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**The August 7 Program is
The Santa Rosa / Kagoshima Student Exchange 2014**

In 1987, the Santa Rosa—Kagoshima Student Exchange Program was founded as a joint venture of the Friends of Kagoshima and the Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary Club. Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary is now the sponsor. The purpose of SRKSEP is to send exchange students to Japan and to host exchange students from Japan in order to improve the cultural understanding of our young people and to broaden their horizons. The Programs sends students to Japan one year and the following year receives students from Japan.

This year Sunrise is hosting 10 students and 1 chaperone from Kagoshima. The group will be presenting a program of their background in Japan and their reasons on why they are visiting Santa Rosa.



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Rotary Hiking Group -- SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
Posted by Martin Behr on Aug 04, 2014

Rotary Hiking Group -- SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 -- WORK PARTY, HIKE & BBQ AT GLEN OAKS RANCH

REMEMBER -- HIKES COUNT AS MAKE-UPS!

Place: Glen Oaks Ranch in Glen Ellen, a Sonoma Land Trust Property and recipient of a \$2,500 grant from our Club.

Rating: Easy -- Light work and gradual uphill hike to Sonoma Valley vista point.

Leader: Marty Behr -- behr@whidbey.com -- 206-391-3427 cell. Please reply to Marty if you plan to participate.

Date and Time: Saturday, August 9 -- 9:00a-11:00a Work Party (light work -- see below); 11:00a-1:00p -- hike in the Glen Oaks Ranch to Sonoma Valley vista point with Sonoma Land Trust guide; 1:00p-2:00p Hot Dog and Hamburger BBQ.

Meet at: Glen Oaks Ranch which is located on Highway 12 on the left just past (south) of the stoplight at Glen Ellen. Turn into the property under white archway and drive to the white house.

Carpool: 8:30am from SW corner of Safeway parking lot at Highway 12 and Calistoga Road.

Work Party: We are going to make some improvements to the area around the stone BBQ which is newly rebuilt with the \$2,500 grant from our Club. We are re-erecting a fallen grape stake fence, staining some picnic tables, removing some rocks, and trimming and hauling branches and vines from some trees and bushes. The Land Trust is providing most tools, but if you have light axe, tree and bush trimming tools, or a hand sander, we could use those.

Hike: The 234-acre Glen Oaks Ranch was owned by General Vallejo, and the historic home on the property was occupied by a series of Sonoma Valley pioneers. The land is primarily oak woodlands, and we will hike on a gentle upslope through the woodlands to a Sonoma Valley vista point. A Sonoma Land Trust guide will interpret that flora and fauna and discuss the importance of the property as a wildlife corridor across Sonoma Valley.

Bring: Work gloves, sun hat, water, snacks, work shoes or hiking boots, long sleeve shirt and pants for sun protection, and walking sticks (if you prefer).

You are welcome to participate in any portion of this event -- Work Party, Hike and/or BBQ Lunch. As always, guests are welcome.



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PRESIDENT GARY C.K. HUANG'S AMBITIOUS 1.3 MILLION MEMBERSHIP GOAL



Gary C.K. Huang never imagined he would become Rotary International's president when he joined in 1976, but now that he is in office, he hopes to increase membership to 1.3 million by the end of his term.

"It's simple. The more members we have, the more people we can help. A stronger membership base will result in stronger communities," says Huang, who on 1 July became Rotary's first Chinese president.

Huang also hopes his presidential theme, Light Up Rotary, will encourage members to brighten Rotary's image to the public, which he believes in return will improve member recruitment and retention.

Huang has a track record of improving membership development in Asia, adding 19 clubs when he was district governor for Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau. One of the cornerstones of his presidency is encouraging clubs and districts to conduct a Rotary Day. These one-day events, he says, can spotlight a particular cause, and solidify Rotary's image as one of the world's leading service organizations.

"We need to showcase our good work to everyone in the community. Rotary Days need to be fun and all inclusive. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to participate. My hope is at the end of the day a few non-members will want to join Rotary," he says. "Let's give people the opportunity to experience what it's like to make a difference. Rotary Days can achieve that."

Huang designed a travel schedule that will allow him to visit more than 30 Rotary Day events across the globe, including Argentina, Chile, France, India, Italy, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, and the U.S., as well as his home city of Taipei.

Huang says he's honored and humbled to be Rotary's president. He knows he's part of an exclusive club.

"We [past Rotary presidents] have achieved great success in our businesses and in our communities," says Huang. "But success isn't about power or money. It's about giving back. Being a Rotarian has given me the opportunity to help those in need. As president, I can

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inspire our members to take advantage of the same opportunity and bring happiness in people's lives."

Funding gaps

Huang says Rotary members are never short on ideas and innovative ways to solve problems, but funding gaps prevent many of these projects from taking off.

For instance, Rotary members in Korea, Japan, and China are strong fundraisers, but struggle to help each other use the funds because of distance and language barriers, Huang says.

"I want to show Rotarians why I am their president," he adds. "The best way to do that is to see and inspire their work, participate in their projects, and help them raise funds."

"I want to, along with my district governors, reach out and try to link different clubs from different countries together so we can find the right communities in need," he adds. "That's one of the great things about being an international organization: the ability to bring different cultures and backgrounds together to find a common cause."

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By Ryan Hyland

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Check Out the Pictures from the Weekly Meetings

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On a regular basis, our resident photo pros **Warren Smith** and **Steve Davis** submit pictures of what is going on at the weekly meetings. You can always find the most recent pictures at the website's photo journal called "**Meeting Sighting**" Please note that all the meeting photos for the entire Rotary year are at this location with the most recent on the last page.

Thanks for all the great pictures Warren and Steve! [Link to Meeting Sightings](#). The most recent are on the last page!

