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THE ROTARY CLUB OF AUBURN BULLETIN

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA 2013 SUMMER GAMES



*"Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
let me be brave
in the attempt."*

—Special Olympics Oath

More than 700 Special Olympics athletes will descend on the UC Davis Campus to compete in the 2013 Special Olympics Northern California Summer Games June 28-30. Accompanying the athletes will be over 200 of their volunteer coaches to cheer them on. After weeks of training and participating at a qualifying competition, the athletes will compete in Aquatics, Bocce, Tennis or Track and Field in state-of-the-art collegiate athletic facilities on the UC Davis campus.

Summer Games is the culminating competition for our spring sports season and is one of the largest Special Olympics sporting competitions in Northern California. The minimum age of the competitors is 8 years of age and there is no age limit cap. Athletes have varying ability levels and are divisioned to compete against athletes of the approximate same ability level. Over 1,200 volunteers will be on hand to fill a variety of volunteer positions over the course of the weekend.

The concept for Special Olympics was born in the early 1960s, when Eunice Kennedy Shriver started a day camp for people with intellectual disabilities at her home in Rockville, Maryland. Her vision quickly gained recognition and momentum, and in 1968 the first International Special Olympics Games were held at Soldier Field, Chicago, bringing together over 1,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities from 26 states and Canada.

Since then, Mrs. Shriver's vision has grown into one of the largest and most successful sports and volunteer organizations in the world. There are Special Olympics chapters in every state of America and in more than 150 countries worldwide, serving more than three-million Special Olympics athletes.

Special Olympics Northern California opened its doors in 1995. What started originally as a small grass-roots organization has since become a powerful voice for athletes with intellectual disabilities, encompassing Northern California from the Oregon border to Monterey and Tulare counties.

Our speaker, Julie Rodriguez, is an Area Director and Sports Manager for Special Olympics Northern California with offices in Sacramento. Ernie Strobel will introduce Ms Rodriguez.



2013 AUBURN ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

*Back row left to right: Mark Smith, Dave Horsey, Elaina Lewis, Tara Randall, Kimberly Helms, and Steve Snyder.
Front row: Hunter Smothers, left and Wyatt Ciciarelli.*



THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Left to right: Mark Smith, Jim Holbrook, Dan Appel, Mary Jo Payne, Virgil Traynor, and Cathy Bianchi. Not present: Jarrod Anderson, Bill Kirby, and Bart Ruud.



THE STEVE SNYDER ACADEMIC AWARD

Tara Randall is the recipient of the \$5,000 Steve Snyder Academic Award. She maintained a 4.42 GPA and received the Placer High School Scholar Award all four years. She was a member of the Interact Club at Placer, as well as the Key Club, Spanish Club, Environment Club, and was member of the Placer High School volleyball and snowboard teams. Tara hopes to attend UC Davis to study biomedical engineering and pharmaceutical engineering. She has been accepted at UCD, as well as UC San Diego, UC San Francisco and three other universities.



THE STEVE & ROSE BROWN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD

Kimberly Helms, with a 4.25 GPA, is the recipient of the \$2,500 Steve & Rose Brown scholarship. In 2005 she was an Auburn Rotary student of the year. She plans to attend CSU Chico to major in Spanish, with a minor in mathematics, to “receive all the necessary tools and education I need in order to start my career, which is to become a highschool teacher, and then to put my whole heart and soul into my profession.” She said she wants to graduate college with as little debt as possible so her parents could “enjoy a nice retirement.” Kimberly has tutored in Spanish, pre-calculus, statistics, and chemistry.



AUBURN ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Hunter Smothers has a GPA of 4.33 and knows adversity first hand. His parents went through a difficult divorce when he started highschool. His mother overcame financial struggles to raise four children and earn a Masters degree and a job with Child Protective Services. His older brother was killed in an accident one month before his graduation. Hunter’s goal is to attend UC San Diego or UCLA and major in biology/pre-med, and then transfer to a medical school to obtain a medical degree in anesthesiology. Hunter’s scholarship is \$3,000. A part time job since his sophomore year paid for a car, gas, insurance, and expenses.



AUBURN ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Wyatt Ciciarelli knows what it’s like to struggle with asthma—he says the attacks have often caused him to miss “chunks of classes,” but he has not allowed that to keep from succeeding. “I have worked with teachers to make sure I kept up with my assignments, and not just fulfill my requirements, but putting forth my best effort to exceed them.” He plans to attend Sonoma State University to major in biology and become a respiratory therapist. In spite of his hardships, Wyatt earned a 3.72 GPA. Wyatt volunteered for Disabled Sports of America taking disabled children and adults on the famous Rubicon Trail.



