

ROTARY SPOKES

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Ventura Corporate Games with Eric Burton

Today's speaker is Eric Burton, Parks & Recreation Supervisor from the City of Ventura. He will be speaking on the annual Ventura Corporate Games, now into its 25th year.



The Corporate Games is a business-to-business teams sports competition in which companies of similar size compete for awards over a six weeks of competition. Last year more than 80 companies including Amgen, Blue Cross, Baxter, County of Ventura, Casa Pacifica, Patagonia, Cydcor, Mission Produce, AECOM and the Ventura Family YMCA, participated in this popular annual event-prove that area companies and organizations value the benefits of teamwork, competition and fun to promote increased employee wellness, pride and excellence in the workplace.

Eric Burton was born in Springfield, Ohio and has lived in Ventura since 1986. Since then, he has worked for the City of Ventura in a variety of positions including Recreation Leader, Senior Recreation Leader, Recreation Coordinator, Recreation Supervisor, and Recreation Manager for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Eric received his Bachelor of Arts in Business Management at Wittenberg University and his Masters in Public Administration at California State University at Northridge. His background and focus on sports and leadership led to the creation of the Corporate Games, a business-to-business team sports competition, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

Dinner at the Villa on the Hill
Help Rotary raise money to end polio and honor Larry Emrich for his lifetime support.

When: Saturday, March 8, 2014 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Where: Home of Doug Halter and Randy Encinas

Tickets: \$75 - ONLY 100 BEING SOLD!

Music arranged by the Children of the Harmony project.

Dinner served by **Sheriff Geoff Dean, Superintendent Trudy Arriaga, Retired Chief Mike Tracy, Mayor Cheryl Heitmann, and others.**



Recap of February 05 Meeting

Brenda Allison started the meeting with a prayer, followed by Staci Johnson and RoseAnn Hill, leading the club in 'Smile.' Apparently we still need practice.

President Irene shared several letters written by appreciative students to thank our club for giving them dictionaries. Ellyn Dembowski announced that tickets are on sale for the polio fundraiser in honor of Larry Emrich. Only 100 are available so be sure to get yours soon. Hutch Hutchinson, JGMF chairman, reminded club members to apply for grants by the end of February.

The meeting featured the induction by President Irene of new member Greg Abrams, who joins us from the Ventura Rotaract. Greg has already worked on Rotary projects locally and overseas. He joins his wife, Sarah, already a club member. Curtis Cormane was his sponsor.

In her Rotary Moment, Barbara Asbell announced her recent marriage!

Program

The program featured Member Spotlights of two new members, Sarah Abrams and Joe Schaaf.

Sarah was introduced by Curtis Cormane; she works at the Ventura YMCA, overseeing the children's programming, which she enjoys tremendously. Among things they teach children are healthy habits and good nutrition. One of her most enjoyable, but exhausting, weeks involve a camp in the Sierras, where they work with kids to challenge themselves.

Sarah is an Oregon native and is happy to lay roots down here with her husband, the newly inducted Greg Abrams. Both love to travel and have already worked internationally with Rotary, including India, Nicaragua and Mexico.

Steve Doll introduced Joe Schaaf. Joe is a geologist with his own consulting firm in Ventura, a community he had resided in for more than 27 years. He lives in midtown with his wife, Debbie.

Joe spent his early career working for Chevron, but now uses his knowledge of hydro-geology to protect groundwater resources throughout Southern California.

Today's Program *Ventura Corporate Games with Eric Burton*

Introductions:

Rotary Moment:

Fining:

Mary Kay Doubek

Dave Bianco

Joe is quite active, having done triathlons for 15 years and taking advantage of local surf. He has also volunteered with the Ventura County Search and Rescue Teams in Ojai.



Sarah Abrams talks of her early life in Oregon and her new life in Southern California.



Joe Schaaf explains his life as a geologist and triathlete.



Our newest member, Greg Abrams, receives his club pin from his wife, Sarah, while President Irene and Greg's sponsor, Curtis Cormane, look on.



Our chanteuses, Staci Johnson and RoseAnn Hill, lead the club in a song.



Brenda Allison began the meeting with a prayer.



Barabara Asbell surprised the club with her announcement during her Rotary Moment.



