

## **Rotary Ethics and Peace Project P-3451 Report**

*Date: February 23, 2021*

**Project Chair:** Caecilia Gotama, Rotary Club Irvine member

### **Project Committee members:**

Daniel Tsentsiper: Rotary Club Irvine member, Cal Berkeley Student

Isebelle Sanjongco: IVC student

Zaineb Aboud: IVC student

### **Project status**

#### **Phase I – completed**

*Duration:* October 7, 2020 to January 20, 2021

Total number of meetings: 8 – all via Zoom

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm

Partner: Boys and Girls Club Central Orange Coast  
Ethics presentation and Discussion

No of students participated: 20 (students are from Santa Ana, Costa Mesa and Newport Beach Boys and Girls Club – Irvine B&GC club is closed due to Covid shut-down) Students are 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### Program:

*Speaker #1:* Fire Captain Stephen Horner talked about the importance of telling the truth

Student presentation: Tell a story when you had to tell the truth but didn't want to; how did you feel?

Students are given a bag with a globe squeeze ball, a wallet size Rotary 4-way test and candies.

*Speaker #2:* Cisca Stellhorn from Irvine Rotary Club

Student Presentation: Tell a story when you saw something unfair and what you think should be done about it

*Speaker#3:* Harish Murthy from Irvine Rotary Club

Students Presentation competition

- Who you are
- Give an example of "goodwill" to you
- What have you done in the last couple of weeks to build better friendships using "goodwill"?
  - Yes, they have to actively do something and tell a story about it.
- Conclusion; successful, not, what can be done better.

#### *Winners from this presentation:*

1<sup>st</sup>: Joseline - \$50 Visa gift card

2<sup>nd</sup>: Edgar - \$30 Visa gift card

3<sup>rd</sup>: August - \$20 Visa gift card

*Speaker no. 4:* Sergio Farias, City Councilman and past Mayor, San Juan Capistrano

Student discussion: the importance of making sure that your choice / decision is beneficial to all concerned.

## **Phase II – in planning**

Partner: Orange County Department of Education

Target: High School Students who are part of AVID program (see attachment A for AVID program details)

Duration: February 2021 to May 15, 2021

Total number of meetings: 4 – all via Zoom

1st prize \$1500

2nd prize \$900

3rd prize \$ 500

To receive these grants, students will need to:

- take a survey on diversity perception
- listen to 4 speakers about conflicts that exist globally (not in US)
- Write a paper about an idea on "What can we individually do to promote Peace".
- re-take the original survey

The top 3 papers will receive the above grants. If the papers are deemed of an exceptional caliber, the Rotary may choose to post this paper (and the author) on their publications.

### Presentations

- 3 presentations and 1 discussion session. The presentations are 20 minutes each with a 10-20 minute Q&A period depending on interests. The discussion session will be 1 hour
- The discussion session at the end will wrap up the talks and focus on their paper
- Current lineup, depending on their schedule
- Timing of presentations/discussion session TBD

### Potential Speakers

- Mr. Taj Basman, a young reporter in the South Island of the Philippines who will talk about the conflict there
- Dr. Endoran A. Shipoli a visiting scholar at the Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service who will talk about Turkey
- Mr. Dat Hoang who will talk about his experience as a young child in the Vietnam War

### Marketing

- OCDE will market directly to AVID students in Orange County through the AVID District Directors
- OCDE will create a flyer with pertinent information, Rotary Club logo and OCDE logo, submission information

**Estimated Volunteer Hours**

*To date 2/23/2021*

Rotary

Daniel Tsentsiper:	20 hrs
Isebelle Sanjongco:	12 hrs
Zaineb Aboud:	20 hrs
Cisca Stellhorn	4 hrs
Harish Murthy	6 hrs
Caecilia Gotama	80 hrs

Boys and Girls Club:

Amber Plummer – main contact	32 hrs
(3) Supervisor from 3 clubs	48 hrs

Orange County Department of Education

Trish Walsh – main contact	8 hrs.
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## **AVID**

### **Advancement Via Individual Determination**

AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

### **Welcome**

AVID in Orange County was initially implemented in 1992 in one high school. AVID has since expanded to 250 schools, 132 elementary and 118 middle and high schools from 18 districts. Currently AVID serves approximately 30,000 students in Orange County. Of the 1,888 seniors that graduated in 2018, 92% met the four year college entrance requirements and 88% applied to 4-year universities with 75% being accepted.

### **What is AVID?**

AVID is offered as an elective course that, like any other class, meets regularly. Each week, students receive two hours of instruction, two hours in tutor led study groups, and one hour in motivational activities and academic survival skills, including critical reading and writing skills. AVID students are encouraged to take prep courses (in middle school) and move into honors/advanced placement courses and/or International Baccalaureate. AVID seniors may receive University of California a-g elective credit upon completion of the AVID Seminar class.

### **AVID Student Profile**

The AVID student is a student with academic potential:

- Average-to-high test scores
- 2.0-3.5 GPA
- College potential with support
- Desire and determination

The AVID student meets one or more of the following criteria:

- First in family to attend college
- Historically least served in four-year colleges (e.g., underrepresented as a racial or ethnic group)
- Low income
- Special circumstances (e.g., foster youth)