AUBURN ROTARY CAREER TECH EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Elaina Lewis earned a 4.28 GPA while being very active in FFA. She was Placer FFA historian, Vice President, and President, was on the parliamentary procedure team, had a steer project, and earned her FFA California State Degree. She volunteers as a 4-H teen leader, volunteers at the Auburn Food Bank, and helps at the Special Education Garden in Auburn. Her goal is to become a Bio Resource and Agrucultural Engineer, and use that education “to help better the management of our Agricultural Resources and Systems. She will attend Sierra College for the next two years and then transfer to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Her award: \$5,000.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS,
AND THANKS TO ALL THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO PUT IN MANY LONG HOURS.

**ROTARY CLUB OF AUBURN'S 31st
THE SPIRIT OF AUBURN COMMUNITY BARBECUE - SEPTEMBER 20, 2013**



Betty Bennett runs a tight ship—when she said her barbecue committee meeting will start at 8 A.M. and end at 9 P.M.—she means it, according to committee member Dave Austin who called Betty a “Time Nazi.” Some members think more committee chairs should follow her lead! Right now, the committee is looking for sponsors for the barbecue which will be held on September 20, 2013 at the Gold Country fairgrounds.

**CORPORATE LEVEL - \$2,500
GOOD NEIGHBOR LEVEL - \$1,000
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HELLO NEIGHBOR LEVEL - \$100**

See Barbecue Chair: Betty Bennett to offer your business sponsorship!

**THE WILD “BEEMERS” ON THE ROAD
TRAVELS WITH BART, RON, AND JON**

May 25, 2013

We left Roanoke on schedule and headed north on I-81 for a while before we took an offramp that would take us to the Blue Ridge Parkway. That country road and the Parkway itself were a delight to ride, even with the ambient temperatures running in the 40s to 50s if in the sun. As the morning passed, the hellacious winds predicted picked up again, adding to the chill factor. An amazing thing about riding miles upon miles on the Parkway, both yesterday and today, was that we saw no wildlife other than one roadkill possum that might later be consumed by buzzards seen overhead fairly regularly. We eventually left the Parkway and stopped for hot coffee when we again hit civilization. After that respite, we headed back to the freeway for the ride to Scotland, PA. Not long after we got back on the freeway we saw two road kill whitetail deer, proof that such critters exist here.

Speaking of the freeway, the local drivers are something else. They tailgate, cut in and out, merge from on ramps rather recklessly and almost make CA drivers look sane. But, with maximum police enforcement due to this holiday weekend, we saw numerous folks pulled over for apparent speeding infractions. Those cops meant business everywhere here, and today we passed through parts of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and ended the day in Pennsylvania.

I have so relished seeing the agricultural activities we have passed by in this lush, green countryside. The angus cattle and the dairy breeds look really healthy, and so did the herd of Ayrshire cattle I saw today. Would love to have had a photo of that herd! Anyone remember the Farm Journal cartoons of Ada the Ayrshire? Lots of hay is being mowed but very little seems to be baled at this moment in time. Baling time is coming as soon as the hay dries a bit.

Lots of motorcyclists are headed north and I am making the presumption that many are headed into the DC area for Memorial Day activities like the Run to the Wall and for memorial activities at Arlington. We have bypassed DC, which is bittersweet, but honestly, I do not think I could again visit The Wall, so it is OK.

Up on the Parkway, the azaleas and rhododendrons were in bloom and they added to the intrigue of our ride. The hardwood and mixed conifer forests are just gorgeous to look at and I am so happy to have seen them. Sorry for sounding like a broken record in that I have mentioned this in an earlier writing. Our country has so much beauty that we can never appreciate if we do not see it with our own eyes.

As I think about the ride today, and seeing signs hanging from freeway overpasses expressing thanks to Veterans, let me say to those of you who have served our country during time of war or time of peace, thank you for your service to our country. And, welcome home, fellow Vietnam Veterans.

Tomorrow we are headed to Antietam and Gettysburg and plan to spend the night right back here at this same motel. We can't do justice to those sites in a day, but we'll do a fly-by (drive by) and maybe one day come back for more. After that, we will turn west and begin to head for the barn. This vagabond ride has been incredible and it is such a joy to be in such good company. I am truly blessed to be with those who take such good care of me.

A safe and happy Memorial Day to all.

