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Posted by Scott Kunitz on Mar 30, 2012

Meeting Cast:



Petra Haffter.

Visitors:



At the head table, seated at far stage right of the podium we have our Invocator for today: Tod Lipka. Next to Tod we have Stephanie Felix. Stage left of the podium and here to introduce our GSE Team, we have Dr. Monika White. Next to Monika is our visiting GSE Team Leader, Gnanavelan. Far stage left of the Podium and here to introduce our visiting Rotarians and guests, we have James B. Reidy, Jr.



Our song leader was Bob, and our Greeters were Jillian Alexander &

It was a very busy day at the Riviera Country Club we had 4 visiting Rotarians not counting the GSE Team; Carmela Raack and Ann Murakami from Culver City, Rich Musella from Westchester and Alan Monroe from Sarasota Southside who exchanged banners with the club.

We also had a full roster of guests; Emily Sperling was a guest of Jim Dyer. Norton Wyner and Pam Bradly were guests of Jean McNeil Wyner. Richard Thompson was a guest of Diane Margolin. Janeen Jackson was a guest of Rochelle LeBlanc. Doger Goodman was a guest of Monika White. Eric London was a guest of Dee Menzies. Julia Ladd was a guest of Lauren Rosen. Kara Rosenthax and Rich Greenspun were guests of Ann Greenspun. Maria Miranda was a guest of Sharon Gavin.

Club Banners



Alan Monroe
March 30, 2012



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Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Announcements:

- Last week we had our 90th Birthday Party. It was a great success and there are so many people to thank, but so little time today. My biggest thanks go to George Collins and Diane Margolin, but there are many more.
- First Tuesday is next week at Lula's on Main Street
- Sharon Gavin- presented Maria Miranda from the YMCA with a youth grant.
- Avo 'Elvis' Guerboian - Thursday April 12, 2012, Savi is being installed as the new president of the Santa Monica Jaycees. John Bohn and Judy Neveau will be honored as well.
- Jim Dyer- reminder about the upcoming district conference.
- Gila - Staff support Day 4/20/12.
- Emily Sperling thanked Jim Dyer for all his work and efforts on behalf of Shelter Box.



Birthdays:



Presentation



Outgoing District Ambassadorial Scholar Stephanie Felix

CBA Student Wins \$27,00 International Rotary Scholarship as a Social Entrepreneur

Stephanie Felix, an international business and marketing major in the College of Business Administration, was recently named a Rotary International "Ambassadorial Scholar". The award provides her with up to \$27,000 to study and earn a masters degree at an international school of her choosing. She has a preference list of five schools in Europe, Australia and South Africa, and will soon learn which study program will be approved by the rotary group.

Stephanie expects to earn a masters degree in developmental studies, which explores "the challenges of managing change toward ethical, economical, environmental and political sustainability," according to Felix.

Stephanie spent the summer participating in a Global Exchange project in Cambodia, where she worked with women from a small village on a sewing program in hopes of helping them start their

own business. She also spent six weeks at Princeton at a summer studies program. Rotary International is a worldwide service club with well over a million members in 75 countries. Their focus is on international projects such as eradicating polio, and helping to improve international understanding and cooperation. Stephanie Felix is the 25th Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from LMU in the past 20 years. In addition to her studies, she will work with and network with local Rotary Clubs to help improve the international understanding of America and her people

Group Study Exchange Team



Today we got to learn a little more about each member of the team as they shared about their lives with individual PowerPoint presentations.

Gnanaprakasam Gnanavelan, "Gnan"
Incoming Team Leader: The Director of Zen Builders, Pvt. Ltd, Construction Company

**Chitra
Priya**



Rajalingam, "Chitra": A Motorcycle Racer and Events/Media Coordinator Head of Wild Origin Entertainment.

Umamaheswari Thirupath, "Uma": A Dr., MGR, Professor, Management Studies Educational & Research University.

Gunasekaran Muniachetty, "Guna": A Sr. Newspaper Special Correspondent Editor, News Presenter, Debate Moderator.

Ganesh Velayutham, "Ganesh": A Technical Head and Partner, Jason Fx Graphic Design/Management Business.

Thought for the **Day**

"*Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve.*"

- George Bernard Shaw

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