



Girls Gone Into the Wild



This week's guest speakers were Jessica Teggerstrand, Emily Applecamp, & Denita Lazzari from Girls Gone into the Wild. These three audacious women dedicated a year of their lives to get the new outdoorswoman (aka "newbie") perspective on outdoor gear. They found a sponsor, a blog site, a camera or two, and headed out for their epic journey.

As they adventure through the wilderness they write and post online (a.k.a. "blogging") about the equipment they use and the experiences they have.

Jessica is the blogger, and the newbie of the group. With wit and intelligence, she describes her journey from newbie to not-so-new-I-kind-of-like-it-out-here-outdoorswoman. With plenty of photos and comic relief to be had, their blog is a delightful review of their experiences.

Thank you, ladies, for sharing your journey with us at Rotary this week! To read more of their story visit: TrekTechBlog.com and click on the "Girls Gone Into the Wild" link.



Wild Game Dinner

Submitted by Greg Balkovek

Smiles, conversation and laughter told the story at the Wild Game Dinner March 5th at the Redding Elks' Lodge, the first held since 1999, when for 19 years the club had such an event.

While a big undertaking for Greg and Kathy Balkovek, requiring a lot of planning, preparation and logistics, it would not have happened without the support of so many good Rotarians, family and friends.

Thanks first goes to the hunters who were generous in their support with donations of game: Bob Kurpuweit (Marler), Lee Salter, Bob Paget, Pat & Kevin Corey, Dave Dennis, Shane Cunningham, Emmett Burroughs, Randy & James Tate, Richard Malotky, Greg & Joe Balkovek and John Blackburn via Gary Burks. A special thanks to Bob Paget for additional freezer space needed to assemble the game.

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The table decorations were created by Kathy Anderson and set by Kathy's grandchildren Cole and Sierra, with Keyway members Kathy Wyatt, Matt Morgan with daughter Haley, Marjeanne Stone, and Eva Jimenez. Background music was provided by "Off The Charts" members Bob Cosindas and Andy Ooley.

Event cooking crew included Tom Stovall, Jim Zauher, Jeff Avery, Greg, Kathy and Joe Balkovek, Bob and Susan Smith, Beth Misfud, Barbara Cosindas, James and Randy Tate, Jason Salter and Dave Gerard. Karen Stovall provided ticket sales and administrative services.

The hit of the evening appeared to be the appetizers of Teriyaki Goose Bacon Wraps, Antelope Meatballs in a Grape/Chili Sauce and Moose/Bison Meatballs in a Sweet & Sour Sauce. The main dishes included Duck & Pheasant Confit Raviolis, Grilled Montreal Duck, Elk/Venison Chili Nevada, and Greg's Fried Pheasant with Cranberry Sauce,

Pat's Traeger Smoked Wild Pig Bites, Grilled Elk and Venison, Cranberry Bear with Rice or Potatoes, and three salads to choose from.

Serving and clean-up was provided by five scouts from Boy Scout Troop 37, overseen by Scoutmaster Bill Schultz and Committee Chair Desirae Caeton. Each of the scouts received a donation to their camping account.

All in all, almost 130 people signed up, but the most satisfying of all were the smiles of the members who obviously had a good time. "This is the way Rotary used to be," was heard from more than one Rotarian. And there is talk of "next year" in the air.

Rotary Calendar	
March 17th	St. Patrick's Day Celebration with Team 4
March 20-24	I-House Visit
April 1-3rd	Ashland Bash

President Dave's Recognitions

There was no recognition this week, although Ed Rullman fined President Dave Gerard \$100 for naming Team 2 as presenters for the week when it was actually Team 3. Thanks, President Dave!

Member Announcements



Julie Winter was presented her blue badge today. Congratulations, Julie! There were two new members inducted: Mary Brace & Joseph Hedayattazadeh. Welcome to Rotary!



Craft Talk

Today's craft talk was given by Jennifer Finnegan. Jennifer and her family are from San Diego; she has a special interest in volunteering and working with/for non-profit organizations.



Paul Harris Presentation



PP John Mathena presented Jason Richart & Maria Orozco with recognitions for their first Paul Harris. He also recognized Vickie Marler, Steve Williams, Mark Rincon, & Ross Domke for their most recent Paul Harris.



Thank You's



Thank you to Team 3 for today's meeting! Rick Hill shared his excellent guitar music. Pledge was done by David Kehoe and the invocation by Betty Harrison-Smith. Tiger & Todd were great on AV, and Diane Kempley & Dee Domke were very professional & efficient at the back table. Karen Karnatz sold tickets for the FUN'd Raiser card game. Thanks to everyone!

PETS

Submitted by Ray Stewart & Amelia Ward

President elect Ray Stewart & Assistant District Governor Amelia Ward attended the three day President Elect training (PET'S) in San Jose over last weekend with over 600 other Rotarians. The conference is designed for incoming presidents, assistant governors and governors elect to assist and inform them on the various Rotary programs.

"I found the training to be relevant and uplifting", said Ray Stewart, President Elect. "Some of the subjects covered were membership retention, grant proposals, leadership and team building. Of course, much information was gathered in the evening time in the hospitality room's. I would like to thank our membership for their support in allowing me to attend."

There were nine Rotary districts represented, seven from California one from Arizona and one from Hawaii.








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The presidents and the assistant governors attended six core trainings design to motivate and inspire, as well as four elective sessions to choose from.

"There were a lot of moving parts to this Conference. Not only do the trainings give the incoming presidents the KEY on how to make their year the best of year of their life, but also to ask questions, network, meet wonderful people from all over the state, Hawaii and Arizona... And to hear from some of the best speakers in the world," reported Amelia Ward. "Bonding did take place in the workshops, but mostly in the hospitality rooms. We had 10 hospitality rooms and we were encouraged to visit all of them, and we did!"

The conference gives the presidents elect a fuller understanding of their role as an effective Rotary President. They bring back new ideas that were shared not only by the presenters, but also by other PE's on fundraisers, fun activities, and projects their clubs have done in the past. They came back inspired and better prepared to lead their club as PRESIDENTS in July!

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