

THE WIND REPORT

September 1, 2014

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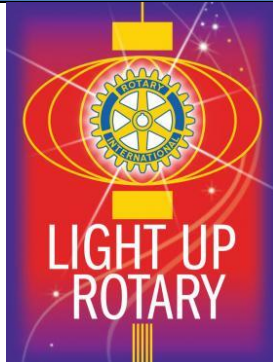
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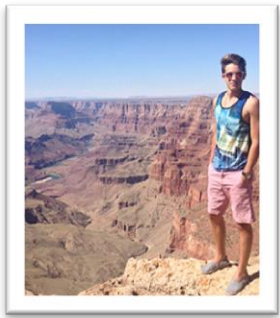
ROTARY DISTRICT
5160,
CLUB NO. 30335



San Ramon Valley Rotary Club, Danville, CA, USA

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Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville
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FEATURED ARTICLE:

Rotary Youth Exchange Exceeded My Expectations

**By: Jurag Gago, Rotary Youth Exchange
Student from Slovakia to United States**

I am from the Slovak Republic, right in the heart of Europe. I grew up in Trenčín with my brother, Martin and my mom and dad. I just returned from one of the most wonderful experiences in my life. The Rotary Club of Trenčín decided to sponsor me for a Rotary Youth Exchange to Chicago, where I was hosted by the Rotary Club of Aurora Sunrise in a suburb of that great city. I was excited about the exchange because I knew it would challenge me a lot and I wanted to see how far I could grow on a personal and mental level. It gave me all that I could ever have expected. I fell in love with Chicago immediately. My first challenge was to attend games for all of the major sports teams, and I was able to complete most except for the Chicago Bears football team. I made quite a few visits to see the Bulls (basketball) and Blackhawks (hockey). Marian Hossa on the Blackhawks is Slovakian, and I was proud to cheer him on and wave a Slovakian flag. I was even fortunate enough through my Rotary sponsors to meet the Blackhawks owner, Rocky Wirtz, whose family has owned the team for decades, and have my picture taken with him. I asked him so many questions about Hossa, I felt like Hossa's agent for the day! During my exchange, I traveled a lot. I visited some of the most beautiful places I had ever seen, such as the Aztec and Mayan pyramids in Mexico, the Grand Canyon in Arizona, and the cities of San Diego, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas. The diversity I found within the United States amazed me. There are people of all races, colors, creeds, religions, and backgrounds. I met tons of Rotary members and found them all lovely people who really care about making a difference in the world. I wanted to promote Rotary more, so I wrote a speech which I delivered at my host high school, West Aurora. I also gave it during other Rotary events including the district conference. The district governor complimented me on the speech, which meant a lot to me. When I look back, I have to say the experience far exceeded my expectations. It did more than open my eyes; it showed me that many things are possible, if you set your mind to it. I definitely grew as a person. I am now back in Slovakia, finishing up my high school education. My goal is to study international business in Denmark, which has a great economy and education system. And then see where that takes me!

Birthdays This Month:

Dayna Rinkle 9/10
James Frazier 9/16
Linda Schumacher 9/16
Chad Reed 9/23

Anniversaries This Month:

Jesse & Ana Castro 9/10
Neville & Pam Guard 9/13
Debora & Steve Killeen 9/18
Larry & Sharon Mace 9/29

Upcoming Greeters:

Valerie Munoz, 9/3
Dominique Yancey, 9/17
Debora Killeen, 9/24

TO ALL OUR RED BADGERS! To get your blue badge, you need to be a greeter at one of our meetings. It is your responsibility to sign up and pick a slot. Any questions, feel free to contact Rita Smith.

"If you want to achieve greatness, stop asking for permission." – Anonymous

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING

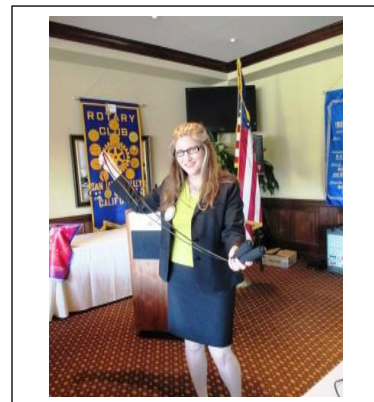
We had an awesome meeting on August 27th, 2014.

