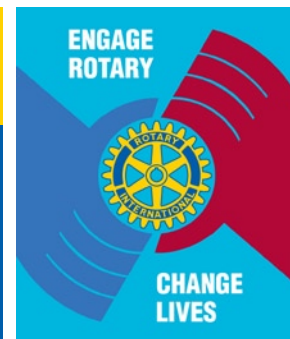


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## Ventura County Community Foundation

Today's presentation is entitled "Getting Acquainted with the Ventura County Community Foundation". Stephanie Wilson will give an overview of VCCF and the VCCF Nonprofit Center and Susam Seale will speak specifically on VCCF's Center for Nonprofit Leadership.

COMMUNITY



FOUNDATION

Established in 1987, VCCF invests the charitable capital that drives the philanthropic engines of Ventura County. Its portfolio performance ranks in the top 11 of all community foundations in the United States for long-term growth. It owns the VCCF Nonprofit Center in Camarillo - a place where nonprofits and the community can come together to work together. VCCF's mission statement is "To promote and enable philanthropy to improve our community. For Good. For Ever." To that end their mission goals are:

- Stewarding legacies through careful management of the charitable capital entrusted to us and protecting donor intent in perpetuity
- Investing in the future through scholarships, grantmaking and collaborative partnerships
- Strengthening nonprofit leadership through our Center for Nonprofit Leadership.

Stephanie Wilson is the Capital Campaign Coordinator for VCCF. She works with foundations, corporations and individuals to build relationships and legacies that will sustain the VCCF Nonprofit Center for years to come. She is charged with raising the funds for the center, our new 53,500-square-foot building that serves the county as a hub for nonprofit collaboration.

Stephanie joined the VCCF staff in 2013, after completing two successful capital campaigns in Ventura County. Her professional career began in the motion picture industry and worked its way into the nonprofit world with the 1984 Olympic Arts Festival. Currently, Stephanie is a Cultural Affairs commissioner for the city of Thousand Oaks.



Stephanie Wilson



Susan Seale

Susan Seale is Director of Programs for VCCF Center for Nonprofit Leadership. She has been at the Ventura County Community Foundation since 2002, and coordinates the programmatic activities of the Center including planning, developing and implementing all open-enrollment workshops, managing the library, volunteer faculty and special events. She provides information referral and technical assistance to visitors to the Center with emphasis on the Foundation Center's prospect research database, Foundation Directory Online Professional. She also moderates several of the Center's workshops. Her position includes focused outreach efforts to nonprofit networks including service clubs and affinity groups.

## Meet the 'Linchpin' in the Global Fight Against Polio

By: Jennifer Yang, *The Toronto Star*

Last fall, after nearly three years of turmoil, chemical attacks and the slaughtering and scattering of millions, the situation in Syria suddenly got bleaker: polio was back. In late October, the first 10 cases were officially confirmed. To Syria, the devastating and once-eradicated virus had returned after 14 years. For polio fighters, it also meant a potential spark for a wider outbreak — and the latest threat to the biggest, costliest and most ambitious public health campaign in history.

That morning, however, a bespectacled Newfoundlander

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## Recap of April 09 Meeting

President-elect Rob vanNieuwburg was at the helm. Sonny Shah began the meeting with a quote, which was followed by 'America the Beautiful' with Staci Johnson and RoseAnn Hill.

Hank Chandler announce the passing of his son-in-law and former Ventura Rotarian, Tyler Liljekvist. (See his obituary on last page.)

Mary Kay Doubek gave an update on the Fireworks project and urged members to sign up in any capacity to assist the project team. Indy Batra announced the date of President Irene's demotion party- Tuesday, June 17th. Jim Duran fined while Mary Saputo shared her Rotary Moment: the esteem with which the public holds Rotary and the camaraderie she anticipates every Wednesday.

Hutch Hutchinson presented Steve Kipp with his fourth Paul Harris Fellowship. Steve has helped to organize fundraising efforts for the club.

The newest member of the club was inducted, attorney Matt LaVere. Dave Bianco sponsored and introduced Matt, who is a hometown kid.

### Program

The program was introduced by Mike Anderson. We saw the return of Marsha Bailey who heads Women's Economic Ventures. She spoke of their growing outreach, helping more and more entrepreneur-minded individuals to succeed. She is particularly proud of help to impoverished women, having lifted some 70% of that clientele out of poverty.

To date, WEV has loaned over \$3.5 million to some 2000 businesses. They reach out to men as well, but women represent about 86% of its clients who must undergo rigorous training.

The balance of the presentation was given over to a WEV success story. Shauna Mistretta has managed to successfully create a socially-conscious business called Beads of Esiteti with the help of the WEV program. She works with Masai tribal women in northern Kenya, selling their handcrafted beaded jewelry they create in the US. Funds that return to the Masai help to improve village life, particularly education and female empowerment.