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The Santa Rosa / Kagoshima Student Exchange 2014

Monday afternoon, 10 students and 1 chaperone arrive at the San Francisco International Airport, beginning a 2 week whirlwind adventure in Santa Rosa. All are participants in 2014 SRKSEP, the Santa Rosa Kagoshima Student Exchange Program. Chaperone Sayaka Fukunaga was joined with 10 of the students, Hina Kawaki, Kanami Ikeda, Kikko Shimazu, Konatsu Nakamura, Kouki Hattanda, Nanami Uehara, Suzuho Sakuari, Tatsu Ikeda, Yusei Fujita and Yuta Aratono. They were all greeted at the airport by host families Kezer's,



Lorenzen's, and Merle Hayes and Ralph Harryman.



On the way home, most of the travelers stopped at the vista point to get a great look at the Golden Gate Bridge. Very typical San Francisco weather at the point, looked beautiful, but with a wind that made it feel like you were in the Artic.

Then it was off to Santa Rosa and Nagasawa Park for delivery to host families; Kezer's, Amend's; Gray's; Heydon's; Lorenzens; Garcia's; Lopez's; Choden's; Tuckers' and Schaefer's.



Tomorrow starts all the local touring.....

Tuesday began with a 9:00 meeting at Nagasawa Park, where drivers

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Jim Moir, Rich Randolph and Carolyn Anderson packed everyone up and headed out to Armstrong Woods in Guerneville.

Jim Moir acted as a tremendous docent providing the history of the Redwoods and their value to all of California. Typical foggy and slightly wet weather didn't deter their spirits. Walking in Armstrong Woods they "felt the energy of nature"! After a walking tour of the Wood's, it was off to The Charles Schultz Snoopy Museum.



Norika Fraser, from FKA provided a personalized tour of the Museum including the current exhibit on Social Commentary. After the Museum it was off to have lunch at "The Warm Puppy" at the Redwood Empire Ice Arena, one of the favorite regular hang outs of "Sparky".

It wouldn't be a visit to "Snoopy's Home Ice" without a stop at Snoopy's Gallery and Gift Shop. They had fun at Snoopy's Museum and got great gifts for family and friends!



Then it was on to "Official Business", where at the Santa Rosa City Council, the entire SRKSEP Team was first on the agenda to receive special attention and the presentation of individual Certificates of Recognition from the Mayor of Santa Rosa, Scott Bartley.



[Link to the special presentation at the Santa Rosa City Council](#)



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Wednesday was an all-day event, traveling with drivers Steve Amend, President Harry Coffey, Tom Eakin and SRKSEP 2013 Alum Dylan Tucker to the Oakland Coliseum to attend America's Favorite Past Time – Baseball between the Oakland A's and Tampa Bay Rays!



It was a beautiful day in the East Bay, even though our League leading Oakland A's were defeated by Tampa 7-3. After a long drive home in rush hour traffic, our travelers were returned to their host families.



Some of the travelers and their families attend a Santa Rosa favorite, the Wednesday Night Market! Great music and entertainment, and the mandatory street food for dinner Pasta, Soul Food, Smoked Turkey Legs, BBQ, Churros and Funnel Cakes.



Thursday was an early start, joining the Rotarians at Santa Rosa Sunrise's 7:30 meeting, where our team was the honored guests and program for the day. The meeting was started by President Harry Coffey and some of our students dancing to set the

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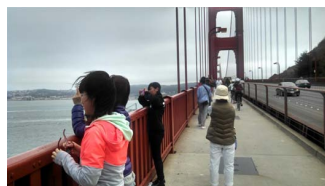


joyous mood. Also in attendance were some of the host families, Lorenzens, Grays, Kezers, and Lopez. Chaperone Sayaka Fukunaga shared a special presentation to the club, and introduced each of the travelers, who then shared information about themselves and some of their experiences here in Santa Rosa.



Following the meeting, it was off to San Francisco, with the assistance of drivers Steve Zwick, Rich Randolph and Randy Seelye. In San Francisco the team visited and spent most of the day at the San Francisco Academy of Sciences, enjoying the exhibits at the Academy.

Then it was a short trip and stop at the Golden Gate Bridge where our intrepid travelers walked



across the huge Golden span, something that has to be experienced to appreciate!



Friday made for a much more leisurely day of events. First off, drivers Steve Amend, Merle Hayes and Eloise Tweeten, along with past SRKSEP travelers Dylan Tucker, Nate Lopez, Amaris Garcia and Quinn Kezer, took our group of travelers to visit the iconic symbol of Nagasawa's memory in Santa Rosa, the Founaingrove Round Barn.



Then it was on to Paradise Ridge Winery, the current site of the vineyards that Nagasawa originally planted. Our group toured he grounds that has a wonderful exhibit of huge outdoor landscape art! Also, Paradise Ridge contains a wonderful exhibit dedicated to Nagasawa. ([Link to Exhibit](#))

After the tours, it was a short trip to the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club, where our travelers were treated to lunch and an afternoon Pool Party, hosted by Rotarian Don Floriani.



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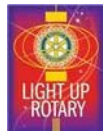
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August 2014



GARY C.K. HUANG
 President 2014 - 15

In Rotary, we mark August as Membership and Extension Month. There is a good reason why we remind ourselves of the importance of membership early in every Rotary year: because the job of growing our membership is one that we can never begin too soon. It is also a job that we can never stop working on. In order to keep serving, Rotary always needs to be growing!

We have talked for many years about the importance of the family of Rotary. In this Rotary year, I want to make not just the family of Rotary, but our own Rotary families, a priority in our membership. After 37 years of following me in Rotary, my wife, Corinna, finally became a Rotarian last year. We attended the chartering of a new club in Taiwan together, and she said, "It's time for me to become a Rotarian too!" So she joined that club. And soon, so did a lot of other people. Now that club has 102 members, and it's the second-largest club in Taiwan.

Inviting our spouses into Rotary isn't just about getting our numbers up. It addresses the reality that Rotary still has far more men as members than it does women, and that is something we need to work on. When we bring more women into Rotary, our clubs become more appealing to prospective female members – and become more productive as well.

