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## THIS WEEK

Speaker: Jon Teran

Topic: Volunteering in Cambodia

Chairman: Jerry Smith

Jon and Beth took their children Malia (9), J.D. (7) and Kiana (5) to Cambodia last summer for two weeks to discover the rewards of volunteerism. They worked with land mine victims, taught English and Beth performed physical therapy. Sounds like a Teran Rotary International Service committee in action!

## NEXT WEEK

Jimmy “Yakky Doodle” Weldon will enlighten and entertain us with a memorable talk about The Grand Old Flag. At 88 he is a non-stop bundle of fun.

## LAST WEEK

19 Rotarians sat at rapt attention as Jim Hester told us with great personal passion of the enormous needs of homeless veterans in Los Angeles County. I wish we had taped his talk so that all who missed this meeting could be moved and made painfully aware of this current disaster in our neighborhoods as our veterans return to civilian life. Jim is a retired Naval aviator, Purple Heart in Vietnam who now works as a volunteer for Cory’s Kitchen Food Bank in Irwindale.

## Thanks again Betty, Gordon and Jim



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### *A couple more tidbits about the Ontario USO - - -*

They needed a refrigerator to keep food and drink fresh and cold, so Gordon negotiated with the owner of Jackie’s Cafe for a huge commercial unit. The negotiations were unique but successful. Next, they have hundreds of people going through the USO who all want a cold drink. The volunteers had to run across the street to local hotels to get ice cubes. Gordon heard about this, mentioned it to Linda Logan and voila she got a new ice maker from Buffalo Wings (too small for their needs). They donated it to the USO when they learned of its intended use.

We are fortunate to be involved in this community project thanks to the Brownings, Jim Speer. and Linda. Our service

## CHRISTMAS CARES

The collection boxes are in place. and will be picked up Dec. 13th.

Sorting will occur on Dec 13, 14 and 15 at the Citrus Grove facility, 2522 E. Workman Ave., same location as last year.

The family boxes will be filled on Dec 16.

Delivery of food and gifts Sat. Dec 17.

Merry Christmas to all.

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## THANKSGIVING DAY & FAMILY

Our annual festival of thanksgiving for the mercies of the past year was first celebrated by the Pilgrims in Plymouth, MA in 1621. Washington appointed such a day in 1789 after the adoption of the Constitution and in 1795 for the general benefit and welfare of the nation. Lincoln in 1863 initiated the custom of proclaiming the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day, and in 1941, by act of Congress it was changed to the fourth Thursday. My family has always been blessed with the good fortune to be able to gather and thank God for the many blessings we have received at our Thanksgiving feast.

The first emphasis in this Rotary year is the family, because the family is where everything begins. It is where life begins, it is where our day begins, and it is where our Rotary service must begin. Because it is the family, and not the individual, that is the building block of the community, and of Rotary. Involving families in Rotary is one of RI Pres. Banerjee’s great priorities.

