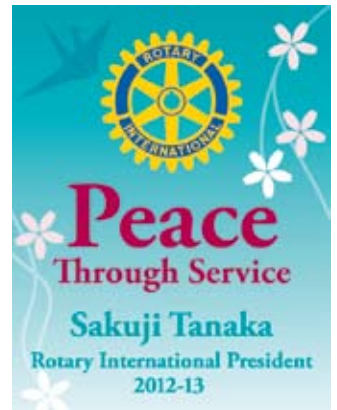


ROTARY SPOKES

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Craft Talks: Rob Orth and Dave Wellik

Rob Orth has just recently become the Director of Social Services at the Salvation Army here in Ventura. Prior to that, Rob served as Executive Director for Project Understanding/Tender Life Maternity Home. Project Understanding is a faith based non-profit organization which addresses the needs of low income families and individuals. They provide assistance with basic needs, food, housing, tutoring and referrals to partner agencies as needed. They also provide pathways for volunteers to engage in much needed service to the community.



From 2006-2010, Rob was Executive Director at ACTION Foundation. ACTION stands for Area Churches Taking Initiative On Needs, another faith-based non profit organization. Rob served as Assistant Pastor at the Vineyard Community Church in Camarillo and was owner of Orth Investigative Services, a full service insurance investigation company from 1989-2004. He joined Rotary August 2011.

Dave Wellik is a vice president and commercial banking officer for Rabobank, N.A. As a commercial banking officer, Dave is responsible for fostering new business relationships with companies and providing solutions to meet the banking needs of Rabobank customers in western Ventura County.



Before joining Rabobank in 2010 as a financial analyst, Dave served as controller for Goldenwood Truss, a construction products manufacturer for more than three years. He has also served as information manager for Vanguard Credit and portfolio manager for Santa Barbara Bank & Trust.

Dave earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics/business from Westmont College in Santa Barbara and an MBA from California State University, Northridge. He is a long-time resident of Ventura. His wife, Blake, is a pediatric nurse at VCMC. Dave joined Ventura Rotary in April of this year.



The bulletin is uploaded every week now to our Facebook page, as well as other images and notices of club activities. Please 'like' us!

Meeting of 15 August 2012

SusAnne Lee Chung led us in the Pledge and an invocation. "My Country tis of thee" was the patriotic song led by RoseAnn Hill and Clyde Reynolds. The days' announcements included:

- Deepa Willingham (PDG 2010-11) gave us an update on the wildly successful Piyali Junction school for girls she established in 2003, which our Rotary Club is proud to have helped funded at its outset. She was also offering raffle tickets, with proceeds going to support the school, to win a trip to India to see the school with her.
- Happy Dollars included Dave Bianco celebrating his recovery from a heart attack while travelling in Michigan and Bob Cheatham celebrating another crop of 'Devil Pups', a program he recently brought to the club.
- Ellyn Dembowski announced another successful backpacks project. Volunteer stuffed 600 backpacks and delivered them to local schools for distribution to underprivileged children
- RoseAnn Hill related her Rotary moment, focusing on our clubs' 'Homeless to Home' program.
- Steve Doll announced that the annual Literacy Bike Ride will no longer be sponsored by the Ventura Rotary Club. He hopes to continue the race in the future to serve that very important issue. He also thanked Ann Deal for her generous sponsorship of the last race.



Program

Bill Kearney introduced the team of Hoot Bennett, Norm Blacher and Wayne Bruce to discuss the Ojai tennis tournament. Hoot Bennett spoke first, talking about some of the history of the tournament and shared anecdotes of his long association with The Ojai. Hoot, in 1956, moved to Ojai and almost immediately joined the tournament.

Today's Agenda

Program:

*Rob Orth and Dave Wellik
"Craft Talks"*

Introductions

Dave Wellik

Rotary Moment

Eliane DeBlauw

Fining

Hutch Hutchinson

He served as Chair of the umpires.

Norm Blacher spoke next sharing that in April '62 Hoot asked him to umpire a game. From that event in 1962 until 1995 Norm was an umpire (formally trained to be one at UCLA). In 1995, he became tournament manager until 2002 and now serves as a court monitor .

He recollected the biggest crowd at the tournament in 1978 when Tracy Austin, then number one in the world, played and Norm was umpire. He pointed out changes in the tournament over the years, including in the late 60s professional players started being paid, so Ojai lost professionals. The inclusion of the expanded PAC-12 and changes in 'team' play has created some recent alterations. Despite these adaptations The Ojai remains the 2nd oldest amateur tournament in US. Norm is pleased to been part of it; it has had a high impact on personal life, prompting his good exercise routine and nutrition. Even wife Joan is part of the tournament tradition, pouring tea every year.

Wayne Bruce, who currently serves as a director of the tournament spoke of the Ojai as tradition, run by non-profit Ojai tennis club, using 450-500 volunteers. He served for three years as president of tournament and emphasized the challenge to keep traditions. He spoke of the economic benefit impact of the tournament, not only in Ojai, but also in Ventura. The tournament has recently accepted hosting the community college state championship, with 84 schools. One hundred twelve courts in the area are needed, including Ventura. The Ojai is partnering with the city and other donors to raise funds to repair the courts at Buena High School.



Gius Foundation Gives \$5,000 to Turning Point Foundation

Turning Point Foundation was the recipient of a \$5,000 grant from the Julius Gius Memorial Rotary Foundation. On hand to accept the check were Clyde Reynolds, the executive director of the non-profit and Nick Deitch, the president of the Turning Point board of directors. The funds will be matched and go to add more structures and other needed site improvements to 'River Haven', a community of geodesic dome shelters near the Santa Clara river estuary housing many former homeless. Rotary has contributed funds and member 'labor' to this effort in the past and is committed to partnering with the City and various non-profits to solving the chronic issue of homelessness in our community.



Upcoming Events

Newcomers Breakfast

Crowne Plaza

Aug 24, 2012 07:30 AM

Board Meeting

Pierpont Inn

Sep 20, 2012 11:45 AM

2012 District 5240 Conference

Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA

Sep 28 - 30, 2012



NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS

The following are proposed for membership:

Ajay Dhebar, proposed by Albert McCartney with classification of "Soccer Club"

Matthew Jensen, proposed by Jim Spencer with classification of "Christianity-Evangelical"

Roberta Turk, proposed by Courtney Lindberg with classification of "Information Technology Services" (New Generations)

If you have any objection to membership of any of these individuals in our club, please contact the President or Secretary in writing within seven days.



Next Week's Program
Sandra Laby
"Harmony Music Project"

Rotary Club of Ventura 2012-2013

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