Sunday. A memorial service will be held tomorrow, Wednesday September 2nd at 10:30am, at the Salvation Army Tustin Ranch Corps (Church), 10200 Pioneer Rd., Tustin. A reception will follow and the processional immediately after will be to Fairhaven Cemetery in Santa Ana.

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