This year we are going to have something new in Rotary: a membership support team pin. This means that if you invite a new member into Rotary, you get a special pin to wear with your Rotary gearwheel. But we all know that the job of growing membership doesn't end when a new member joins. It ends only when a new member is enjoying being a Rotarian and never wants to leave! And making sure that our clubs are enjoyable places to be is a key part of growing membership.

People come into Rotary for all kinds of reasons, but they stay because Rotary is fun to be a part of. So I want to remind all of you to have fun in your clubs and your districts. Rotary is based on the idea that our service is more effective when we serve together with our friends. So let's enjoy our Rotary service, share it with others, and *Light Up Rotary* together!



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POLITICAL STRIFE, PROTECTING U.S. DIPLOMATS ARE PART OF THE JOB FOR FORMER ROTARY PEACE FELLOW



Justin Peele, a graduate of the Rotary Peace Fellowship and an agent of the U.S. Diplomatic Security Service, gets off the plane during his assignment protecting the Secretary of State John Kerry during a trip to South Korea.

As an agent for the U.S. Diplomatic Security Service, Justin Peele applies the education he received in conflict resolution as a Rotary Peace Fellow to a job that puts him in some dicey situations – including one in 2013 in which his actions won him State Department recognition for his courage and decisiveness.

Peele is one of 2,000 DS agents who protect U.S. diplomats and embassies around the world. The Diplomatic Security Service, the law enforcement and security arm of the U.S. State Department, is the most extensive global security agency in the government, operating in more than 160 countries.

"This is my dream job," says Peele, who was in the 2011-12 class of Rotary Peace Fellows at the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina. "I'm in a unique position where I must face conflict head-on."

This proved true when Peele served as the assistant regional security officer in Mali. It was a period when the country was torn by political strife and violence as several Islamic insurgent groups fought the government for greater autonomy in the northern part of the country. The crisis led factions of the military who were displeased with the government's response to overthrow President Amadou Toumani Touré in 2012. Because of the conflict, the State Department sent extra security to protect the U.S. Embassy in Bamako, Mali's capital.

One day in 2013, violent clashes between students and the police trapped an embassy worker and four Malian colleagues in the National Institute of Health offices in downtown Bamako. When the fighting spun out of control, embassy officials called on Peele to safely extract the workers.

As he and a driver navigated through the war-torn streets, "I could see the smoke and tear gas from a long distance," recalls Peele. He now admits to having been a little nervous, but says he knew that his training would enable him to carry out the mission. "We found them, hurried them into the vehicle and were able to get out of there safely and bring them back to the embassy without harm."

For his response that day, the State Department gave Peele its Meritorious Honor Award for "courageous, efficient, and decisive action taken."

"During a time of crisis is the best time to shine," he says. "There is a lot of trust with my job -- to be able to look someone in the eye and say, 'If you're in trouble, I will be the person to come get you.'"

In addition to moving diplomats safely from place-to-place, members of the Diplomatic Security Service work with host nation law enforcement representatives to investigate crimes against U.S. citizens, coordinate protection details with the security teams of foreign dignitaries, and maintain frequent contact with local community members.

One of Peele's other assignments was a six-month stint as part of the security detail for U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, as he crisscrossed the world on diplomatic missions, with stops in China, Israel, Europe, and the Middle East.

"I get a front-row seat for observing U.S. foreign policy, and help represent the U.S. all over the world," says Peele. "It's a great lesson in government, diplomacy, and humanity."

Although many DS agents have military or law enforcement backgrounds, others are lawyers, scientists, linguists, and yes, even peace scholars. Peele, who served for three years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay, says his experience there and as a Rotary Peace Fellow helped him get his foot in the door at the security agency.

He recalls that the State Department officials who interviewed him were impressed with his global education in peace and conflict resolution. "With Rotary and the Peace Corps I was able to work closely with the local populace. I think that went a long way in getting this job," he says.

"I learned a lot from my peace fellowship. The bottom line is that everything we do is to ease the suffering of others," says Peele. "Not only are the Peace Centers a good example of that, but everything Rotary does is an example of how to reach that goal."

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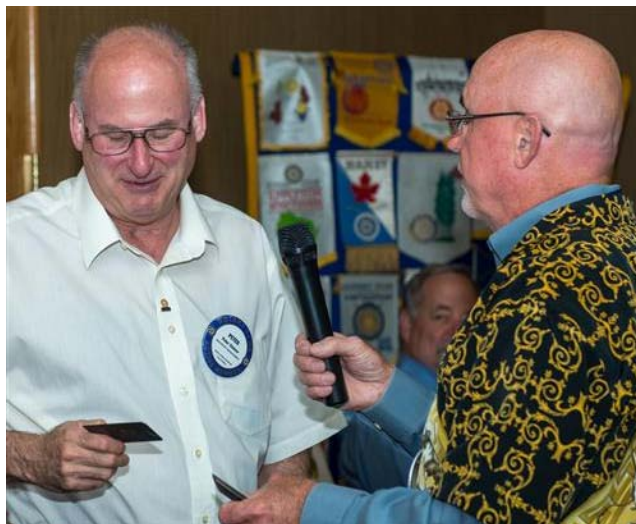
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District 5130 Governor Kevin Eisenberg, his lovely wife Mary, and Assistant Governor Ann McGinley were our special guests. Kevin elaborated on this year's Rotary International Theme "Light Up Rotary". He began with International President Gary Wong's reference to Confucius advice that it is better to light a candle than sit in

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the dark.

Kevin encouraged us to "Share the Rotary Brand", use the credibility of Rotary like Sri Lankan Rotarians did in negotiating a cease fire among warring factions in order to conduct humanitarian immunizations. Sponsor a Rotary Day in the Community to promote Service Above Self, and Lighten Up Rotary -- HAVE FUN!!!

Kevin recapped The Rotary Foundation's priorities: Disease prevention, Water & Sanitation improvement, Maternal & Childhood Healthcare, Education & Literacy, Economic & Community Development, and last but not least Peace & Conflict Resolution.

Be a Peace Ambassador every day, wear your Rotary pin and share your pride & joy of Rotary. Take pride in having eradicated polio from India, and support the same in Afghanistan, Pakistan & Nigeria.