## Today's Program *Ventura County Community Foundation*

Introductions: Mike Anderson  
Rotary Moment: Terry Schaeffer  
Finishing: Lynda Girtsman

### Future Programs

Apr 16 Vocational Service Panel



*Dave Loe introduced our guest speaker.*



*Guest speaker Lance Orozco spoke of the big changes in media and how we get our news.*





*Hutch Hutchinson congratulates Steve Kipp on his latest Paul Harris Fellowship.*



*Jim Duran gave a very fast-paced fining session.*



*Dave Bianco introduced Matt LaVere as our club's newest member.*

*Continued from Front page* was setting a plan in motion. Bruce Aylward, a 51-year-old doctor and epidemiologist with the World Health Organization, had taken a red-eye to Oman, where he was quickly pulled into a meeting with worried health ministers from across the Middle East. “What I needed to do then was convince the 22 ministers in the room that we were dealing with an emergency,” said Aylward, the WHO’s assistant director-general for polio eradication and humanitarian response. “(I said) ‘We are going to need, within four weeks, to start vaccinating 23 million kids — from Egypt right up through Syria, southern Turkey and all of Iraq. This is not about Syria. This is a Middle East outbreak.’”



By the following week, the region’s largest-ever immunization campaign was underway — several rounds of vaccination for millions of children across seven countries and territories.

Today, the crisis is far from over. Syria now has at least 39 cases and the outbreak recently spread to Iraq, where a baby boy in Baghdad tested positive. The WHO has been criticized for not acting sooner on an outbreak many feared would come. But the disaster surely would have spread farther and wider if not for that early push.

In the 26-year, multibillion-dollar crusade known as the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Aylward is just one of many players. The initiative is a sprawling partnership of governments, international organizations including Rotary International, health workers and volunteers, many of whom risk their lives on the front lines. But the complicated effort also needs a driver and Aylward is among the few who hold the keys.

“I think many people would consider Bruce Aylward the key figure in polio eradication,” said retired U.S. ambassador John Lange of the UN Foundation, who co-chairs an advisory body for the initiative. “He is, in many respects, a linchpin for the program.”

## Tyler W. Liljekvist (1964 - 2014)

The following is reprinted from the obituaries section of the Ventura County Star. For newer members to our club, Tyler was a Ventura Rotary Club member who jumped into our club activities from the moment he joined.



Tyler W. Liljekvist, 50, of Ventura was called home to heaven on Sunday April 6, 2014 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Tyler was born on January 4th 1964, in Ojai. He was a resident of Ventura County for his entire life. He graduated from Ventura High School in 1982. Tyler earned the rank of Eagle Scout in BSA, troop 104, and was OA Lodge Chief of Topa Lodge 29, Ventura County Council. Tyler joined the Ventura County Sheriff's Department in 1985. He completed his BA in Religion in 2006 from Vanguard University. He was recognized as "Officer of the Year" from the Ojai Sheriff's station. Tyler was assigned to the Sheriff's K-9 Unit with his partner "Henk".

As a team they received many awards. Tyler was injured in the line of duty and retired medically from the VCISO as a Senior Deputy after 14 years of service. After his retirement Tyler became a Real Estate Broker and was owner and CEO of "The Financial Firm" in Ventura. Tyler also earned his Presidential Key Executive MBA from Pepperdine University in 2008.

Tyler was an ordained minister and was currently serving as a Chaplain for the Ventura County Sheriff's Department. Tyler deeply loved others, encouraging and serving everyone he met. His smile would light up a room and his laughter would fill it. He loved Jesus and made

a difference wherever he would go. He loved his family and friends deeply.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years Ellen Adele Chandler Liljekvist, children Cassie 22, Cameron 17, Bailey 15 all of Ventura; parents Gerry and Judy Liljekvist of Rosamond; grandfather JC Warren of Colorado; aunt Marsiea Warren of Colorado; brother and sister-in-law, Kurt Liljekvist and Sharolyn; nephew Josiah and niece Hannah of Colorado Springs; uncle Jim Warren of Washington, father and mother-in-law Hank and Fran Chandler of Oxnard.

Donations may be made in memory of Tyler Liljekvist to the Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation K-9. P.O. Box 3312, Thousand Oaks, Ca, 91359. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday May 3, 2014, 1pm at Ventura Missionary Church, 500 High Point Drive, Ventura, with a reception to follow.



Arrangements are under the direction of Ted Mayr Funeral Home 3150 Loma Vista Road, Ventura. Condolences may be left at [TedMayrFuneralHome.com](http://TedMayrFuneralHome.com).


### April Birthdays

- Greg Kincaid, Apr 04
- Maria Berntson, Apr 13
- Doug Halter, Apr 15
- Robert Orth, Apr 16
- Hoot Bennett, Apr 18
- Linda Roos, Apr 18
- Doug Wood, Apr 22
- Kevin Clerici, Apr 24

### April Anniversaries

- Indy Batra, Apr 15,
- Roz Warner, Apr 24
- Mark S. Sauer, Apr 26



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