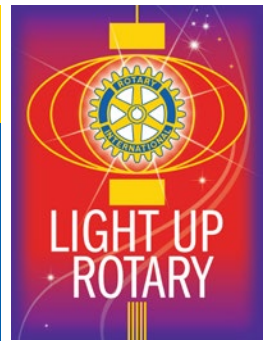


ROTARY SPOKES

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Rubicon 'Merry Elves'

Today's program is a music-filled holiday program featuring the Rubicon Broadway Juniors (aka Merry Elves)

The performers, as pictured here are; back row: Miriam Arichea (Director), middle row: Miranda Mize, Madeline Gambone, Riley Conrad, Cassidy Craig, Jesse Graham, Sarah Mehrnia, Gus Graham and front row: Daniel Brackett.



The Rubicon Merry Elves/Broadway Juniors are a youth performing ensemble founded by Miriam Arichea. The eight teenage-members of the troupe volunteer their time to share their love of singing with the community.

They have performed in a variety of venues including churches and nursing homes, civic group luncheons and dinners, citywide events, and a group home for foster youth.

The ensemble prides itself on having high standards not only in the caliber of its performances but also in its selection of diverse, challenging music. With a focus on providing music education and performance opportunities for youth, the program aims to promote goodwill and to bridge connections through music.

The group originally formed to spread good cheer through music during the months of November and December and were named Rubicon's Merry Elves. With their role expanding and their members growing, the group was renamed this year to Rubicon's Broadway Juniors.



Children Christmas Party

A hearty thanks to all the Rotarians, friends and family of Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors who made it a very special morning of shopping and visiting with Santa. Over 70 kids participated and were treated to an overflowing bag of clothing, toys, earrings for mom and stuffed animals.



Recap of December 03 Meeting

Steve Dato began the meeting with a quote about what is decent and indecent. Staci Johnson and RoseAnn Hill led the club in a spirited 'Jingle Bells.' We also sang 'Happy Birthday' for Sonny Shah. Terry Schaeffer conducted the official club elections. The offered slate was accepted by acclamation. Congratulations to the new board which takes over July 1, 2015.

President Rob presided over the induction of Tommy Slater, who is 15 year member of the Ventura East club and their former president. He was proposed by Gary Wolfe. Lynda Girtsman awarded blue badges to Mary Kay Doubek and Mike Montoya, who, incidently, were the Fireworks co-chairs. Staci Johnson fined on marketing.

Kristin Taylor updated the Coats for Kids program which ends December 31. Brenda Allison and Linda Roos shared the final plans for the Children's Christmas Party. We have 70 kids and \$90.00 per child to spend. Sally Crain shared the status of Furry Friends project. Rotaractor Jen Livia announced her club's annual foster kid party, helping 11 kids. Mike Anderson won the football pool and the Paul Harris Fellowship.

Program

Our speaker was journalist and author Ivor Davis, who, in 1964 travelled with the Beatles on their first tour of the United States. He was ghost writer for George Harrison for the London Express. He attended every concert for the five week duration. Because of the frenzy that made public appearances dangerous, the group and Mr. Davis had to be confined to their hotels. Because of this, he witnessed the madness up close and personal.

The concerts themselves were basically unmemorable, mainly because of the poor sound systems of the time, and the hordes of screaming fans drowning out the performance, which were only 30 minutes long comprising 10 songs

According to him, John Lennon funniest and most brilliant. He had a lightning mind. Paul McCartney

Today's Program

The Rubicon Merry Elves

Introductions:

Sheila Fatarelli

Rotary Moment:

Barbara Asbell

Fining:

Mary Saputo

Future Programs

Dec 24 DARK

Dec 31 DARK

Jan 7 Water in CA, Ventura Co. & Ventura

was the nice guy, 'Mr. Personality,' and quite the charmer. George Harrison was shy; not too friendly, but warmed up to you. Ringo was new boy on the block and least confident.



President Rob vanNieuwburg and Terry Schaeffer conduct the club elections.



Ivor Davis shared 'road stories' from the legendary Beatles first US tour.



Sally Crain talks about the Furry Friends for the Children's Christmas Party.



Gary Wolfe was the sponsor for our newly-inducted Tommy Slater.



Brenda Allison gives instructions for the Christmas Party.



Lynda Girtsman hands out blue badges.



Kellye Patterson poses with her kids at JC Penney.



Mark Kirwin poses with his student immediately after shopping while Dale Jaedtke pbombs behind.



Children Christmas Party

Last Wednesday we hosted 70 children as selected by teachers and schools of the Ventura Unified School District. It was our club's biggest children's holiday shopping spree ever!

A special thanks has to go to the Rotarians that ran the event this year, Linda Roos and Brenda Allison, and their "helpers."

Also thanks to superintendent Dr. Trudy Arriaga and the VUSD associates for their participation and help.



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Dick Hatcher, Dec 08



Stephen Kipp, Dec 08

Courtney Lindberg, Dec 25

Matt LaVere, Dec. 27

December Anniversaries

Stephen Kipp, Dec 12