Lastly register for the 2015 District Conference April 24-26 in Yosemite National Park, at the noted Tenaya Lodge.

Paul Harris Fellows

Posted by Max Bridges on Aug 14, 2014



District Governor Kevin Eisenberg makes numerous presentations



Steve Davis, Max Childs, Vickie Lockner, Michael Riel and John Jones



Harry Coffey (for Alexa Coffey), Del Raby (for Elizabeth and Melia Gayanldo), Steve Amend (in honor of Richard Lopez)
Rick Lewis (for Phoebe Nicolette) and Max Childs (for Venus)

Roseland Pediatric Clinic Visit

Posted by Richard Randolph on Aug 18, 2014



Sunrise Seven See Shine!!

Early riser's Stacey Drucker-Andress, Merle Hayes, Penny Millar, Brian Rondon, Rich Randolph, Del Raby & Doug Shureen met Dr. Meredith Kieschnick, MD, Pediatrician and Medical Director at the sparkling new Roseland Pediatric Clinic on Stony Point Rd Monday morning, August 18. Greeted by Santa Rosa Community Health Center's Development & Communication Director Laurie Lynn Hogan, Sunrise Rotarians were treated to a behind the scenes, before opening tour of the comprehensive care clinic. Of special interest was the Children's Oral Health suite, and viewing the very child friendly decor surrounding Sunrise Rotary's donated Ultrasound Dental descaling unit. Very compact, the portable device safely cleans wiggly, often apprehensive children's teeth without the risk of sharp instrument ouchies.

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Laurie and Dr. Kieschnick send a hearty **THANK YOU** to Sunrise Rotary!



SRKSEP Update

Posted by Dave Lorenzen on Aug 15, 2014

The Santa Rosa / Kagoshima Student Exchange 2014 - UPDATE

As the weekend approached, our group of travelers changed from their group activities, to adventures and travels with their host families. Some experienced the Sonoma County Fair; some traveled to Lake Tahoe; everyone got to experience different foods and typical American fun things. Kikko enjoyed her first flavors of Mexican food like Tamales, Tacos, Enchiladas and Margaritas (virgin of course).



One group event happened on Saturday evening, at the Lorenzen's where several members and their host families shared a meal, shared stories, mixed with SRKSEP alumni and met possible future travelers.

After dinner they enjoyed a typical American treat, Smores, roasting the marshmallows over a campfire!



Following the campfire, it was another American experience by going to the Drive In Movies (kind of), enjoying an outdoor movie, Phantom of the Opera.

Sunday, for Kikko, it was jump into the convertible and drive (passenger) out to the Tides at Bodega for lunch, Calamari and fresh Seafood Chowder. Then off to "Candy & Kites" for a bag full of salt water taffy, treats for friends and family at home. Then it a stop to visit a little Sonoma County



history, F. Korb Brothers, also known as Korb Champagne!
On Monday, it's back together as a group and off to San Francisco!

Monday morning of a new week, and it was meeting at Nagasawa Park to join drivers Merle Hayes, Rebecca Every and Shauna Lorenzen and head to San Francisco!



First stop, Fishermans Wharf, for a little shopping, before stopping at "In-N-Out" for truly American Burgers, Fries and Milkshakes (some even did it Animal!). Once everyone had their fill of Burgers and Fries, it was off to Pier 43 ½ and the Red and White Fleet for a hour and a half Bay Cruise, where they saw all of San Francisco's spectacular waterfront in one breathtaking cruise, from the Golden Gate Bridge at the edge of the Pacific Ocean all the way to the Bay Bridge in the heart of San Francisco's financial district. Along the way, discovering the city's rich history and world-renowned landmarks. Best part of the cruise was "traveling under the Golden Gate Bridge!" And very un-San Francisco like, it was warm!



After the cruise it was shopping and sightseeing at world famous Pier 39! PIER 39 is a 45-acre waterfront complex that is a gathering place for millions of San Francisco locals and visitors. In addition to its 14 full-service restaurants, 90+ shops and popular attractions, PIER 39 is home to a 5-acre waterfront park and a 300-berth marina. PIER 39 is known for its spectacular views of San Francisco Bay including the Golden Gate Bridge, Bay Bridge and Alcatraz, as well as the world famous California sea lions hauled out on K-Dock. "Shopping was lots of fun" (Isn't it always!) Dinner was served at Swiss Louis, where a variety of cuisines were enjoyed Seafood Chowders, Prawn Alfredo, Chicken Pesto.....even Lasagana! Lots of fun filled events before the return to families in Santa Rosa by 8 pm.

Tuesday morning started with a little creativity. Chaperone from SRKSEP 2009, Maggie London hosted the team in a Ceramics class, creating some personal souvenirs from their trip to Santa Rosa.

Then it was off with drivers Randy Seelye, Stacey Andress and Steve Amend to Jack London State Park to visit the Glen Ellen Home of Jack London, and his legendary Wolf House ruins, destroyed by fire in 1913, in the Sonoma Valley, also known as the Valley of the Moon.



Following Jack London, our team visited Historic Sonoma, its Plaza, and Vallejo's Home. A little history, and gorgeous scenery in the Sonoma Valley Wine Country. Wednesday morning it is off to the Serengeti or at least Santa Rosa's version, at Safari West.

Drivers Steve Amend, Jennifer Hembd and Stacy Andress picked up everyone at Nagasawa Park and headed north to the Safari West Animal Preserve.

There they enjoyed a fascinating three-hour riding and walking adventure in Safari West's 400-acre preserve. On the drive, they came in contact with giraffes, gazelles, zebras, oryx, antelopes, cape buffalo, wildebeests and many of the other 700 animals in an exotic African savannah setting.



Following their guided Safari, they enjoyed a safari ranch style BBQ lunch.

For the afternoon, it was time for an entertaining special English Class, presented by SRKSEP 2013 Chaperone Mark Heydon. Who knew English could be so much fun!

