# **ROTARY SPOKES**

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## **VUSD Superintendent Dr. Trudy Tuttle Arriaga**

Dr. Trudy Tuttle Arriaga returns as our guest speaker today. She is a Paul Harris Fellowhip recipient and has graciously worked with the Ventura Rotary Club in our support of our school children. She was appointed Superintendent on July 1, 2001.

A life-long resident of Ventura, Dr. Arriaga attended Will Rogers, Loma Vista and Anacapa schools; ultimately graduating from Ventura High School in 1973. Dr. Arriga holds a B.A. in Communicative Disorders from San Diego State University, an M.A. in Educational Administration and Supervision from California State University Northridge, and an Ed.D. in Educational Policy, Planning and Administration from the University of Southern California.

She began working for the district as a paraeducator in 1975. In 1981, Dr. Arriaga began her teaching career in Grades 3 through Adult in Special Education, Migrant Education, and Adult Education. Since then, she has served as Assistant Principal at DeAnza, Principal at Sheridan Way, Principal at El Camino and Pacific High Schools and Director of Administrative Support Services. She is the first woman superintendent of the Ventura Unified School District, the third largest district in Ventura County.

Dr. Arriaga is the past president and current member of the Ventura Education Partnership, a community based organization that sponsors educational grants for district teachers, and is involved with the California Association of Latino Superintendents. She is also a member of the Association of California School Administrators.

She was selected by the Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology as the recipient of the 2010 Superintendent of the Year Award. and is also a recipient of the Region 13 Superintendent of the Year award for 2009.

Arriaga earned a master's in Educational Administration



and Supervision from Cal State University, Northridge; and a doctorate in Educational Policy, Planning and Administration from the University of Southern California. With Arriaga's leadership and dedication of resources to ensure English learners have equal access to curricula and instructional opportunities that promote high student achievement, 21 of Ventura's 25 traditional schools increased their API scores in 2009.

Dr. Arriaga is married to Raymundo Arriaga, and has two daughters; Andrea, a UCSD graduate who also holds a master's degree in Asian Studies from the University of Hawai'i and Daniela, an artist and UCSB graduate. Dr. Arriaga is fluent in Spanish and Sign Language.

Dr. Arriaga enjoys reading, jogging, guitar, music, mentoring and traveling. She also continues to enjoy teaching education courses at the university level.

Dr. Arriaga is proud to serve as superintendent in a district which she has always called "home."

#### **Recap of November 20 Meeting**

Steve Kipp is asking members to sign up as Salvation Army bellringers on Saturday, December 14. Check out the sign-up sheets for available times and places. Also Sally Crain asked for members' help in cleaning, sorting and tagging Furry Friends this week at her company. Linda Roos and May Kay Doubek need just a few more volunteers for the Childrens Christmas shopping and party event. They ideally would like one child per member. They also need people to help in selecting toys, wrapping and decorating. Ask Mary Kay how you want to help. Kristin Taylor asked for members to help get the word out on Coats for Kids, such as door knob hangers, cards and posters. Also look for an Evite from Kristin inviting people to donate coats, so please forward the Evite to everyone you know! Also, Kristin reminded members to get childrens outerware in soon, so that we have plenty for the Children's Christmas Party.

Dave Loe shared some news on members past and present: member Wayne Bruce's wife passed recently; Larry Emrich has been hospitalized and past member. Ken Lesnik passed away early in November.

Dave Wellik fined on turkeys and crime! In her Rotary Moment, Courtney Lindberg expressed gratitude for support by the Club for the New Generation program developed by our Club.

Jon Morse, visiting from the Rotary Club of Westlake Village Sunrise is to collecting 20,000 books to benefit the Simon Technology Institute, a new Charter High School in Watts which serves deserving underprivileged children in that community and prepares them for college. They are collecting not only books which can be used for the school library, but also books suitable for elementary students (age 6-9) and adult level books so the students can go into the community and help others learn to read or improve their reading skills.

#### Program

Guest speakers Chuck Hookstra and Steve Bowman, both retired asst. police chiefs for Oxnard and Ventura, respectively, have been hired by University of California Santa Barbara police department to pick up a 43 yearold cold case of a double homicide that occurred near the campus. They have been working on the case for the last two years.

#### Today's Program *Dr. Trudy Arriaga*

Introductions:	Sarah Abrams
Rotary Moment:	Indy Batra
Fining:	Bob Cheatham

They spoke about the known facts of the case, handled by an inexperienced police force at the time that had never encountered such a brutal crime. Hookstra and Bowmen are able to use modern investigative techniques to hopefully confirm their likely suspects.

The UCSB police and Hookstra and Bowmen want to give closure to the families whom they have met.



*Guest Speaker Steve Bowman describes the events on that fateful night 43 years ago.* 



Chuck Hookstra has met with the relatives of the victims as well as the surviving victim.



Courtney Lindberg was our first New Generatios members and thanks the club for their support.



Indy Batra introduced our guest speakers and ther fascinating story.



#### Ventura Rotary Club's Holiday Schedule

Holiday Party Fri., Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. Ann Deal's House

Children's Party Wed., Dec. 11, 8:00 a.m. JC Penney, VUSD

> Bell-ringing Sat., Dec. 14 Various Sites

Regular Meeting Wed., Dec. 18, Noon Derby Club

DARK Wed., Dec. 25, Noon Wed., Jan. 01, Noon



Mary Kay Doubek appeals to the club for help in organizing the Childrens Christmas Party.



Jon Morse, visiting Rotarian, appeals for books for a charter school in Watts.

### **NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL**

The following is proposed for membership:

- Greg Abrams, proposed with classification of "Mortgage Banking" (NewGen) by Curtis Cormane.
- Greg Gillespie, proposed with classification of "Education-Community Colleges" by Norbert Tan
- Joseph Schaaf, proposed with classification of "Environmental Consulting" by Steve Doll.

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



**Upcoming Events** December 6; **Club Holiday Party** 

December 11; **Children's Holiday Party** 

**December Birthdays** Sonny Shah, Dec 03 Jorge Arman, Dec 05 John McConica, Dec 05 Clyde Reynolds, Dec 07 Dick Hatcher, Dec 08 Stephen Kipp, Dec 08 Courtney Lindberg, Dec 25 **December Anniversaries** Stephen Kipp, Dec 12 Danny Belitski, Dec 13

## 2014-15 Club Board **Elections to be Held Today**

The Nominations Committee is proud to nominate for our club's Board of Directors and Officers for the 2014-2015 Rotary year the following candidates:

#### **Avenues of Service:**

Club: International: Community: Vocational: Youth:

Roz Warner; Albert McCartney: Steve Warriner; Mary Saputo; Dale Jeadtke:

Asst. Ellyn Dembowski Asst. Mark Kirwin Asst. Mike Anderson Asst. Saurabh Bajaj Asst. David Wellik

Secretary: Treasurer: Incoming President: President Elect Nominee: Immediate Past President:

Jim Deardorff **Connie Young** Rob van Nieuwburg Christina Rust Irene Henry

Rotary International member Ann Lee Hussey immunizes a child against polio in Chad. Ann Lee just completed leading a team on a National Immunization Day in Nigeria and is now continuing her work in Chad. Join the fight to end polio!



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