

This Week

Lorena Bernal
Development
Director, San
Gabriel Valley
Council, BSA
Program Host:
Charles Wilson

Lorena Bernal works closely with our Scout Executive and CEO, the Executive Board and Council Leadership. She is responsible for the planning, supervising and execution of development programs to: 1) assist the San Gabriel Valley Council (SGVC) in reaching annual and long-range development goals, and 2) develop strategies to support the growth and expansion of the organization. These programs include, but are not limited to:

- Campaign Leadership
- Major Gifts
- Planned Giving
- Direct Mail and Corporate Giving
- Product Sales

Lorena's program will provide a more in-depth look at SGVC, from its three summer camps to the programs we provide to the youth in our local communities.



Dollars & Sense
by President
Dennis Mehriinger

Will we ever learn from History?

In 1998 I took a trip around the world because I had sold one house and purchased another. I had to get out of my sold house by June 1 but could not occupy the new one until July 1.

As I was pondering what to do with my homeless month, I received a flyer from Lufhansa — the German airline — offering me a 30-day around the world ticket for \$2,500. It was not only good on Lufhansa but on all of the Star alliance sister carriers. I decided to put my stuff in storage and dedicate a month of my life to history.

Here are a few of my discoveries:

1. I flew from LAX to Tokyo and discovered that the Japanese love Americans;
2. I flew from Tokyo to Singapore and went to a museum with 500 years of British naval history. I also attended the Rotary International Convention where I met so many interesting people. Then I booked a 7-day cruise from Singapore to Calcutta and back. For the first time in my life I understood real poverty.
3. I then flew to Germany and looked up my distant cousins in Mehring and St.

Wendell Germany. The current cousin who ran the wine making operation in the Mosel Valley had attended UC Davis where he received his PhD in Vintnering.

4. Then I flew to Vienna, Austria where I met four accountants at a Rotary make up meeting. Their full-time jobs were to track the royalties generated by Mozart compensations as they were played worldwide and distribute the money to his heirs. At the time he had 36 heirs, and each one received over a million Euros a year (7 million shillings at the time).

I also learned how dramatic the changes in the 20th century had been to Austria. They entered World War I as the Austro-Hungarian Empire with a popula-

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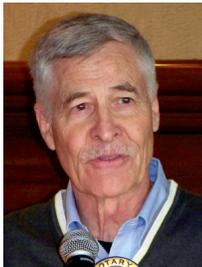
Greeters

January 16
Tom McCurry
January 23
Joshua Miller
January 30
Kevin Moore

Program Review



That was the clear indication of last week's Club Assembly, in which the Club's Directors and next year's President outlined their plans for the rest of this Rotary year and next. First up was Mike Zoeller, Projects Director, who introduced Craig Cox,



Community Service Chair. Craig stated that his goal for the remainder of the year is to initiate *hands-on* projects for the Club. He will divide the Club into three teams, each of which will come up with a project for its quarter (Winter, Spring & Fall; Summer is already the Concert Series). Each project is to be planned by the committee in charge, presented to the Board of Directors for approval, and then presented to the whole Club.



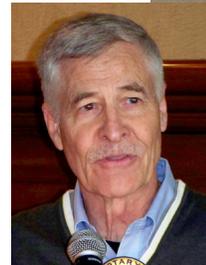
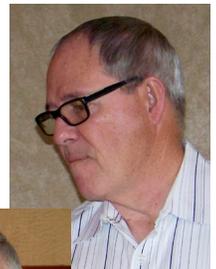
Next up was John Frykenberg, International Projects Chair. John related how our original Nigeria project was cancelled over a dispute with the Nigerian Rotary Club regarding control of the funds. Instead, we turned to another District in Nigeria, which includes the capital of Lagos, a large city of 12,000,000 people. We are also considering doing a similar project in Tanzania.



Ray Carlson, Vocational Service, recounted his 25 years in Rotary and how the entrepreneurship program had changed his life. He talked about the vocational programs being performed in conjunction with the San Marino Rotary Club and the Boy Scouts.



Tom McCurry and Mike Zoeller are serving as Co-Chairs of Youth Projects. This includes RYLA and Interact, where we work to promote 4-Way C o n - we have to re-start our programs. The Test Speech test, Ameri-



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January

Rotary Awareness Month

Program Chair, Charlie Wilson

January 16 - Linda Bernal, Development Director, San Gabriel Valley Council, BSA
 January 23 - Rachael Young, Horticulture Director, Descanso Gardens, La Canada, CA

January 30 - Suzy Moser, one of the staff members at The Huntington Library and Gardens will provide an inside look at the new Traditional Chinese Garden.

Congratulations



Birthdays

01/03 - Betty Ferris
 01/10 - Santosh Srivastava
 01/14 - Bill Reeder
 01/27 - Ann Rider Hill
 01/27 - Barbara Yorke

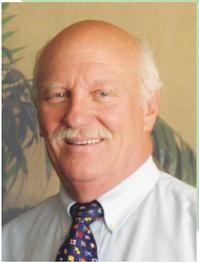




Anniversaries

01/03 - Jim & Karen Gorton
 01/04 - Mike & Carol Zoeller
 01/22 - John & Joan Frykenberg





Catastrophic domestic policy aside, US clout in international affairs has suffered serious setbacks under the current hegemony in Washington.

The administration was hoping to at least pressure the Taliban into accepting a peace deal in Afghanistan and that now looks pretty unlikely.

No one thinks the drone-dominated counter-terrorism efforts in Pakistan are working. We have proven, nonetheless, that we can still buy friends. The Chinese practicing cyber espionage is spiraling out of control along with friendly relations with Beijing.

