

This Week

**The Teachers are Coming!
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 Program Host:
 Ed Jasnow**



This week, we will be hearing from 27 teachers from eight schools who received \$400 Mini-Grants from our club to enhance the classroom experience of their students. This is one of the highlights of the Rotary year as we get to see the direct impact of our efforts in the schools.



This is the perfect program to bring a friend to who may be interested in joining our club. Come and see how these ingenious teachers stretch \$400 to help educate their students.



Dialing In

By Steve Kerekes,
 President



It's Youth Services Month!

May is Youth Services month in the Rotary Calendar. There are numerous established Youth Services programs that Rotary International, Districts and Clubs get involved in. Below is a survey of the most well-known ones.

- **Interact Clubs** - Interact clubs are sponsored by a local Rotary Club at a local high school and bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and help gain a global perspective. Interact clubs usually meet during school (during the lunch break) or after school, once or twice a month, under the tutelage of a teacher advisor and a member of the sponsoring Rotary Club. The Interact Club organizes at least two service projects every year: one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Our Club sponsors an Interact Club at Muir High School. For photos of recent Interact activities, please turn to page 5.



18-30. Membership ends upon reaching 31 years of age.

Rotaract stands for *Rotary in Action*. A Rotaract club is often affiliated with a University [College or Junior College] and meets on campus. Rotaract focuses on the development of young adults as leaders in their communities and workplaces. Clubs around the world also take part in international service projects. Most Rotaract clubs operate very similarly to Rotary Clubs. After being approved by the Rotaract club, a prospective member is *inducted* to become a member, also known as a *Rotaractor*.



Rotaract clubs hold formal meetings, usually every two weeks, which feature speakers, special outings, social activities,

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Greeter of the Week

May 03
 Ben Green
 May 10
 Kimmit Haggins
 May 17
 Tony Hill

Program Review

Award Season is Here RYLA Participants and PCC Veterans' Awards



First up in this two-part program was Tony Hill, Chairmen of the RYLA Committee. RYLA, or Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, is a special camp for outstanding high school students where they learn valuable leadership skills to use throughout their lives. This year, thanks to the efforts

of Mark Mariscal, we sent seven Muir students to RYLA. They came to our meeting to share their experience, along with



the Muir advisor, Dr. Nancy Gonzalez Heussar. These students were selected after interviews conducted by Tony, Mike Zoeller,



and Sarah O'Brien.

First up was Felisha Davis, who shares the distinction of living on the same street as Theo Clarke, though certainly not as high up. Felisha said she really enjoyed interacting with other students that she didn't know, and discussing both sides of issues. It was her first time seeing snow, so that was different. She particularly enjoyed the inspirational speakers that RYLA featured.



Next, was Natalie Casal, who is taking AP psychology and AP world history, both college level courses while she is a high

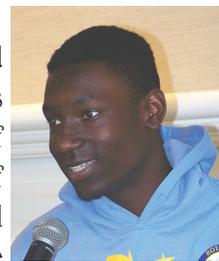


school sophomore. She first thanked Mark for encouraging us to send alternates, since that included her. She loved meeting people from different backgrounds, and gained great insight into communicating with her peers.

Ashley Hackett spoke next. She was very impressed meeting people from other cultures. She met a student from Peru, and learned a lot about Peruvian culture. She really loved the group activities that improved leadership skills.



Next was David Kinnebrew, who has the distinction of serving as captain of both Muir's basketball and football team. He was sent as an alternate, and almost missed the interview session. He found RYLA to be very inspiring. He never saw any of the other Muir students while he was there, and really enjoyed interacting with his bunkmates. He mentioned the food twice.