Once again, our very own President Elect, **Jessica Braverman**, stood at the helm. Our Greeter was **Dan Gerald**. Thank you Dan!

Guests Who Visited: Guests with us on August 27th were: **Paris Ivory**, Kaiser IT Administrator and Consultant, **Henry Frazier, Jr.**, with New York Life (both guests of James Frazier); **Scott Bigelow**, with Boisset Wine Living at Home (guest of Laura Montalvo); and **Carol Hehmeyer, Esq.**, Volunteer with Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office (guest of Jessica Braverman). Welcome to our Guests!!!

NOTE TO OUR MEMBERS! If you are bringing a guest to a meeting, please e-mail James Frazier (jffrazier@calmtg.com), our Director of Membership, the name of your guest, their profession or place of business and your name.

Our Speakers on August 27th: We heard from **Neville Guard**, **Gobind Anand** and **Laura Montalvo**, who each shared with us their vocational talks. Neville is a health insurance advisor and avid sports photographer; Gobind is an international real estate agent, mother and grandmother; and Laura is a legal assistant by day and an in-home wine consultant by night (plus she's a mom to two amazing boys). Thank you Neville, Gobind and Laura for opening up your lives to us.



Want to submit an announcement for our newsletter? Just send Laura Montalvo an e-mail at lauramontalvo@ymail.com



COMING UP THIS WEEK – SEPTEMBER 3 HAPPY HOUR AT 6:00, MEETING AT 7:00

Our Greeter will be **Valerie Munoz**. Our Speaker will be members of Interact and **Christine Hjuardo, Principal of Golden View School**

REMEMBER – NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 10, WE ARE DARK DUE TO OUR UPCOMING PICNIC ON 9/14.

COMING ATTRACTIONS AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday, September 8, 2014, 6:15 p.m. – GAME NIGHT at Diablo Lodge. Come play Rummikub with the residents of Diablo Lodge. If you don't know how to play, search Rummikub on Google for easy instructions. Light refreshments will be provided. Sign up at this week's meeting, or feel free to e-mail Katherine Richardson, our Community Services Chair at katmrichardson@comcast.net

Sunday, September 14, 2014, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Our second annual Club picnic at The Ranch at Little Hills in San Ramon, located at 18013 Bollinger Canyon Road. Price per adult is \$27.50, kids ages 5 through 12 are \$25.00 each, and kids under 4 years of age are free. This will be a great family event with a pool and the food is fully catered.

Saturday, September 20, 2014 – **DVSR ROTARY VETERAN'S VICTORY VELO BIKE RIDE AND 2nd ANNUAL HOPFEST.** Registration for the bike ride starts at 6:00 p.m., and you can choose a 30, 60 or 100 mile ride. The Hopfest goes from 1:00 to 5:00 and features local breweries and live music. Location is 2600 Camino Ramon and it's sure to be a rockin great time. For ticket purchase and info go to their website at www.v3hopfest.com.

October 31 to November 2, 2014: DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN RENO, NEVADA! Located at the Grand Sierra Resort. District Governor Pam Gray has issued an attendance challenge. For the clubs with the highest number and largest percentage of attendees, special recognition will be given at the conference. **So far, 15 members of our club have registered and we are in contention for winning!** Let's get some big numbers at this conference! If you would like to attend this amazing weekend, give a shout to Valerie Munoz as she is the registrar for the entire event.

DISTRICT 5160 PHOTO CONTEST 2014

TWO CONTESTS: CLUB PHOTO CONTEST AND RENO PHOTO CONTEST: For the **Club Photo Contest**, the deadline is October 27, 2014. Give the District your best three Club pictures of the most poignant, unusual or amazing story/people/things taken during the year with your Club (any avenue of service). Please include Club's name, photographer's name; avenue of service and description. Send pictures before Monday October 27th to Dany Gregory, District Photographer and Bill Randall, Chief Organizer – to photocontest@rotary5160.org. For the **Reno Photo Contest**, give the District a photograph taken at the District Convention in Reno with the name, club and phone number. Bring your CD, SD, CF or USB to the Photo Contest Box at registration or email to photocontest@rotary5160.org. NO NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. Wonderful cash prizes will be awarded to our Club, and a very special prize awarded to the photographer.