



August 10, 2006

This Week

Colleen Yorke — House-Building in Tijuana Program Host: Hal Yorke

On May 12, 2007 Altadena Rotary will participate in the Corazon House-Building project — 4 houses in one day! Why build houses? Stronger communities in Mexico are good for Mexico and good for America. Current *housing* along the Mexico border is almost non-existent — often no more than cardboard shacks and outhouses. Colleen Yorke, during her presidency of UCLA's Rotaract Club in 2004, helped organize a similar house-building effort in Tijuana, whereby several Rotaract and Rotary Clubs teamed with Corazon. She will describe her experiences and show a short film (a few scenes shot during infrequent breaks).

Yorke is a recent graduate of UCLA with a BA in Film and TV. While at UCLA she reestablished the Rotaract Club on campus (as she had similarly done at Pasadena High School with the PHS Interact Club) and was the club's first president. Through her theater and film-making activities as well as because of her community service, she

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MAKING Sense!

by President Mike Noll



Sharing Rotary

Are you aware of the responsibility or obligation most Rotarians fail to perform? Paying their dues? Attending meetings? Contributing to The Rotary Foundation? Participating in club events or projects? No — none of these!

Of all the obligations a person accepts when joining a Rotary club, the one in which most Rotarians fail is *sharing Rotary*. (M&M's to David Smith and Julius Johnson for their recent sharing!) Rotary International clearly supports the position that every individual Rotarian has an "obligation to share Rotary with others and to help extend Rotary by proposing qualified persons for Rotary club membership." It is estimated that less than 30 percent of the members of most Rotary clubs have ever made the effort to propose a new member. Thus, in every club, there are many Rotarians who rarely share their positive experiences of Rotary membership with other individuals.

The Rotary International Constitution states with respect to club membership: "Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business or

profession predominates." One merely has to glance through the pages of the local telephone or chamber of commerce directory to realize that we have not invited qualified members of all businesses and professions into Rotary. One of the founding principles of Rotary is a fair and equitable representation of the professional and business population of the community it supports. To remain relevant, Altadena Rotary must be inclusive of all professions and businesses within our community.

Only a Rotarian may propose a customer, neighbor, client, supplier, executive, relative, business associate, professional, or other qualified person to join

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Greeters

August 10

John Diehl

August 17

Patty Fallahee

August 24

Art Ferris



Program Review

The Meaning of Life?

I'm sure we have all pondered that question at one time or another, but for last week's speaker, Dr. Max Coleman, it has a much more specific application. As Director of JPL's Center for Life Detection, Coleman's quest is to find life on places other than Earth. To do that, he must move away from the typical kind of life here. The question really is: Is there life elsewhere that is not like ours?

First, however, we must examine life on Earth, especially in places in which it would be difficult to sustain life. Before he began his talk, Coleman grabbed one of our famous rolls and placed it on the mantel behind him, saying he would get back to it later.

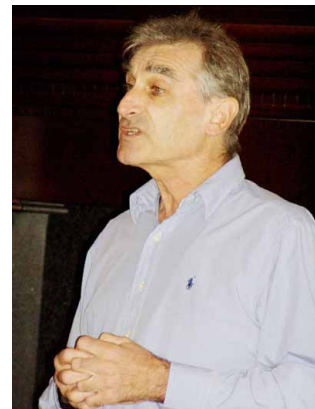
Life began on Earth with the appearance of microbes 500,000,000 years after the Earth formed. Many of those microbes, and the processes they developed,

such as photosynthesis (the conversion of carbon dioxide into oxygen) are still present. Compared to the appearance of those microbes, man appeared very late in the development of life on Earth. Biologists have established six characteristics of life. They are shape, the ability to metabolize, growth, reproduction, response to stimuli, and the ability to evolve and adapt to their environment. It is the first two that are most useful for finding life.

Coleman then turned and retrieved the roll he had placed on the mantel. He noted that it had not converted any energy. He then proceeded to take a small bite (choking on it as we all do), and stating that his body would convert that roll into energy for him. In order for life to be sustained, it must process an energy source faster than it would process itself.

These processes are called bio-signatures. They can be used to find life any-

where, even from the breath of microbes, which have affected the Earth.



The evolution of photosynthesis changed the entire ecosystem of the Earth. Coleman then breathed into a small bottle of the mineral lime. As he did so, the bottle turned cloudy and converted to limestone. He went on to say that there is on Earth today evidence of the results of organic breath from two to three billion years ago.