Last to speak was Makana Woods, who
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Congratulations



Birthdays



05/15 - Elsa Smith
05/18 - Craig Cox
05/30 - Susan Applegate



Anniversaries



05/18 - Tony & Ann Rider Hill
05/19 - Roger & Kathleen Anne Fennell

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May Youth Services

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May 03 - Teacher Mini-Grant Program
May 10 - To be Announced

Torpedoes!!! Starboard! Astern! *Family Reflections on WWII* by John's brother, Bob Frykenberg, Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin



Family reflections; something we all have ... Many mundane, many exciting reminis-

cences of our travails and survival in a world fraught with danger and delight. The following is a short story from my family archives, notably sailing on a luxury ship, the SS Brazil, turned troop transport in 1942 making fast passage through U-Boat infested waters off the coast of East Africa enroute from Bombay where my parents served as Missionaries of the Gospel for 35 years to New York and home on furlough. I think you will find my brother Bob's description of our adventure of some interest.

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The Story Begins

"Torpedoes! Starboard! Astern!" Almost instantly, machine guns began chattering, even as the great ship began to slowly turn to port. Through the foaming sea, something streaked towards us. We held our breath. Leaning on the taffrail, overlooking the four-inch gun pointing over the churning wake, I watched it coming at us. Then, as the ship desperately tried to turn, the lethal thing passed, just missing us. The fifty-caliber machine guns fell silent. On the main deck of the ship's

stern, among older folks on deck chairs and younger children scampering around us, we breathed a sigh of relief. Many hundreds had just escaped death.

We had been at sea some ten days, zig-zagging every two miles, down from the Arabian Sea, approaching the Straits of Madagascar. Bound for Cape Town and New York, our ship had weighed anchor from a steaming hot Bombay on the 31st of May, 1942. On board, under the command of Captain Harry N. Sadler, was a crew of 266 men and 864 passengers: 3 Filipino musicians, 177 Chinese air-force cadets, a contingent of marines, and 684 civilians, mostly American missionaries being evacuated from the war zone, but also including survivors from recently sunk ships.

The contingent of big and brawny cadets belonging to the Chinese National Airforce used to drill on deck for a half hour or so each day, their boots thundering as they marched and counter-marched.¹ Also, they were all excellent swimmers as could be seen when they entered the pool that was on board.

The S.S. Brazil, a thirty-thousand-ton converted luxury-liner, with her sister ships S.S. Argentina and S.S. Uruguay now painted battle grey and fitted out as troop carriers, had been part of a convoy rushing troops to India, for deployment against the Imperial Army of Japan along the Burma frontier.

After unloading four thousand soldiers in Karachi, these three ships had been sent to Bombay. Able to go thirty-three knots, each fast ship was to sail for New York alone. Defensive ordnance consisted of four fifty-caliber machine-gun turrets on the highest corners of the ship's superstructure, two three-inch antiaircraft guns in the bow and a four-inch gun in the stern, above where the giant propellers churned up the ship's great wake.

Our cabin was down near the waterline. Walls were lined with banks of four bunks that folded. We had one porthole. In the stifling May heat, we tied a suitcase cover into it, so that half of the cover protruded outside the ship to catch any bit of breeze and bring it into our breathless cabin. Long corridors outside our cabin were lit by blue lights. On main deck, these blue lights automatically went out every time a door was opened onto the deck – to make sure not the slightest gleam might reach out across the surrounding ocean where submarines lurked. Grand stairways amidships reminded us of the ship's luxurious past. On our first night out of Bombay, someone had nearly been shot for lighting a cigarette (visible for twenty miles); and all passengers had been banished from sleeping on deck. Every night thereafter, sailors came to each cabin to lock portholes, following rumors that

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¹"Papa" Boyington, air ace of Flying Tiger and later Marine fame, was with them on board.

Dialing

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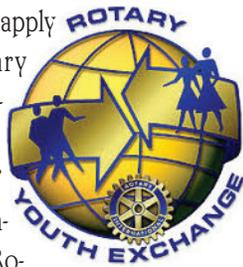
discussions or visits to other clubs. Club members get together on designated days for service project work, social events, or professional/leadership development workshops.

- **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** - Every year, Rotary Clubs



throughout the world sponsor outstanding students from a local high school who show leadership potential and they are invited to attend a weekend leadership conference put on by the local Rotary District. Traditionally, our club has sponsored four high school students each year (2 male and 2 female juniors) who attend a weekend leadership conference at Running Springs, California. However, this year, with the help of Mark Mariscal, our club found the additional money to sponsor three additional students.