Thursday morning provided an opportunity for our travelers to participate in a local service project, preparing food packages at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Volunteer activities included: bagging fresh produce, labeling and packaging small quantities of food. Also participating were Rotary drivers Tom Eakin, Rich Randolph and Jim Kirkbride.



After the morning service project at REFB, team members got the opportunity to do a little local shopping at the Santa Rosa Plaza. The even posed with the huge "Helping Hand" outside the Mall.

Then, on Thursday evening, there was a huge gathering for the Sayonara Party, at Dave and Shauna Lorenzen's home. SRKSEP Team, Host Families, SRKSEP Alumni, Rotarians, Friends of Kagoshima members and even potential future travelers. Great food, wonderful stories and a presentation by the team of their singing and performing talents. Also, individual speeches by each of the team members about their experiences in Santa Rosa.



* Special Dates For August
Posted by Dave Lorenzen on Aug 01, 2014

Birthday's and Anniversaries for August

Member Birthdays

Name	Date
Lorenzen, Shauna	Aug 05
Aita, Nancy	Aug 08
Lewis, Rick	Aug 08
Kirkbride, Jim	Aug 12
Jen, Ezbon	Aug 28

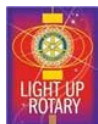
Spouse Birthdays

Name	Spouse Of	Date
Jones, Ardys	Jones, John	Aug 03
Lorenzen, Shauna	Lorenzen, Dave	Aug 05

Steiner, Vera	Steiner, Peter	Aug 05
Aita, Bob	Aita, Nancy	Aug 10
Kent, Kathy	Dolinsek, Doley	Aug 10
Behr, Ginny	Behr, Marty	Aug 13

Anniversaries

Name	Spouse Name	Years	Date
Amend, Steve	Amend, Kathleen	41 years	Aug 04, 1973
Steiner, Peter	Steiner, Vera	35 years	Aug 07, 1979
Worthen, Steve	Worthen, Georgia	39 years	Aug 09, 1975
Bridges, Max	Bridges, Dee Dee	44 years	Aug 15, 1970
Andress, Ross	Drucker-Andress, Stacy	35 years	Aug 19, 1979
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Jones, John	Jones, Ardys	38 years	Aug 21, 1976
Millar, Penny	O'Rear, Paul	10 years	Aug 21, 2004
Olsen, Steve	Olsen, Lynn	52 years	Aug 25, 1962
Floriani, Flo	Floriani, Wendy	31 years	Aug 28, 1983
Abramson, Al	Abramson, Robin	16 years	Aug 30, 1998
Taylor, Keith	Taylor, Carmen	62 years	Aug 30, 1952



* RI President's Message
Posted by Max Bridges on Jul 31, 2014

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GARY C.K. HUANG
President 2014 - 15

In Rotary, we mark August as Membership and Extension Month. There is a good reason why we remind ourselves of the importance of membership early in every Rotary year: because the job of growing our membership is one that we can never begin too soon. It is also a job that we can never stop working on. In order to keep serving, Rotary always needs to be growing!

We have talked for many years about the importance of the family of Rotary. In this Rotary year, I want to make not just the family of Rotary, but our own Rotary families, a priority in our membership. After 37 years of following me in Rotary, my wife, Corinna, finally became a Rotarian last year. We attended the chartering of a new club in Taiwan together, and she said, "It's time for me to become a Rotarian too!" So she joined that club. And soon, so did a lot of other people. Now that club has 102 members, and it's the second-largest club in Taiwan.

Inviting our spouses into Rotary isn't just about getting our numbers up. It addresses the reality that Rotary still has far more men as members than it does women, and that is something we need to work on. When we bring more women into Rotary, our clubs become more appealing to prospective female members – and become more productive as well.

This year we are going to have something new in Rotary: a membership support team pin. This means that if you invite a new member into Rotary, you get a special pin to wear with your Rotary gearwheel. But we all know that the job of growing membership doesn't end when a new member joins. It ends only when a new member is enjoying being a Rotarian and never wants to leave! And making sure that our clubs are enjoyable places to be is a key part of growing membership.

People come into Rotary for all kinds of reasons, but they stay because Rotary is fun to be a part of. So I want to remind all of you to have fun in your clubs and your districts. Rotary is based on the idea that our service is more effective when we serve together with our friends. So let's enjoy our Rotary service, share it with others, and *Light Up Rotary* together!



News From RI
Posted by Max Bridges on Aug 18, 2014

ROTARACT AWARD WINNERS CELEBRATED FOR THEIR LIFE-CHANGING PROJECTS



The Rotaract Club of H.R. College meets with the villager leaders of Kumbharwadi to discuss their clean water project.

The village of Kumbharwadi is one of many in a drought-prone region near Mumbai, India. Until recently, its residents had access to only one well with drinkable water. During the summer months, the well runs dry, and the women and girls of the village travel three to four hours a day to search for water.

Enter Project Boond, undertaken by a Rotaract club, a Rotary club, and the Watershed Organization Trust to provide clean drinking water and sanitation facilities in Kumbharwadi. Nikunj Pherwani, 2013-14 president of the Rotaract Club of Hassaram Rijhumal College of Commerce and Economics in Mumbai, India, says that droughts are a serious problem in India and often exacerbate malnutrition and illness in remote regions.

"Our major aim through this project was to provide clean water for drinking and domestic purposes to the drought-affected areas of Maharashtra," he says. "These villages not only suffer due to shortage of water but also due to several waterborne diseases."

Pherwani's Rotaract club teamed up with the Rotary Club of Bombay, Maharashtra, India, to raise funds for the project through donations and events, including a comedic play and black tie dinner. The project has over \$13,000 in its coffers, and the clubs are using the funds to dig wells and install toilets.

Pherwani's club also worked with the Rotary Club of Bombay to choose a local nonprofit organization to partner with. They found the Watershed Organization Trust, a nonprofit dedicated to ending water scarcity and poverty in rural India. After meeting with officials and signing an MOU, the Watershed Organization Trust helped them choose a village, and the Rotaractors traveled there to speak to locals about the credibility of their partners. Pherwani says they continue to visit Kumbharwadi every two months to check in with the village and see if additional resources are needed. Village leaders have been trained to maintain the new facilities.

