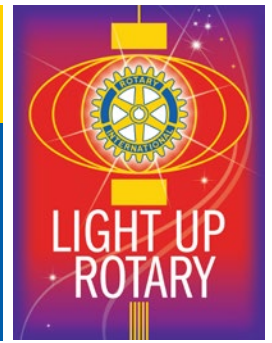


# ROTARY SPOKES

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## The Ventura Food Cooperative

Today's speaker, Ally Gialketsis, co-founder of the Ventura Food Co-op, will take us into the world of co-operative (co-op) business by describing efforts to create the Ventura Food Co-op. She will explain more about the co-ops and how to create a community-owned grocery store here!

These are the beginning stages of creating a community-owned grocery store! The mission of the Ventura Food Cooperative is to provide fairly priced groceries, while following cooperative principles.

The Co-op's focus is to source small-scale, local, organic goods with the intention of keeping participants, their community, and the environment healthy and happy. In addition, it will provide a space for the Ventura community to gather, organize, learn, and share.



The vision of the Ventura Food Cooperative is to build community and be a model of the cooperative principles. The Co-op will be a hub for local involvement and education. It will offer goods that will provide an alternative to the corporate standard and promote ecological sustainability.

Ally Gialketsis studied History and Environmental Studies at UC Santa Barbara and is a grassroots organizer in Ventura. She works with organizations including the Surfrider Foundation, Ventura County

Chapter, Ventura County Climate Hub, and the Ventura Food Co-op. She has a passion for food and making the world a better place for all to live in. An employee at The Refill Shoppe, she spends her free time outside of work and community organizing in the outdoors. Her favorite hobbies include rock climbing, hiking, and surfing.

## Finishing What Jonas Salk Started

Some moments in history carry a greater significance than others. Sixty years ago on the 12th of April, a vaccine developed by Jonas Salk proved to be safe and effective in protecting children against polio. This gave the world one of the critical tools needed to begin the fight against the crippling disease. Since then, the polio program has been one of the most successful public health programs in history, reducing polio cases reduced by 99%. Now, the final 1% is tantalizingly within reach. As we commemorate Jonas Salk's remarkable achievement, the vaccine that began this journey – the inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) – is playing an important role in the final steps towards eradication, and ensuring that the virus will

never be able to return.

For thousands of years, polio was a leading cause of disability, arriving without warning and causing lifelong paralysis. Against the backdrop of increasingly devastating outbreaks in the United States, Jonas Salk was born in 1914. In 1916 alone, over 27 000 people were paralyzed and 6 000 killed in America. In 1928, with ever-higher numbers of cases, iron lungs were introduced to help patients breathe, keeping many alive who would have died



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## Meeting Recap of April 01

Ed Campbell began the meeting with a quote from Pope John Paul II. Clyde Reynolds, Staci Johnson and RoseAnn Hill led the club in "God Bless America."

In announcements, Irene Henry reminded members to sign up for President Rob's Demotion Party on June 23. A reminder that the fundraising party for our exchange student Cristhian is coming up on April 11. Tickets are still available.

President Rob gave a blue badge to Matt LaVere. Dave Wellik was awarded a pin for bringing in a new member. Dick Hatcher gave a presentation on the background of Polio Plus, noting that Rotary has contributed 1.3 billion. He also saluted Club Rotarians who have helped personally by going on Immunization trips to India. He then awarded a fifth Paul Harris Fellowship to Hutch Hutchinson. For his Rotary Moment,

Indy Batra did a Rotary moment. He had everybody stand who joined after him.

### Program

The program featured author Dave Berg, who worked as a producer for 20 years for Jay Leno. He shared stories based on his book "Behind the Curtain: An Insider's View of the Jay Leno Tonight Show." Coming from the news side of the television industry Berg brought more variety of guests (where Johnny Carson had featured a lot of entertainment personalities).

Berg described Jay Leno as quirky, idiosyncratic, with a short attention span. Leno was very focused on producing a high quality show, particularly the monologue. He would start with 1,500 jokes a day, ending up with some twenty-four in the final monologue.

Berg said that Leno understood the notion that show biz was just that, a business: Leno thought like a salesman, working to deliver the best possible product to his audiences. Among the anecdotes he shared were the mea culpa story about Hugh Grant, which singlehandedly catapulted the Tonight Show