- **Rotary Youth Exchange** - Students ages 15 to 19 can apply to a local Rotary Club for an opportunity to live in the home of a Rotarian in another country. Rotarians in over one hundred countries participate. The goal is to have students learn a new language, discover another culture, develop lifelong leadership skills, and become a global citizen. Long-term exchanges last a full academic year, and students attend local schools and live with a host family. Short-term exchanges last from several days to three months and are often structured as camps, tours, or home-stays that take place when school is not in session. The program usually involves a reciprocal stay. For example, a high school student from Pasadena, California who wants to study



in Toulouse, France, will be matched up – to the extent possible – with a high school student of a similar age from Toulouse who would like to study here. Then both students will spend time with each other at each host's residence so that the two students get an opportunity to know each other, and have a goodwill ambassador of their own age from the host country. Each program varies, but students are usually responsible for their own air fair, travel documents and spending money while in the host country. Host families provide room and board and share their lives with exchange students, involving them in family, community, and cultural activities. All host families are screened and trained. Right now, our club is hosting a student who will be going to France this summer.

- **New Generations Service Exchange** - This is a relatively new program. New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and young professionals up to age 30. Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project. The university students make connections with service-minded community leaders in another country, have a chance to learn another language, build professional skills, gain international experience, build a network, and get to explore a new culture while giving back through service. The student applies to the local Rotary Club, that sponsors the student. The application must also be approved by the District. Exchanges can last from a few weeks to six months. This service exchange does not involve any reciprocal stay. Any university student up to age 30 can apply. Current and former Rotaractors, former Interactors, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards partic-

ipants, and Youth Exchange students are encouraged to apply. The student does not have to be a member of Rotary to participate in the service exchange. Each Rotary club determines its own eligibility criteria, but there is a strong emphasis on service and the ideals of Rotary.

- **Scholarships** - Rotary clubs offer scholarships for secondary, undergraduate, and graduate study. Rotary club scholarships are given by individual clubs and are open to anyone except Rotary members and their families. Our Club sponsors numerous scholarship opportunities at the high school and middle school levels. For many years, we have offered scholarships to students at Muir High School and Elliott Middle school. This year, we have instituted additional scholarships to junior and senior students at Marshall Fundamental High School. This is a new scholarship that we hope we can keep funding in future years. These scholarships are not just devoted to the best and brightest who may need financial assistance, but also to those who have shown the most improvement and most promise. Our club also hosts special scholarships for students at Pasadena City College for students who are outstanding in their chosen area of study, military veterans, outstanding members of JROTC, and students that best embody the elements of Citizenship.
- **Other special programs** - In addition to the scholarships stated above, our club helps students by providing teacher mini-grants and sponsoring several competitions for local students, including the Dan Stover Competition in music, the Dewey Merrill Competition in entrepreneurship, and the Four-Way Test, in oratory.

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Dialing

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Muir Interact has had a Busy Year



<< Muir's Interact Club helped put up lights and take down lights on Christmas Tree Lane. Two of the Interactors helping in this photograph: Andres Mendieta and Jennifer Cuevas

Muir's Interact at the Californian Retirement Home >>

(Muir's Interact Club helped residents at the Californian make Valentine's Day Cards.)

Natalie Noyola Gomez, Sydney Dedeaux, Erica Morales, Kemia Hearn, Andres Mendieta, Imani Hayes, and Hayley Cogshell



<< Rotary Bicycle Assembly Andres Mendieta (kneeling), Erica Morales, Alejandra Anaya, Jennifer Cuevas, and Janet Ho - Advisor

Interact Meeting Attendees >>

Top Row - Erica Morales, Alejandra Anaya, Jennifer Cuevas, Natalie Noyola Gomez, Danielle Obregon, William Adams, Interact Meeting Attendee. Bottom Row - Janet Ho-Advisor, Andres Mendieta, Natalie Noyola-Gomez, and Jennifer Cuevas



Second Saturdays

- January 13** | Kai Clark with special guests John York & Carla Olson
- February 10** | Gerry Rothschild Band
- March 10** | DeRumba

- April 14** | Kenny Sara and the Sounds of New Orleans
- May 12** | The Podunk Poets
- June 9** | Crown City Bombers

Ring in the New Year with **music** and **community!**



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is a member of our club's Interact Club at Muir. She said RYLA was great fun. She learned how to react to different situations, and how to solve problems.



