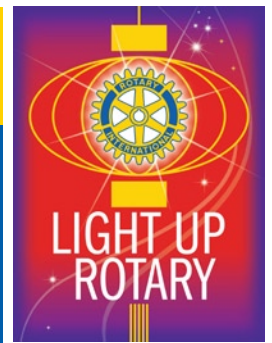


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Human Trafficking with Det. Cpl. David Ruggiero

Detective Corporal David Ruggiero returns to our club with a presentation on his work overseas with International Justice Mission. He will also be providing information on the state of Human Trafficking in Ventura County.



Det. Cpl. Ruggiero is an 11 year veteran of the Ventura Police Department. He has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from California Lutheran University. He was a member of the VPD SWAT team for 6 years, worked as a Gang Detective for 2 years and is currently a detective in Major Crimes. He has also received extensive training in Human Trafficking investigations and has worked on several cases in Ventura County along with allied agencies.

In June of 2013, he took a one-year leave of absence from VPD to serve with a non-profit organization overseas. Det. Cpl. Ruggiero worked with International Justice Mission in South Asia to assist local law enforcement with the protection of Human Trafficking Victims.

International Justice Mission is a global organization that protects poor from violence throughout the developing world.

IJM's mission is to protect the poor from violence by rescuing victims, bringing the criminals to justice, restoring survivors to safety and strength, and helping local law enforcement build a safe future that lasts.

IJM partners with local authorities to rescue victims of violence, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors, and strengthen justice systems.

They combat slavery, sex trafficking, property grabbing, police abuse of power and sexual violence in nearly 20 communities throughout Africa, Latin America and South and Southeast Asia.

Their vision is to rescue thousands, protect millions and prove that justice for the poor is possible.

In Memoriam: Jan Lindsay

Our club was saddened to hear of the passing of Jan Lindsay. Jan served as 1999-2000 president of Rotary Club of Ventura East, and as 2004-05 District 5240 Governor. He was an exemplary Rotarian for both International and Community projects.

A celebration of his life will be held Friday, August 22nd, at 11:00 am in the Grand Salon on the campus of Channel Islands University in Camarillo, One University Drive, Camarillo, CA

Donations can be made to GoCare Inc., Rotary International or a charity of your choice

There will be a gathering immediately after the memorial to share favorite memories and stories of Jan.



Recap of August 13 Meeting

Bill Kearney led the meeting off with a celebration of our return to the Derby Club after a two-week absence. The chorus of RoseAnn Hill, Staci Johnson and Clyde Reynolds delivered "God Bless America."

Sherry Scott and President Rob shared sad news of the recent passing of former member Dwight Lindholm's wife, Loretta, and Past District Governor Jan Lindsay.

Curtis Cormane shared thoughts on the recent House Building with Ventura Rotaract in Tijuana, Mexico. Mary Saputo reported on the Backpack stuffing event, particularly having involved many children of Rotarians. Mario de la Piedra asked members to distribute posters and flyers in support of the October 18 Color Run.

Roger Case fined on immigration as he revealed ancestries of many of our fellow club members. RoseAnn Hill, in her Rotary Moment, thanked members for their encouragement and support in her weight loss and half-marathon pursuits!

Program

Ed Campbell introduced the speaker, who happens to be his niece, Julie Sardonia, with Reins of H.O.P.E., an organization that uses horses in a therapeutic way. Operating over eight years now, the group primarily counseled at-risk youth, but has recently begun the Warrior program to work with military personnel.

These men and women may be suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome, Depression, Addictions or Coping Skills. Horses are herding animals, attuned to their environment. They bond with humans in a unique way with psychological benefits.

Former seaman Johnny Lewis suffers from PTSD and spoke of the benefits of the program to him personally. Since first encountering the horses in 2011, he allows himself to be in the present rather than the past. The horses make him feel as if someone 'has his back.'

Today's Program *Human Trafficking*

Introductions:	Mike Anderson
Rotary Moment:	Jack Wood
Fining:	Curtis Cormane

Future Programs

Aug 27	Ventura County Transportation Commission
Sep 03	Aspire Program



Julie Sardonia speaks to the club of combining her love of horses with her psychotherapy skills.



Johnny Lewis spoke of the benefits of the equine therapy.



Bill Kearney began the meeting with thanks for our return to the Derby Club.



Staci Johnson helps lead the club in a patriotic song.



Mary Saputo gave an accounting of the backpack event.



RoseAnn Hill used her Rotary Moment to thank members for their support.



Curtis Cormane reported on the recent work with Ventura Rotaract in Mexico.



Steve Doll announces the upcoming Ventura Maraton and Beach Party.

Players CASINO
VENTURA, CALIFORNIA PRESENTS

VENTURA BEACH PARTY 2014

FREE ADMISSION
SAT. SEPT. 6TH 11-6
SUN. SEPT. 7TH 9-4
AT THE VENTURA PIER

FIRESTONE WALKER BEER GARDEN

MARATHON, 1/2, 5K
BIKE RIDES
CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT
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LOCAL VENDORS
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California Ventura FASHION FORMS
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WE NEED RUNNERS!

The Color Run Ventura is coming! Last chance to save before pricing goes up 9/1! This benefits the Rotary Club of Ventura. Grab your friends...you won't want to miss this! Buy tix here: TheColorRun.com/Ventura/ and remember to use the code: COL-ORJGMRF to save \$\$\$



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There will be a meeting for those interested in helping with the Ventura Marathon and Beach Party at 11:30 before the club meeting this week? Ride markers, aid station attendants and beer pourers are needed. Our club receives funds from this event plus it's a fun event! Questions? Ask Steve Doll.

August Birthdays			
Wayne Bruce, Aug 01		Daniel Holmes, Aug 24	
Kristin Taylor, Aug 05		Andrew Soter, Aug 31	
Harald Wulff, Aug 15			
Dave Wallace, Aug 16			
Saurabh Bajaj, Aug 18			
Dave Loe, Aug 19			
Sylvia Cheatham, Aug 20			
Eliane DeBlauw, Aug 21			
Erik Feingold, Aug 23			

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