In addition to providing clean water and sanitation facilities, Pherwani says they also aim to provide villagers with chlorine tablets and a workshop on basic health and hygiene.

Among the seven Rotaract projects that were honored at this year's Rotaract Preconvention, Project Boond was chosen as the international winner of the Recognition of Outstanding Rotaract Project. Two members of the Rotaract Club of Hassaram Rijhumal College of Commerce and Economics attended the preconvention on 30 May in Sydney, Australia. They traveled there using miles that Rotary won through United Airlines' 10 Million Charity Miles giveaway. They, along with representatives from other winning clubs, presented their projects and received their awards.

Regional winners

In addition to the international award-winning project, top Rotaract club projects from six regions were recognized at the Rotaract Preconvention.

Asia Pacific: The Rotaract Club of National University of Singapore (District 3310), for Waves of Hope Swimathon 2013. Club members volunteering at Pathfinder School were impressed by its work helping children with autism develop social and vocational skills. To support services for low-income students, the club organized a swimathon in which 474 participants swam laps and raised over \$20,000.

South Asia: The Rotaract Club of the Caduceus (District 3140), for EMcounter Kumbh -- Mapping the Mela. Club members, most of them medical doctors, volunteered to provide disease surveillance during the Maha Kumbh Mela, a gathering of tens of millions of Hindu pilgrims. They worked with local organizations to install disease surveillance software in clinics and sample water sources to prevent disease outbreaks.

Europe, Middle East, and Central Asia: The Rotaract Club of Casamassima-Bari Alto (District 2120), for DREAMbox. Rotaract club members from every district in Italy came together to provide 1,000 DREAMboxes, filled with books, toys, and art supplies, for children being treated for cancer at a local hospital. They are also raising funds to modernize a room in the hospital's pediatric oncology wing.

Sub-Saharan Africa: Rotaract Club of Nairobi Central (District 9212), for A Girl, a K, a Year. Rotaractors raised funds to provide sanitary napkins to 2,936 girls who would otherwise miss school during menstruation because they lack supplies. They also worked with local and international Rotary clubs to raise \$22,000 for the project, which included a book drive and mentorship program.

Latin America: Rotaract Club of Carpe Diem Catolica (District 4455), for Involucrados: An Initiative for Communities at Risk. Club members organized training workshops on literacy, budgeting, and entrepreneurship for parents of local school students. They also supported the school by holding arts and athletic activities and improving classrooms and restroom facilities.

United States, Canada, and Caribbean: Rotaract Club of Boston (District 7930), for Guatemala Water Filters Project. Rotaractors worked with a local nonprofits and craftsmen to provide people living in the highlands of Guatemala with water filters, hospital supplies, beds, stoves, and toiletries. With the help of Rotary clubs in the U.S. and Guatemala, they raised over \$7,000 for the project.

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David will update us on the happenings at the Food Bank.

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On their last day in Santa Rosa, our team enjoyed a typical summer leisure day in Sonoma County, by traveling to the Sonoma Coast and enjoying a Beach Party at Doran Park Beach. With the assistance of Rotarian drivers and hosts Steve Amens, Don Floriani, Susan Glowacki, Jennifer Hembd and Olin Leasher, our group had a play day on the beach including lunch by beach fire ... Hot dogs, Watermelon and assorted goodies. Also joining our group were SRKSEP Alumni Nate, Quinn, Savannah and Amaris!

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After a long day of play at the beach, our travelers returned to Nagasawa Park for the last time, being picked up by host families' for a final family meal, then packing to set off to Southern California and Disneyland tomorrow!

Saturday morning, and all gathered at the Sonoma County Airport to send our team off to The Happiest Place on Earth, Disneyland!



Weighing of suitcases spurred the shuffling of some items to get the weight right for everyone. Lots of pictures, lots of hugs, and a few tears before boarding for a short trip to Los Angeles.

Arriving at LAX, and then a transfer to their temporary home at the Carousel Inn & Suites, across the street from Disneyland.



After settling in to their rooms, it was a dash across the street, for 2 days of fun, excitement and shopping at Disneyland, California Adventure and Downtown Disney, from 9 in the morning, to Midnight. Wonderful shows, great rides, exciting food, lots of laughing and shopping until there was no more room in their carry-on luggage.



After 2 weeks of travel, home-stays, new friends, and exciting adventure, Monday morning greeted our team

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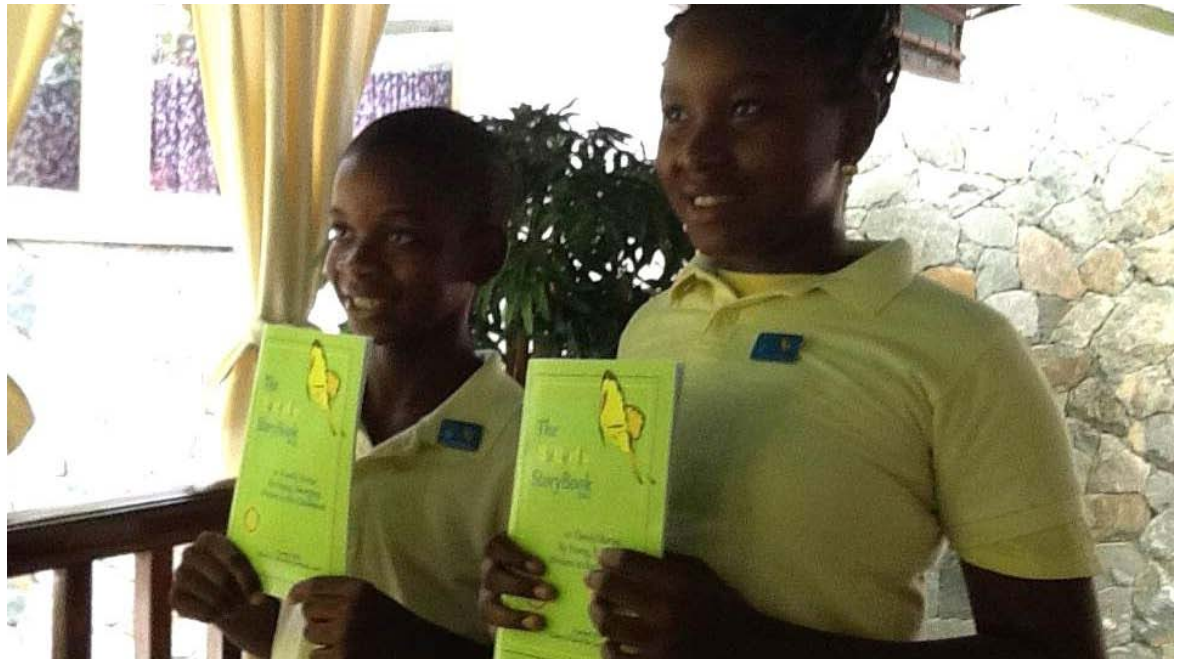
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with their own coach and guide, escorting them to the LAX Airport to begin their long journey home.