Two other RYLA attendees who could not be present today were Cooper Salomon and Daniela Trujillo.

Once again, RYLA receives rave reviews from these outstanding young students.

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Craig Cox then stepped to the podium to present scholarships to military veterans attending PCC. Craig explained the grant we received from the American Legion, and how assisting PCC veterans was included in the mandate from the grant. It costs about \$3,000 per year to attend PCC, and our scholarships provide \$1,500, or about half

the costs.

The first scholarship recipient was Marshall Roe. He served as a sailor on the USS Decatur, deployed to the Middle East. After his discharge, he had difficulty adjusting to civilian life. The PCC Boots to Books class and the Veteran's Recovery Center helped get his life back on track. He is pursuing his degree in International Relations, has participated in a Russian language immersion program, and will attend a course at King's College in London. He hopes to continue serving his country in the diplomatic corps.



The next scholarship recipient was Pierre Roosevelt. Pierre served in the



Marine Corps, where he was deployed to Kajaki, Afghanistan. After he went through the Combat Life Saver Course, he realized he had a passion to help others. He is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. He stated that his experience overseas gave him an appreciation of what we take for granted.

The final scholarship recipient was Eddie So. Eddie served in the Navy as a Corpsman and was deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan.



He worked on a wide range of traumatic injuries for both adults and children. He has had a long and difficult road, but he is majoring in STEM and continues to move forward.

This is another example of our funds going towards great good.

Ed Jasnow ○

Chairmen

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someone had tried to signal a submarine.

Thereafter, five of us slept, and sweated sans clothing, in a semicircle around a tiny ventilator. On deck there were daily boat drills; and each person was required never to be without a life preserver.

At anchor in Table Bay at Cape Town were hundreds of ships, some with huge holes blown in their sides. Ships two days before and after us had both gone down, one in five minutes with all hands off safe and the other in thirty minutes with half of those aboard lost. Indeed, we ourselves had twice been declared sunk by enemy radio broadcasts from Tokyo Rose and Axis Sally. The Cape of Storms in midwinter lived up to its name. After five days, we lost our fifteen-ton anchor; and, at dockside, after three gangplanks were crushed, all were ordered back on board. Sailing out of Table

Bay, we were surrounded by aircraft and destroyers. Depth charges were thrown, and pieces of smashed submarines surfaced several hundred yards away.

While anchored in Table Bay, we passed our time fishing, with lines thrown down the side of the ship. Among our most dramatic catches was a little *shark* (which I would now describe as a dog-fish). Put into a bucket on the deck, it bit off the end of someone's finger.

One day, also in Table Bay, we were leaning over the railing looking across the water when suddenly – to our complete surprise – opposite an intervening bulkhead, we heard the familiar voices of John and Bob Carman, together with the rest of the Carman family. Calling to them, we learned that, for the entire journey from Bombay, they had been quarantined with measles

and then whooping cough. To our great joy, within a day or two they were released from captivity and remained our companions for the rest of the voyage.

Crossing the equator a second time – with another Neptune Party – was smooth and uneventful. Sunsets were gorgeous; and vespers were sung on deck as darkness deepened.

Not until nearing New York did the war again touch us. Suddenly we anchored at Bermuda. Wolf packs of submarines were being hunted, and the Battle of the Atlantic was raging. After a week of looking at luxury yachts, we sailed. As at Cape Town, we were surrounded by destroyers and bombers until we entered New York harbor.

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It was July the 12th. An unforgettable six weeks!! ○