Bart

FROM THE KENNEDY SPACE CENTER



Tourists (?) at Pad 39A



The Wild Beemers at Kennedy Space Center

May 26, 2013

This morning we hung at the motel longer than usual, perhaps because we were watching the Formula car race at Monte Carlo on the TV. In any event, we eventually departed for the some 45 mile drive to the Antietam Battlefield site. Along the way I noticed highway signage saying we were crossing the Mason-Dixon Line which happens, in this area, to mark the border between PA and Maryland. PA cops were working their freeways with due diligence as were the MD cops. We had no worries because we were traveling at about the speed limit and motorists were passing us. Those that were hitting excess numbers were getting nailed. Yes sir, law enforcement was out in force and capitalizing on holiday weekend traffic. So too were gas stations in that rates increased just to hit holiday weekend travelers. Ha, yesterday we paid \$3.35 per gallon for high test gasoline that, like CA, contains 10 percent ethanol.

We arrived at Antietam in time to view an excellent National Park Service documentary film about events leading up to the Antietam battle, and beyond. When the film was over we assembled with 40 or so other visitors to do a walking tour of the battle site with a NPS ranger. The tour lasted almost an hour and was surprisingly good. The ranger was very well informed and he delivered much more than I anticipated. Once that walking tour was complete, we hopped on our motorbikes and rode an established route laid out in a brochure. Among the sites we stopped to visit was the Burnside Bridge over Antietam Creek, which is more like a small river. While taking in the area we saw a park ranger leading a flotilla of a dozen or more kayakers and canoeists downstream.

The weather was sunny but it was still chilly and the north wind was still blowing for a third day. Ron and I were glad to be wearing jackets and I think Jon was pleased with his decision to also wear a jacket even though he weathers the chill far better than I.

A bit of a side note is that I have been scratching itchy bites that I am convinced are bed bug bites, not flea bites. We have been staying in decent motels, not fleabag joints. I wrote corporate management to suggest they follow up on the place we stayed in Roanoke. No one else in our threesome has been afflicted.

The battle at Antietam was horrible. Between the north and the south there were about 100,000 men engaged in the battle that resulted in some 23,000 casualties in one day, Sept. 17, 1862. That figure included KIA, WIA and missing. It is hard to fathom such a casualty rate, much less that many men assembled and fighting in one place during that epic period in our history. At the end of his presentation, the NPS ranger mentioned that there is another factor rarely addressed: the loss of breadwinners who cared for families, farmed or held positions of importance in government and business, and more. And, up until Antietam, there had not previously been photographs published of war casualties. One Alexander

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NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

The following individual has been approved for membership by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Auburn. If no objections are received by the Board, within 10 days of this publication, he is, upon the payment of the proper fees, considered to be a member of the Rotary Club of Auburn.

Mike Medlin

Classification: Building Inspection Service

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- June 4: Ernie Strobel
Julie Rodriguez: Special Olympics
Director of Sports
- June 11: Steve Taylor/Randy Tooker
- June 18: Bart O'Brien
Year-End Awards
- June 25: New Members Meeting

COMING EVENTS

- Rotary Board Meeting
June 18, 2013: 7 AM Gold Rush Chevy
- Party in the Park
Regional Park, Friday, June 21, 2013
- Demotion of President Bart O'Brien
Saturday, June 29, 2013
- Auburn Rotary Barbecue
Friday, September 20, 2013

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PARTY IN THE PARK

Chairman Mike Wilson says
Party in the park is on Friday June 21st.

A Ragae Band will be playing
The band should start at about 6pm and could
run as late as 10:00.

In the past we have sold BBQ sandwiches and
beverages (beer, wine, soda, and water).
This year we are not selling food. We will only
sell the beverages. The work will definitely be
easier for our members this year.

We will actually be selling beverages from
5pm until the event ends. We plan to have
two shifts: 4:30-7:30 and 7:00 to 10p.m.
Setup will be easier and cleanup too.

Gardner took some 70 photos of the aftermath of battle and took the photos to New York for publication. For the first time, the general populace could see the horror of war. As he closed his talk, the ranger thanked those who have served our country. He said it was especially fitting for him to be able to make his remarks and extend thanks on this Memorial Day weekend to those who have served our country. I had tears in my eyes, a throwback to my own experience with the stupidity of war.

I am so ignorant about the history of the Civil War. Because of my brief exposure here to the field of battle, I just may have to do some reading. Honestly, though, I am not sure I can actually read about such grim stuff... My mother told me years ago that men in her family, Tennessee folks, took sides with both the north and the south, and that some skipped out and went west rather than taking sides. Who could blame them for prudence and the desire to go forward with their lives rather than to die of bayonet wounds or be killed by rifle or cannon fire. The family blood line exists today because a few chose to not go into battle.