News From RI
Posted by Max Bridges on Aug 19, 2014

YOUNG WRITERS GET PUBLISHED WITH THE HELP OF ROTARY



Two winning story writers in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, proudly receive their autographed copies of "The Butterfly StoryBook 2014."

In Jamaica, 11-year-old Jordan Allwood reads his classmates a story about a lonely puppy who finds a new family.

The puppy grows into a big dog, enjoys walks along the beach, and survives a frightening autumn day when he is caught in a trap before being rescued by his family. Jordan's story is one of hundreds that were written by children ages 7-11 for a writing contest organized by the Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean 7020 and supported by clubs in 10 Caribbean nations.

The best stories, including Jordan's, were published in "The Butterfly StoryBook," produced by the club and sold through Amazon.com. Rotary members and others are encouraged to donate copies to school libraries. Proceeds are used to support other literacy efforts.

In July, Rotary International and the International Reading Association (IRA) selected the Butterfly StoryBook project and a summer mobile library project run by the Rotary Club of Ellensburg Morning, Washington, USA, to receive two \$2,500 awards from the Pearson Foundation. The awards recognize projects in which Rotary clubs and local IRA-affiliated reading councils collaborate to strengthen literacy in local and international communities. Rotary and the IRA have been project partners since 2002.

Diana White, a past district governor and member of the Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean 7020, says she got the idea for the story contest after a visit to the headquarters of Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI), which holds a number of well-publicized youth contests every year. White said a project that involved drafting rules and promoting a contest was perfect for the e-club. It turned to clubs throughout the district to solicit entries from local schools.

In 2013, the contest's first year, 200 children contributed stories. This year, 300 young writers took part. Each club selects three local winners, who receive certificates. Then a panel of judges from the e-club chooses 10 stories from among all of those to include in "The Butterfly StoryBook." Each of those young authors receives \$50 in books.

"It's been a great shot in the arm for our club, which only just chartered last year," says White. "We tried to think of things we could do specifically that didn't require everyone getting together in one place. This project has been more successful than we could have imagined and has been a great source of pride for our members."

This year, the e-club provided a free copy of the e-book to the Jamaica Reading Association, an IRA-affiliated council, which used it in its annual Reading Week in April. The association signed an agreement with the club to further promote the contest throughout the Caribbean. Rotary clubs in the U.S. Virgin Islands purchased 500 copies for the Summer Reading Challenge held there. Clubs have also purchased copies to donate to schools in Canada, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, and the United Kingdom.

The contest rules required each story to have a Caribbean theme, because the e-club wanted to share the culture of the region while encouraging creative writing. University students in Haiti translated the stories into French and Haitian Creole free of charge. The books are also available in English and will soon be available in Spanish.

"I'm really excited how this has all turned out," says White. "We still have a long way we can go with this project. There's no limit how far these books can be promoted through the Internet."

The Rotary Club of Ellensburg Morning and the IRA council based at Central Washington University collaborated on the second project to receive a Pearson Foundation award. Mandi Laurent, a member of the council, got the idea for a bookmobile, or mobile library, after attending a conference on summer reading loss.

Volunteers from the Rotary club, the IRA council, the local Rotaract club, and the Ellensburg Education Foundation solicit books from a variety of sources, sort them by grade level, and accompany the bookmobile, a converted delivery truck, to its stops in low-income neighborhoods every Tuesday in July. This year, the education foundation raised \$10,000 to purchase the truck it had been renting.

"We get a lot of smiles," says Laurent, who became a member of the Rotary club as a result of the project. "The children in these communities tend to be underserved, and many of them have very few books in their homes."

Many of the volunteers are educators, and they teach as they read books to the children. Laurent says she's also seen older children reading to their younger siblings.

"This past week, I went along with a third-grade teacher, and she said afterward how glad she was that she took part," Laurent says. "It's an eye-opening experience every time you go."

By Arnold R. Grahl

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* Special Dates For August

Posted by Dave Lorenzen on Aug 01, 2014

Birthday's and Anniversaries for August

Member Birthdays

Name	Date
Lorenzen, Shauna	Aug 05
Aita, Nancy	Aug 08
Lewis, Rick	Aug 08
Kirkbride, Jim	Aug 12
Jen, Ezbon	Aug 28

Spouse Birthdays

Name	Spouse Of	Date
Jones, Ardys	Jones, John	Aug 03
Lorenzen, Shauna	Lorenzen, Dave	Aug 05
Steiner, Vera	Steiner, Peter	Aug 05
Aita, Bob	Aita, Nancy	Aug 10
Kent, Kathy	Dolinsek, Doley	Aug 10
Behr, Ginny	Behr, Marty	Aug 13