The final fact is that we still don't know what life is. Though life on Earth is carbon based, we have no idea what life elsewhere could be like. The fascination of the search is Coleman's life. Ed Jasnow

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August Programs

Program Chair, Hal Yorke

Aug 17 - Dr. Andrea Donnelian - Our restless Planet: *Using space technology to study earthquakes*

Aug 24 - To be announced

Aug 31 - Brian Hayes - Craft Talk

September Programs

Program Chair, Ray Carlson

Sep 06 (Wed) - District Governor - Dinner - Joint meeting - 6p

Sep 07 - Dark - No meeting

Sep 14 - Tamara Johnston, Anti-Body, Sierra Madre Creating Markets for Cosmetic Oils made by African Women

Sep 21 - Jennifer Villalobos, Barenchik & Assoc., Teaching American Indian Youth on the Rez in Arizona (Sep 22 - Native American Day)

Sep 28 - Betsy Due - Great Kids, Inc. - Early Childhood nurturing to improve Outcomes

Congratulations



Birthdays



08/02 - Phyllis Merril

08/05 - Kevin Moore

08/10 - Don Applegate

08/11 - Joy Carlson

08/24 - Hal Yorke

08/27 - Elaine Klock

08/29 - Kathleen Morris

08/30 - Sally Railsback

08/31 - Bruce Conroy (Jacque Foreman)



Anniversaries



08/01 - Ed & Phyllis Soza

08/04 - Patty Fallahee & Sidney Burgess

If we've missed your birthday or anniversary or the date is wrong, please let us know.



Greetings to all my friends at the Rotary Club of Altadena and to all Rotarians around the world.

We're starting off this year at a good pace with the Scripps Home flagpole. Four contractors were contacted last year, and only one responded. Some decisions are easier than others, and this being one of the easy ones, we should have construction starting date soon.

The Navy JROTC at Pasadena High School has submitted a request for the funding for eInstruction, an interactive training system that is both inexpensive and very efficient. It is some sort of wireless system used for teaching, testing and

training of all sorts. The military currently uses these, but has funding issues making them available to the JROTC programs. If we act soon we can purchase one at a wholesale price through the navy.

We have also been solicited by Mark Persico and Viktoria Rozenbaum of the Community Partners for Public Education (CPPE). They are seeking support for a back to school orientation or awareness day scheduled for September 6. They have requested personnel and or food donations. We plan on making a cash donation of one hundred dollars and will be asking Alex Balian if he can donate ice cream for five hundred people. For all you first class Rotarians who want to donate your time to this event, you can contact Viktoria Rozenbaum at 626/353-7645.

That's all for now. ○

Form & Line by Jacque Foreman

A new Kitten in the House



Two big blue eyes and four white mittens and points that are beginning to darken. He's only about 10 weeks old, and

one adorable bundle of fur. His name is Anise because he looks so much like a kitty we had to euthanise last May 6 named Fennel who was a blue-pointe showshoe, while he is a seal-pointe. ○

Sence

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our Rotary club. Have you accepted your obligation to share Rotary? The procedure is simple, and everyone one of us must know at least one person who should belong to Rotary. Invite someone this week to hear about Corazon and house building project we're doing in Tijuana this spring.

Some of the above article has been excerpted from The ABC's of Rotary, by Clifford L. Dochterman ○

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has received many awards and honors, among these are "UCLA Bruinlife Senior of the Year" (2005), the "Multicultural Motion Picture Association Student Filmmaker of the Year" (2005), and the "RoccoViglietta Memorial Award" (2004 and 2005). Yorke wishes to pursue a career as a director and dramaturgist. ○

Nostravilla

by Mike Noll

Week 5

I wouldn't have believed it possible, but the framing — including the upstairs roof — is nearly done. And it took less than four days! It's really great to walk around in something that you've been planning for a year.

We returned from the east coast on Wednesday, so it was a squeeze to meet with our designer, cabinet maker, mason, kitchen/bath and appliance sales consultants. I now know more than I ever cared to about soffets, half-moon susans, stonework, polished nickel versus oil-rubbed bronze, acrylic versus cast iron, and wolf versus viking.

The decisions seem endless!



Upstairs master bedroom and study are taking shape.



All the framing nearly done in less than a week...wow!

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Street view of second floor addition.