Tomorrow the plan is to go to Gettysburg. While I am not sure how the day will end, this visit to that battlefield will mark our turning point to head west. To date, we have logged 4,358 miles on this adventure with 2,729 miles of it on the Beemers. Having seen all we've seen, I know I'll never have any regrets for this opportunity to be an American vagabond. I can't speak for Ron and Jon but I know they too have been fully impressed with our adventures.

A happy, safe Memorial Day to all.

Bart

May 27, 2013

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal...”

Yes, today we did a few hours at Gettysburg and it gave me pause to reflect on learning Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in Mrs. Carman's class while in the eighth grade. I think learning Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg was a graduation requirement.

Never in my life did I expect to be in Gettysburg on Memorial Day. With little recollection of Civil War history, our visit there was an appalling experience. I did not know that 620,000 died in the Civil War. Neither did I know that the three day battle at Gettysburg involved 160,000 soldiers of whom 51,000 would die. In the fight at Little Round Top hill, 12,000 Rebels charged the hill but only 150 made it across some fence line or barrier. I think those are the figures our tour guide gave us. Our tour was all about information overload. When we arrived at Gettysburg we watched a documentary film about Gettysburg, toured the museum, and then did a 2 1/2 hour battlefield tour for a mere \$36. Fortunately, the weather was good and we were comfortable in short sleeve shirts. As we departed the area around 2:00 pm, a parade was about to get underway. I would like to have seen the parade but we are headed west now and we will be rolling right along.

When we left Gettysburg we eventually rolled in to the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which has a speed limit of 65 that few seemed to adhere to. The roadway was cluttered with heavy traffic as people were retuning home from the holiday weekend. Traffic cops were out there but I saw only a couple or three vehicle stops. The cops were vastly outnumbered by travelers, so what

could they really do to slow down the pack? I worried that timing into the turnpike and timing out could result in trouble if we covered said distance too quickly. We solved that with a gas stop which effectively increased our elapsed time. Ron and Jon paid \$7.25 but the toll booth I went through hit me for \$8. I wonder if the toll-taker pocketed \$0.75 ? Whatever... The rate was still several dollars less than that assessed automobiles. Some of the roadway was good and some was in relatively poor condition - like CA roads.

Altogether we drove only 204 miles today, in part because we hit a bit of rain and pulled into a motel to escape getting wet or having to stop and put on wet weather riding gear. We are on the outskirts of Pittsburgh. The drive west took us through wonderfully scenic areas and I got to see more dairy farms, beef cattle, sheep and hayfields. Oh, there were marvelous forests too. California has good scenery but a lot great scenery can be found here too. Oh, along the way, near Somerset, PA we saw a sign calling attention to a monument erected to the memory of Flight 93.

Tomorrow we are headed to the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH. It will be about a two hour ride to get there, and it looks like we will have to deal with some weather. We may delay our departure in the hopes of improved weather. Nothing however could compare to the rain in Florida.

Our visits to Antietam and Gettysburg have been a bit taxing for me. War, even for cause, is just plain difficult for me to handle.

Ok, we'll get our motors running in the morning and continue this wonderful adventure. Stay tuned.

Bart



Ron & Jon with cannon at Antietam.

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH BRIDGET POWERS

(And President Bart's final choice of his term)



Congratulations Bridget, you deserved it!

May 28, 2013

Tonight we are in Springfield, OH, about 20 miles east of Dayton and 290 miles west of Pittsburgh where we were last night. We are 20 miles or less from the Air and Space Museum which was the main attraction for making Dayton a destination point.

We departed Pittsburgh in rain but eventually outran the storm front about the time we got to Canton, OH where we toured the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Our route to Canton included more of the Penn Turnpike, and then the Ohio Turnpike. Traffic was not nearly so challenging as what we saw yesterday, Memorial Day, the day travelers all had to head for home. Oh, I almost have to take back some of that because the traffic around Columbus, OH was crazy. There was a huge traffic slowdown because of a multiple vehicle rear-ender. We had to do stop and go stuff for a while but eventually got clear of the tie-up. Riding in the rain was not so bad because we have good wet weather riding gear. But, once we cleared the rain, we had to deal with a seriously buffeting headwind which knocked my gas mileage back to 49 mpg. It was warm too, something around 82 degrees once we got out of the 60 degree weather in the rainy part of the day.

I did not know what to anticipate for the Football Hall of Fame. Aside from the entry fee of \$22, it was interesting in that pro ball is documented to way back when - the 1920s I think. We saw documentary films of people like Joe Montana being inducted, films of Super Bowl games, real live Super Bowl rings well protected in glass cases, footballs thrown by this one or that one, the development over time of helmets, shoes and uniforms worn by this or that player, open castings of quarterback's hands - my right hand perfectly fit the mold of Troy Aikman's hand, castings of players legs - thighs of which on some of the big boys were almost as big as my waist, and more.