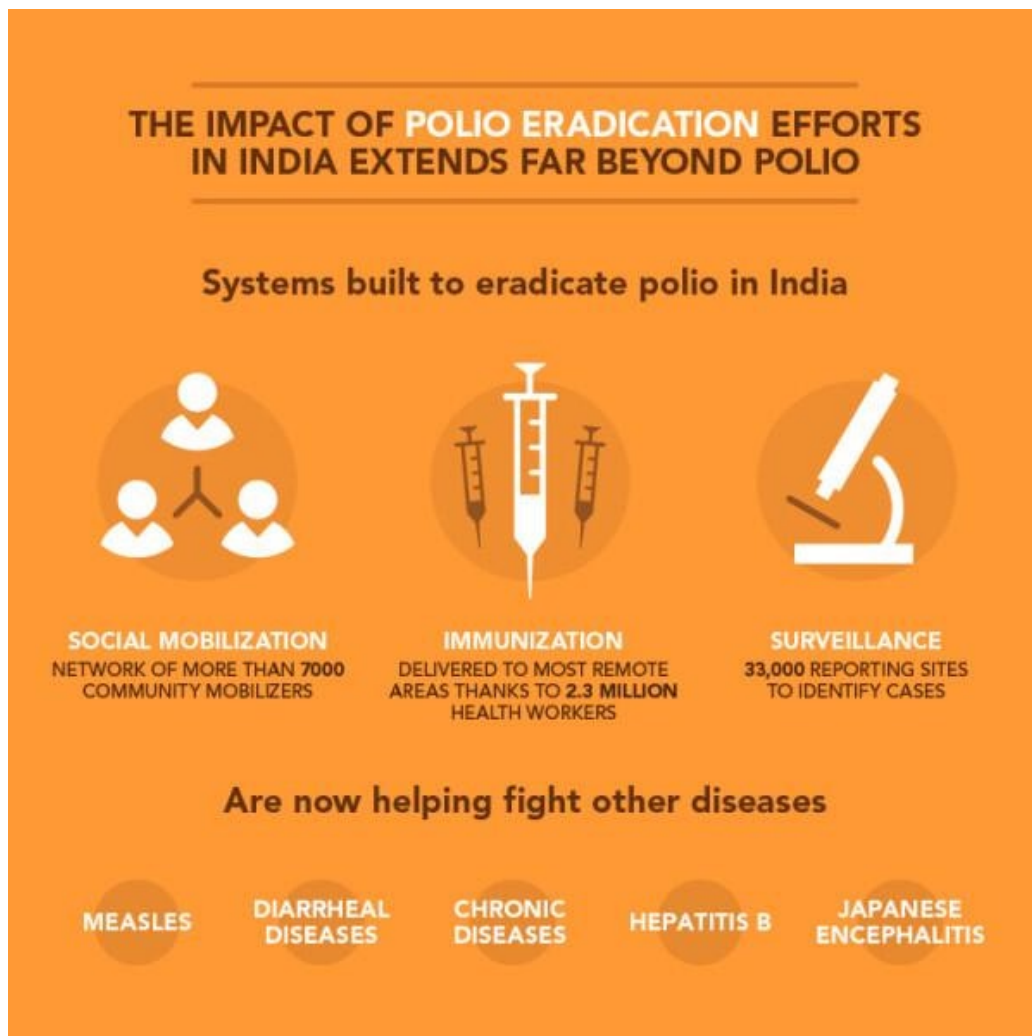
President Irene Henry makes announcements from the dais.

Lasting Impact

In its two decades of operation, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has trained and mobilized millions of staff and volunteers, identified and reached households and communities that had been untouched by other initiatives, and established a robust global surveillance and response system.

Through polio eradication efforts, GPEI partners have learned how to overcome logistical, geographic, social, political, cultural, ethnic, gender, financial, and other barriers to working with people in the poorest and least accessible areas. The fight against polio has led to new ways to achieve real impact on human health in the developing world—whether through political engagement, funding, planning and management strategies, or research.

We are working with the GPEI to identify ways in which the polio infrastructure—including supply chains, surveillance and laboratory systems, and social mobilization networks—can be used to support other health initiatives and immunization programs in the long term, particularly after polio is successfully eradicated.



Membership Updates:



A Leave of Absence has been granted to the following:
Hoot Bennett from 1/01/2014 to 4/30/2014.

February Birthdays

Lynda Girtsman, Feb 04
John Hammer, Feb 04
John J. Johnson, Feb 06
Cessy Figueroa, Feb 12
Norbert Tan, Feb 13
Gary Young, Feb 21
Albert McCartney, Feb 23
Chris Brashears, Feb 29

February Anniversaries

Clyde Reynolds, Feb 07
Jim Duran, Feb 11
Warren Lovell, Feb 13

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