In Egypt the administration was willing to quietly, privately urge against a coup. After the fact, it hedged, refusing to condemn it or even call it a coup. The new Egyptian government may have taken this as approval for its crackdown on pro-Muslim Brotherhood protesters, which the United States did little to stop. Months later, after the damage had been done, the administration announced cuts in US aid to Egypt that were just big enough to set back relationships, but too small to effect significant change. Egypt today is backsliding far away from any democratic gains. The United States is more widely and openly loathed than at any time in recent memory.

In Iran, the US would like to stop the nuclear build-up. Toward this end and at the expense of a most favorable relationship with US traditional ally Israel, the administration has cut a deal with Iran to

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stop uranium enrichment and building of new centrifuges. If the deal falls through, it could actually make things worse by weakening the US-organized effort to isolate Iran over its nuclear program... but then we must learn to trust the Iranians?

The Israel-Turkey reconciliation — that Obama worked for — has fallen apart. Israel is still far from on board for the Iran deal and, perhaps most important, the Israel-Palestine peace process is not looking good.

North Korea's nuclear weapons program took some big steps this year: another warhead detonation, possibly their first uranium bomb. The country also launched a satellite into space, a thinly veiled development in its missile program. But NK poses no real threat, right?

The US failed to control East Asian territorial disputes, and its most important ally — Japan — continues to offend its neighbors and create problems for US grand strategy.

The relationship with India hit a low point in the dispute over a strip-searched Indian diplomat. (*I don't much like the strip searching either*)

Russian President Vladimir Putin's ban on allowing American families to adopt Russian children brought US relations to

a new low. And Russia sheltering former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden, is set to worsen relationships. Obama is skipping the Winter Olympics in a protest of Russia's anti-gay laws. And Putin has taken over as indisputable arbiter of peace in the Middle East.

Yes, the United States has succeeded in striking an important deal for removing Syrian leader Bashar Assad's chemical weapons thanks in large to Russian diplomacy on the ground.

Obama's big, stated goals are 1) bring about a negotiated political solution between the rebels and the Assad regime in Syria; 2) curb extremism's rise in Syria; 3) curb Syria's many humanitarian crises. These have all moved severely in the opposite direction over the last year.

The administration appears pained by Syria's crisis but has been — shall we say — wishy-washy about committing to a single strategy, undermining its own modest efforts.

Obviously, politics over people characterizes the current administration's foreign policy; just the opposite of Rotary International. Hopefully, we in Rotary can meet some of our objectives even while swimming against the tide. That is the challenge of 2014 and beyond. ☉

> > NEXT BOARD MEETING < <
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 06, AT 6:15p
260 S. Los Robles, Pasadena
3rd Floor Conference Room

Dollars & Sense

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tion of about 300 million people, and, by 1922, were reduced to a tiny Alpine country of 6 million. Then Hitler overwhelmed them at the beginning of WW II and proceeded to slaughter or scare off the Jews, which were an important part of Viennese

Aristocracy. Wow, there I learned about real severe disaster resulting in upheaval.

Everywhere I visited I found thriving Rotary clubs. All filled with businessmen united in their effort to solve the world's problems one person at a time.

Welcome Back, Roger

Last week President Dennis Mehringer had the great honor and privilege of welcoming back former member Roger Fennell. Fennell had found it necessary to change his membership to a club closer to where he worked. Now that he has found employment that is fairly close, he has chosen to reenlist as a member of Altadena Rotary. We look forward to having him as a long-time member.



Program

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canism Awards, and the PCC Veterans Awards are all part of this busy Directorate.

The Foundation Chair, Ed Jasnow, stated that he attended the Rotary Foundation District 5300 Appreciation Dinner, on January 3, which featured the Rotary International President, Ron Burton. Additionally, Ed showed the dinner program, which featured Craig Cox as one of the Rotary Foundation Members of the Year, nominated by President Dennis, and as a member of the Paul Harris Society. Ed also stated that he will be getting each of the member's information regarding the status of their Paul Harris Fellowships, and will encourage them to complete these fellowships.



Julius Johnson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced that Steve "Quick" Cunningham had agreed to serve as President-Elect for the next Rotary year. He also indicated that he has two Board of Directors' seats to fill. Additionally, he has been tasked by the Board to see if he can order Rotary shirts for the Club members so that we would have them to identify us all.'



President Dennis stated that he has two goals for the remainder of his term. They are participation in *Math Counts*, a competition among school teams, and initiation of the entrepreneur-



Playing IN THE Mud

by Jacque Foreman

We have an upside down tomato plant. Bruce saw it advertised and decided we needed it. I **got** to plant it, not a particu-



larly easy thing to do. But it might be paying me for all the trouble I went to get it started. We have a couple other tomato plants—a Sweet 100 and a Big Beef. But, it just so



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side down one is placed where it gets more sun, and, therefore, more warmth. The directions say to water it every day, so I do so. Since we have a Kangen water machine, most of the time it is watered with 4.5pH water. It appears that we may get some good size tomatoes in the next 3 to 6 weeks. Stay tuned.

ship project in Tanzania.



President-Elect Hal Yorke stated that, in his year, he wants to emphasize service, membership, and having fun. He noted that, when he asks people what they think about Rotary, their reply is that it's "male, pale, and stale." He said we need to get our message out onto social media so we can reach more people, especially young one's. We need to take advantage of our corporate memory by creating notebooks on our projects, such as the 4-Way Speech Contest, or the Dan Stover Awards, so that anyone can come in and run them.

There's a lot to look forward to next year.

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