Seeing the pro football hall of fame has never been on my bucket list but regardless, I am glad to have seen it. Getting there was half the fun because we rode through quintessential farm country which must be part of the breadbasket of America in terms of corn and dairies. We probably saw thousands of acres of corn just emerging and about two inches high. In addition, a lot of fields are just now being prepared for planting. The farms looked like photos in the American Farmland Trust magazine. It is soothing to see this so needed part of America. Farming and ranching is too little appreciated in America.

I have to comment on a couple other observations. In the South we saw a lot of tinted windows on automobiles. I suppose the tinting helps keep the interior of a car somewhat cooler. Now, here in Ohio, we're seeing less tinting. Another observation is we are no longer seeing road kill armadillos. Now we see groundhogs, skunks and deer. And, the highway department does not seem to remove carcasses as they do in CA. Yet another observation is that cell phone towers are regularly seen along the highways. They stand easily 130 to 150 feet high and there is no effort to try to disguise them. Another observation is that there are apparently no helmet laws in PA or here in Ohio. At least half of all riders are not wearing helmets. Lastly, these Ohio drivers have no problem tailgating and swerving through traffic to gain an inch. It is amazing to watch how reckless some drivers are as they scoot down the highway.

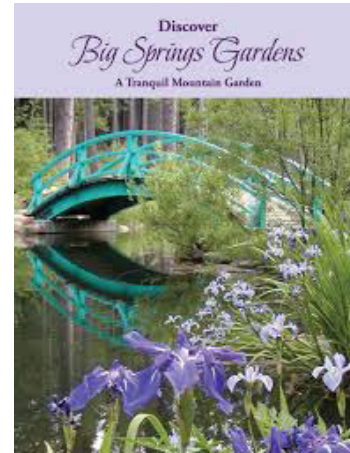
Tomorrow after the Air and Space Museum we are headed to Columbus, Indiana for a short but important visit with Ron's mother-in-law. Not sure yet about our route to get there.

Our travels have given me and all of us, I think, a new appreciation for this expansive country. We've seen so much variability in terrain and geographic features, vegetation types, agricultural endeavors, and likewise, we have seen a broad range of cultural diversity. Why did I wait

almost a lifetime to travel and discover America? We are at 3,223 on the bikes at this juncture and I think just over 5,000 miles total mileage since leaving home. It has been fun and I am having a great time.

Bart

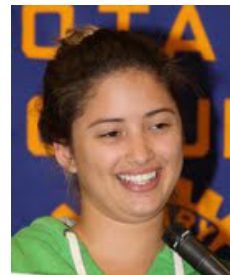
ROTARIANS AT PLAY DAY AT BIG SPRINGS GARDENS IN SIERRA CITY • JUNE 22, 2013



A joint venture of Auburn Gold Country, Auburn Rotary, and Auburn Daybreak clubs of Auburn. There will be an excellent buffet lunch at noon, out under the pine trees.

Admission is \$15 for gardens only & \$39 for garden access & buffet lunch. Contact Fred Vitas fvitas@vitasinsurance.com if you are interested.

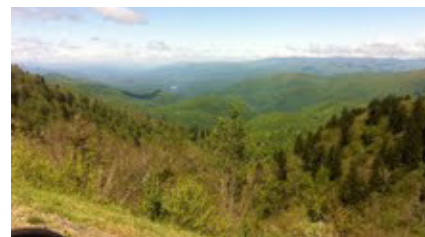
NATALIA IS ENDING HER YEAR AS OUR RYE STUDENT IN AUBURN



Natalia Silveira-Harris-Spokely-Bennett is going home to Ilheus, Bahia Brazil. Her Rotary parents during her year's stay were Valerie and Michael Harris, Carolyn Metzker and Matt Spokley, and Betty and Dennis Bennett. She bid the club farewell and said she had an exciting, enjoyable year. Bravo, Rotary Youth Exchange!

ONLY ONE ROTARY CLUB IN BEIJING SAYS BILL RADAKOVITZ

Bill Radakovitz joined Mike Holmes on his recent tour of China. Bill said even though they were in Beijing, they found that the city only had one Rotary Club. He said, you can imagine how large that one Rotary club must be. In lieu of a banner from the Beijing Rotary Club, Bill picked up a braided ornament which to him looked like a Rotary Wheel. Others in the room thought it might be a Buddhist symbol of some kind.



View of the Great Smoky Mountains from the seat of a BMW motorcycle by Bart Ruud