Anniversaries

Name	Spouse Name	Years	Date
Amend, Steve	Amend, Kathleen	41 years	Aug 04, 1973
Steiner, Peter	Steiner, Vera	35 years	Aug 07, 1979
Worthen, Steve	Worthen, Georgia	39 years	Aug 09, 1975
Bridges, Max	Bridges, Dee Dee	44 years	Aug 15, 1970
Andress, Ross	Drucker-Andress, Stacy	35 years	Aug 19, 1979
Drucker-Andress, Stacy	Andress, Ross	35 years	Aug 19, 1979
Jones, John	Jones, Ardys	38 years	Aug 21, 1976
Millar, Penny	O'Rear, Paul	10 years	Aug 21, 2004
Olsen, Steve	Olsen, Lynn	52 years	Aug 25, 1962
Floriani, Flo	Floriani, Wendy	31 years	Aug 28, 1983
Abramson, Al	Abramson, Robin	16 years	Aug 30, 1998
Taylor, Keith	Taylor, Carmen	62 years	Aug 30, 1952

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Posted by Max Bridges on Aug 19, 2014

Rotaract award winners celebrated for their life-changing projects



The Rotaract Club of H.R. College meets with the villager leaders of Kumbharwadi to discuss their clean water project.

The village of Kumbharwadi is one of many in a drought-prone region near Mumbai, India. Until recently, its residents had access to only one well with drinkable water. During the summer months, the well runs dry, and the women and girls of the village travel three to four hours a day to search for water.

Enter Project Boond, undertaken by a Rotaract club, a Rotary club, and the Watershed Organization Trust to provide clean drinking water and sanitation facilities in Kumbharwadi. Nikunj Pherwani, 2013-14 president of the Rotaract Club of Hassaram Rijhumal College of Commerce and Economics in Mumbai, India, says that droughts are a serious problem in India and often exacerbate malnutrition and illness in remote regions.

"Our major aim through this project was to provide clean water for drinking and domestic purposes to the drought-affected areas of Maharashtra," he says. "These villages not only suffer due to shortage of water but also due to several waterborne diseases."

Pherwani's Rotaract club teamed up with the Rotary Club of Bombay, Maharashtra, India, to raise funds for the project through donations and events, including a comedic play and black tie dinner. The project has over \$13,000 in its coffers, and the clubs are using the funds to dig wells and install toilets.

Pherwani's club also worked with the Rotary Club of Bombay to choose a local nonprofit organization to partner with. They found the Watershed Organization Trust, a nonprofit dedicated to ending water scarcity and poverty in rural India. After meeting with officials and signing an MOU, the Watershed Organization Trust helped them choose a village, and the Rotaractors traveled there to speak to locals about the credibility of their partners. Pherwani says they continue to visit Kumbharwadi every two months to check in with the village and see if additional resources are needed. Village leaders have been trained to maintain the new facilities.

In addition to providing clean water and sanitation facilities, Pherwani says they also aim to provide villagers with chlorine tablets and a workshop on basic health and hygiene.

Among the seven Rotaract projects that were honored at this year's Rotaract Preconvention, Project Boond was chosen as the international winner of the Recognition of Outstanding Rotaract Project. Two members of the Rotaract Club of Hassaram Rijhumal College of Commerce and Economics attended the preconvention on 30 May in Sydney, Australia. They traveled there using miles that Rotary won through United Airlines' 10 Million Charity Miles giveaway. They, along with representatives from other winning clubs, presented their projects and received their awards.

Regional winners

In addition to the international award-winning project, top Rotaract club projects from six regions were recognized at the Rotaract Preconvention.

Asia Pacific: The Rotaract Club of National University of Singapore (District 3310), for Waves of Hope Swimathon 2013. Club members volunteering at Pathfinder School were impressed by its work helping children with autism develop social and vocational skills. To support services for low-income students, the club organized a swimathon in which 474 participants swam laps and raised over \$20,000.

South Asia: The Rotaract Club of the Caduceus (District 3140), for EMcounter Kumbh -- Mapping the Mela. Club members, most of them medical doctors, volunteered to provide disease surveillance during the Maha Kumbh Mela, a gathering of tens of millions of Hindu pilgrims. They worked with local organizations to install disease surveillance software in clinics and sample water sources to prevent disease outbreaks.

Europe, Middle East, and Central Asia: The Rotaract Club of Casamassima-Bari Alto (District 2120), for DREAMbox. Rotaract club members from every district in Italy came together to provide 1,000 DREAMboxes, filled with books, toys, and art supplies, for children being treated for cancer at a local hospital. They are also raising funds to modernize a room in the hospital's pediatric oncology wing.

Sub-Saharan Africa: Rotaract Club of Nairobi Central (District 9212), for A Girl, a K, a Year. Rotaractors raised funds to provide sanitary napkins to 2,936 girls who would otherwise miss school during menstruation because they lack supplies. They also worked with local and international Rotary clubs to raise \$22,000 for the project, which included a book drive and mentorship program.

Latin America: Rotaract Club of Carpe Diem Catolica (District 4455), for Involucrados: An Initiative for Communities at Risk. Club members organized training workshops on literacy, budgeting, and entrepreneurship for parents of local school students. They also supported the school by holding arts and athletic activities and improving classrooms and restroom facilities.

United States, Canada, and Caribbean: Rotaract Club of Boston (District 7930), for Guatemala Water Filters Project. Rotaractors worked with a local nonprofits and craftsmen to provide people living in the highlands of Guatemala with water filters, hospital supplies, beds, stoves, and toiletries. With the help of Rotary clubs in the U.S. and Guatemala, they raised over \$7,000 for the project.

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By Daniela Garcia

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* Remember the Pictures

Posted by Max Bridges on Aug 14, 2014

[Check Out the Pictures from the Weekly Meetings](#)

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On a regular basis, our resident photo pros **Warren Smith** and **Steve Davis** submit pictures of what is going on at the weekly meetings. You can always find the most recent pictures at the website's photo journal called "**Meeting Sighting**". Please note that all the meeting photos for the entire Rotary year are at this location with the most recent on the last page.

Thanks for all the great pictures Warren and Steve! [Link to Meeting Sightings](#). The most recent are on the last page!

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