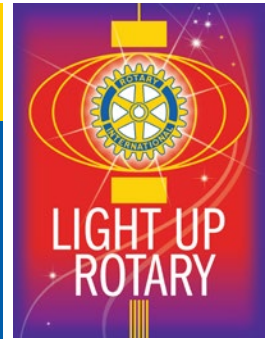


# ROTARY SPOKES

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## Ventura County District Attorney Michael Frawley

Michael K. Frawley serves as Chief Deputy District Attorney for Criminal Prosecutions for the Ventura County District Attorney's office. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1982. Following graduation, he joined the Holy Cross Associates as a volunteer for one year and worked in Oakland, California, providing legal assistance to the indigent. In 1987, Mr. Frawley earned a law degree from McGeorge School of Law and joined the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. He prosecuted a variety of misdemeanor offenses and completed special assignments in domestic violence. During this time, he also worked as a crisis line counselor at the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center of Ventura County.



Frawley became supervisor of the Misdemeanor Unit. The unit typically handles over 25,000 cases a year.

In 1993, Mr. Frawley was assigned to the Major Crimes Unit to prosecute homicides and major offenses. Mr. Frawley has prosecuted numerous murder cases, including six death penalty cases. In 1998, Mr. Frawley was appointed chief deputy district attorney of Special Prosecutions, where he managed prosecutions of juveniles, insurance fraud, welfare fraud, major fraud, environmental, and consumer protection cases.

Mr. Frawley was next assigned to the Sexual Assault/Career Criminal Prosecution Unit, where he prosecuted career criminals, habitual offenders, child molestation cases, adult sexual assault cases, and felony spousal abuse cases. In 1992, Mr.

Since 2002, Mr. Frawley has been chief deputy of Criminal Prosecutions, a division that handles nearly 30,000 cases per year, including sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse, robberies, burglaries, and driving under the influence cases. Additionally, as chief deputy of Criminal Prosecutions, Mr. Frawley directly supervises homicide prosecutors and manages more than 60 attorneys, 5 paralegals and numerous volunteers.

## In the Midst of Conflict, Ukraine's Children are Vulnerable to Polio

While the global health community has been rightly focused on containing West Africa's deadly Ebola outbreak, a potential health crisis involving another infectious virus — polio — worries many of the same experts. Strife-torn Ukraine is especially vulnerable. In September 2014, the World Health Organization (WHO) described the ominous conditions there: Hundreds of thousands displaced people with low immunization coverage, a weak health system plagued by shuttered hospitals and a shortage of health workers in areas hardest hit by the ongoing conflict between government troops and rebel forces aligned with Russia.

Particularly disturbing was the disclosure by a WHO official in Ukraine that the country has no vaccines in storage. Polio is a paralyzing virus that most often strikes children but is completely preventable.

Europe has been polio-free since 2002. Polio's potential re-emergence in Ukraine would be a huge setback to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which launched in 1988. Today only Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan remain polio-endemic, but anyone traveling to and from those countries can carry the virus to other areas. This has happened in

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## Meeting Recap of April 08

Barbara Asbell offered a prayer to start the meeting. Staci Johnson, Clyde Reynolds and RoseAnn Hill offered up "America the Beautiful."

Mike Montoya gave an update on the Fourth of July event and the preparation is well under way. The Newcomers breakfast is back! All recently inducted members are invited to join the next meeting April 23, 7:30-9:00 at the Pierpont Inn.

Jim Newton fined on politically correct doublespeak. For his Rotary Moment, Curtis Cormane recalled his NID trip to India with Rotary,

There was a special acknowledgment of members Steve Bradvica and Dick Hatcher who help bring Laurie Rozet to the Rotary meetings.

### Program

Ally Gialketsis, co-founder of the Ventura Food Co-op, explained the concept of project and its benefits. 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 ourselves, our community, and our environment healthy and happy. In addition, it will provide a space for the Ventura community to gather, organize, learn, and share.

There are 1.3 million coop members nationwide. The Ventura model is a consumer co-op and would work with multiple stakeholder co-ops to expand the variety of available products. Savings can be achieved through bulk purchasing, and so-called 'ugly food' which is aesthetically flawed yet perfectly edible. This reduces waste.

The preliminary planning for the co-op has been completed, and currently, feasibility studies to set up a location in Ventura are under way. Volunteers are needed to help with the continued organization of the co-op.



## Today's Program *Ventura County District Attorney Michael Frawley*

Introductions: Dale Jaedtke  
Rotary Moment: Terry Schaeffer  
Finishing: Irene Henry

### Future Programs

Apr 22 Wildplaces/ Africa  
Apr 29 Member Spotlights  
May 06 WWII P.O.W.



*Barbara Asbell kicked off the meeting with an invocation and introductions.*



*Speaker Ally Gialketsis explains the benefits of a food co-operative..*



*Mike Montoya, as co-chair of the club's Fireworks committee, gives an update.*



*Curtis Cormane ponders Rotary's commitment to eradicate polio.*



*Terry Schaeffer shared the menu of the fundraising dinner for our exchange student.*



*Matt LaVere and Hutch Hutchinson enjoyed the dinner at Terry and Mary Schaeffer's place.*



*Ed Summers, Cristhian Pazmino and host Terry Schaeffer enjoy after dinner conversation.*



*Sheila Fatterelli, Ed Campbell, Andy Soter, Sylvia Cheatham and Sherry Scott enjoy dinner.*

# Ukraine

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several countries, including Syria. Syria's situation is relevant to Ukraine, where conflict has waged off and on for months. As a WHO official in Ukraine said in news reports, polio "usually comes in countries in turmoil."

Concerns over polio in Ukraine emerged even before the unrest that began last November. UNICEF had issued a previous warning that "dangerously low immunization coverage" put the country at risk for a polio outbreak. WHO took immediate steps to avert a full-blown public health crisis in Ukraine. WHO, along with UNICEF, planned a mass polio and measles vaccination campaign, and amassed vaccines, medications, surgical supplies and other vital medical gear to help approximately 340,000 people.

Political leaders on both sides of the dispute in Ukraine must recognize public health is at stake and facilitate efforts of WHO, UNICEF and other agencies as they provide assistance to families at risk. In addition, national resources must be redirected to shore up Ukraine's badly compromised health system.

The world cannot stand by and wait for a public health emergency to emerge in a region whose people have endured so much over the past year.



- April Birthdays**  
 Doug Wood, Apr 22  
 Greg Kincaid, Apr 04  
 Kevin Clerici, Apr 24  
 Maria Berntson, Apr 13  
**April Anniversaries**  
 Doug Halter, Apr 15  
 Indy Batra, Apr 15,  
 Hoot Bennett, Apr 18  
 Roz Warner, Apr 24  
 Linda Roos, Apr 18  
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