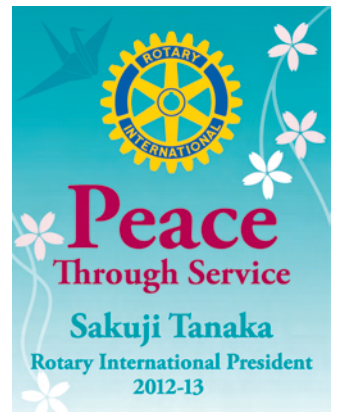


ROTARY SPOKES

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Fostering Parent/Child Relationships From Birth to Age 3

Today's speaker is Carol Castanon, the Director of the Nan Tolbert Nurturing Center based in Ojai.

Since receiving its 501c3 in 2002, the Nan Tolbert Nurturing Center has been helping young parents in Western Ventura County get the children off to the best start in life. With help from the State's First 5 Program and private donors, the staff work with low income parents to provide greater wellness to their infants and toddlers.

They are committed to instilling in the Ojai valley communities a profound and sincere understanding of babies and very young children during these critically important and formative years, for that is where their deepest patterns are set.

As their mission, they are dedicated to the nurture of children pre-birth to three, through inspiring partnerships and community resources that address pre and post-natal wellbeing, infant/ toddler development, and parent education and support.

In partnership with parents, health professionals, educators and the Ojai Valley community, they create opportunities to connect, to explore, and to engage directly in the development of healthy approaches to early childhood education.

Services they offer:

- Early Years Play Groups
- Prenatal Counseling and Education
- Breastfeeding Support and Helpline
- Therapy for Parents and Children
- Parent Education
- Lending resource library
- Professional Infant/ Toddler Caregiver Training
- Infant and Parent Wellness



- Pre and Post Partum Health
- Family and community gatherings
- Adult education

The Nan Tolbert Nurturing Center is designed as a responsive environment where parents can be present with their babies or toddlers who initiate and extend their own self-mastered exploration and discovery through play.

E-Club joins Rotary District 5240

On June 6th, PDG Wade Nomura received a notification that we have chartered our 73rd club! The Rotary E-Club of One World D5240, California, USA, was admitted to membership in Rotary International on 29 May 2012. This exciting new club will help us "Share Rotary" with interested individuals who might not be able to fulfill the schedule commitment of participating in a weekly club meeting.

Meeting of 19 September 2012

RoseAnn Hill and Clyde Reynolds returned from vacations and led us in "God Bless America." Sonny Shah opted not to join them at the dais. Among the guests today was Iris Dudek, our Rotary exchange student who last year went to France.

Steve Bradvica delivered his Rotary Moment. He spoke of bumping into Rotarians everywhere in the community, but particularly where there are events or groups of volunteers, such as non-profit boards. Steve currently sits on two boards.

President Indy inducted our latest New Generations member, proposed by Dale Jaedtke; Hema Manwani, who is a Farmers Insurance agent.

Courtney Lindberg conducted fining, focused on aspects of pop culture, much to the chagrin of a somewhat aging club membership.

The club sang "Happy birthday/Anniversary", which sounded as strange as you might think.

Steve Kipp spoke of fundraising ideas for the club and asked members to consider them. In this vein, Steve then awarded the first Golden Weenie award to Rob vanNieuwburg from the BBT (Bad Boys Table).

Program

A kilted Neal Andrews introduced the Chief of the Seaside Highland Games, John Lowry. Also speaking to us was one of the athletes of the games, Rick LaValee. The Seaside Highland Games are a celebration of Celtic, especially Scottish, culture and are held this year at Seaside Park in Ventura, October 12, 13 & 14, 2012.

This is now a ten year old festival and the last few years have been averaging an attendance of 25,000. The Games pretty much take over the Fairgrounds.

There are three stages for entertainment, covering the gamut of music from traditional to modern. They are very proud to be bringing the United States Marine band from Camp Pendleton for the first time. And of course, a dozen bagpipe bands will be playing.

A highlight of the Games are the nine Scottish athletics

Today's Agenda

Carol Castanon
"The Nan Tolbert Nurturing Center"

Introductions
Diane Koranda

Rotary Moment
Curtis Cormane

Fining
Christina Rust

events, which is divided into different groups, and runs almost continuously during the course of the Games.

Ultimately, Chief John Lowry sees the Games as a means to show Scottish and Celtic pride of their culture and want to share its richness and variety.



Just don't call it a 'dress.'



John Lowry and Rick LaVallee explain the workings of the Seaside Highland Games.

Upcoming Events

2012 District 5240 Conference
Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA
Sep 28 - 30, 2012

Sri Lanka GSE Team Visit
Derby Club
Oct 17, 2012, 12:00 PM

Club Social with Sri Lanka GSE Team
Ventura Yaucht Club
Oct 17, 2012, 6:00 to 8:00 PM



Hema Manwani is inducted as our newest member by President Indy.



Courtney Lindberg stumps the club with fining questions concerning pop culture.



Steve Kipp awards the first Golden Weenie award to Rob van Nieuwburg



During Happy Dollars, John Brant recounts his trip to Europe where he met up with former exchange students.



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Mary Saputo is offering flu shots to Club members.



Steve Bradvica shares his Rotary Moment