## Today's Program

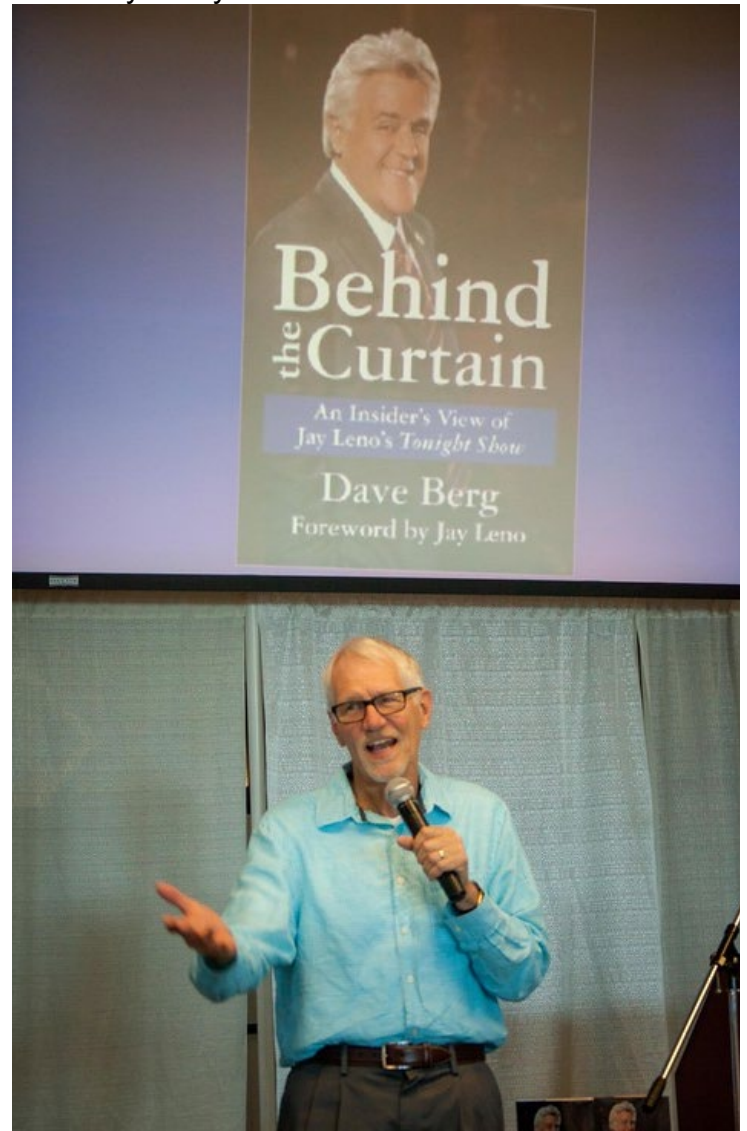
### *The Ventura Food Cooperative*

Introductions: Barbara Asbell  
Rotary Moment: Curtis Cormane  
Finishing: Mystery

### Future Programs

Apr 15 Ventura County District Attorney  
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to the top. He also told the club that the favorite guest was John F. Kennedy II, who was very humble, but also very funny.



*Author Dave Berg gave insights into the success of Jay Leno's Tonight Show.*



*Dick Hatcher awards Hutch Hutchinson with his latest PHF.*



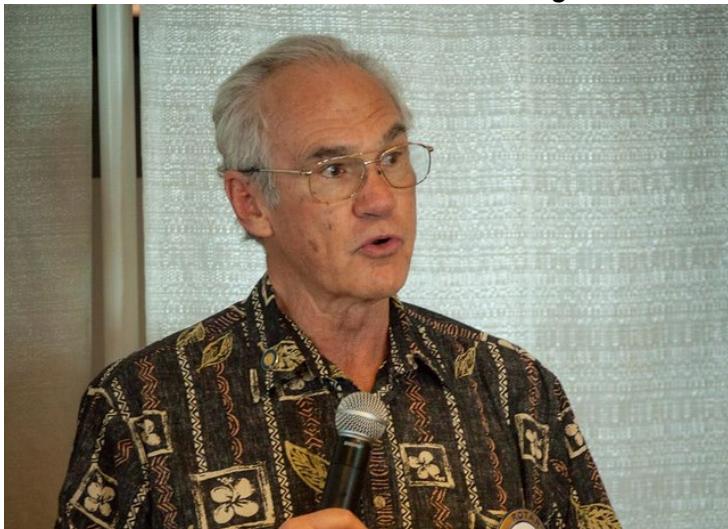
*Matt LaVere receives his blue badge from President Rob.*



*Our Chorus featuring RoseAnn Hill, Clyde Reynolds and Staci Johnson lead the club in song.*



*Dave Wellik is thanked by President Rob for sponsoring a new member.*



*Ed Campbell began the meeting with a quote and his resignation- April Fool's!*



*Indy Batra gave his Rotary Moment.*

# Jonas Salk



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only years before. Yet, in many cases, this restricted otherwise healthy people to a life of reliance on these machines.

In 1908, Dr Karl Landsteiner discovered that polio is caused by a virus. This marked the start of several decades during which understanding of

the disease began to grow, setting the stage for scientists to begin to work on a way to prevent it.

At the New York University School of Medicine in 1938, Dr Jonas Salk began to work on an influenza vaccine. Here he learned techniques that would later enabled him to develop the inactivated polio vaccine at the virus research program he launched at the University of Pittsburgh in 1947. By 1952, Salk and his colleagues announced that they had developed an injectable vaccine against polio. Canada, the US and Finland launched trials on an unprecedented scale, involving 1.8 million children. Finally, in April 1955, Salk's vaccine was declared "safe, effective and potent." By 1957, cases in America had dropped by almost 90%, and by 1979, stopped altogether. With the development of the oral polio vaccine (OPV) by Dr Albert Sabin in 1961, the world was given the tools to both stop outbreaks, and strengthen and build immunity to ensure that children could grow up without the threat of polio.

Now, on 12 April 2015, as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the introduction of Salk's IPV we are reminded of more than 10 million people walking today who would otherwise have been paralyzed by polio. In the past six months, just two countries have reported cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. As a polio-free world comes into sharper

focus, Salk's vaccine is once again demonstrating its importance. In 2015, 120 countries are introducing his IPV into their routine immunization systems, essential in securing the gains made against polio.

## New Member Proposal

The following is proposed for membership:  
**Santalynda Marrero**, proposed by Cheryl Heitmann with classification of "Consulting."

If you have any objection to membership of this individual in our club, please contact the President or Secretary in writing within 7 days.

## Fundraiser for our Exchange Student Cristhian

To give him the opportunity to travel with Rotary International across America via train

Sat., April 11th 5:00-8:00 pm  
 Terry and Mary Schaeffer's  
 238 Parsons Avenue

Entrees provided; desserts are potluck; soft drinks and iced tea are provided.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person  
 contact Ellyn Dembowski  
 320-1206 to reserve your spot



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