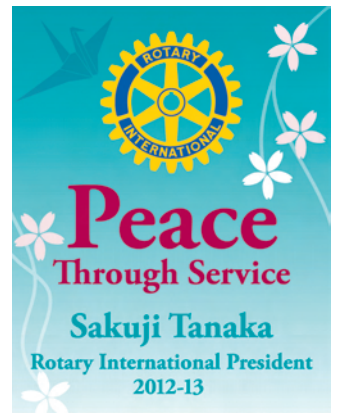


# ROTARY SPOKES

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## Bob Willard: Living with Lincoln

Today's speaker is Bob Willard. The subtitle of his talk is entitled, "My 55 year hobby and what I've learned from Abraham Lincoln."

Bob Willard is a long-time collector of books and other material about Abraham Lincoln, and has advised agencies involved in digitization of Lincoln material. He serves on the Boards of both the Abraham Lincoln Association (where he is a vice president) and the Abraham Lincoln Institute (of which he was president for two years), is treasurer of the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia, and is a member or supporter of numerous other local and national groups concerned with the legacy of Abraham Lincoln. In 2005, Willard travelled the Lincoln trail from the birthplace in Hodgenville, Kentucky through southwestern Indiana to Lincoln's tomb in Springfield, Illinois; in four weeks, he covered 1,000 miles including 200 miles on foot.



Bob is a government and industry executive with experience in both market management and information policy advocacy and with a comprehensive knowledge of the application of information technology to public needs. He served as Strategic Marketing Officer for the Government Printing Office .

In 1994, President Clinton appointed Willard to a five-year term on the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS), an independent Federal agency whose part-time Members advise the President and Congress on the information needs of the American public. Mr. Willard resigned from the Commission when he was selected in April 1998 by his fellow Commissioners to serve as fulltime Executive Director of NCLIS which he did until 2004. . Earlier, he was a congressional staff member, an educational fund raiser, and a decorated Army officer in the Corps of Engineers with service in Korea, Vietnam, and the Pentagon. He received

a bachelor's degree in international relations from Georgetown University and a master's degree in operations research and systems analysis from George Washington University.

## The Gettysburg Address

The Gettysburg Address is a speech by U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, considered one of the best-known in American history. It was delivered by Lincoln during the American Civil War, on the afternoon of Thursday, November 19, 1863, at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, four and a half months after the Union armies defeated those of the Confederacy at the Battle of Gettysburg.

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth. history."

## Recap of January 30, 2013 meeting

New member Jim Duran led the club in the flag salute, invocation and introductions.

In his Rotary Moment, Bill Kearney read a letter from Rosa Lee Measures from her 2003 presidency in which she tenders her resignation. Further investigations shows a date of April 1st and it had all been a joke.

Rosa Lee Measures was up with her fining sessions where members were presented with multiple choice questions about Presidential quotes.

President Indy inducted a new member, Glen Beaerenz. Glen is sponsored by Ajay Dhebar and is a New Generations member with the classification of "Communications Service Provider." Please be sure to introduce yourself to him!

There was a presentation of a check for \$585.00 to representatives of the organization, Candelaria. This money has gone to help a veteran stay in his current housing instead of becoming homeless. This is part of Ventura Rotary's commitment to Homelessness Prevention.

As this was the fifth Wednesday of the month, President Indy declared that, in lieu of a program, we would take the half hour to socialize with visitors and just amongst club members.



*Rosa Lee Measures fines the club with the topic of Presidential quotes.*

Today's Agenda	
<b><i>Bob Willard</i></b>	
Living with Lincoln: My 55 year hobby and what I've learned from Abraham Lincoln.	
Introductions	Rotary Moment
<i>Rob van Nieuwburg</i>	<i>Terri Adams</i>
Fining	
<i>SusAnne Lee Chung</i>	



*Representatives from Candelaria accept funds from President Indy and Lynda Girtsman.*



*Warren Lovell and Sherry Scott enjoy the extra social time in lieu of our regular program.*





*Jim Duran serves up the introductions and invocation to start off the meeting.*



*ABill Kearney shares his Rotary moment, pointing out the jokester side of Rosa Lee Measures.*



*SusAnne Lee Chung makes an announcement from the podium.*

## Upcoming Events

### **NID to India**

Feb 24, 2013 - Feb 25, 2013

### **Exchange Student Fundraiser**

Doug Halter Residence

Mar 02, 2013 05:30 PM - 09:00 PM

### **President Indy's Demotion**

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Jun 18, 2013 05:00 PM - 09:00 PM



*Our newest member, Glen Bearenz, was officially inducted to the club.*



*President Indy tries to find the owner of a coat left at his home after the holiday party.*





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