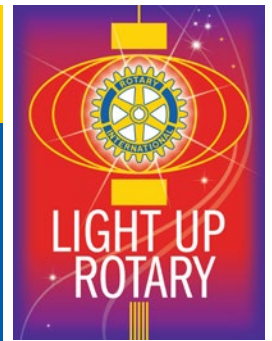


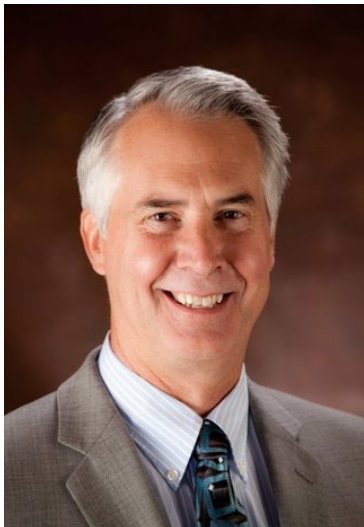
# ROTARY SPOKES

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## Capital Improvements at Ventura College



*A rendering of the proposed Applied Science Center*

Greg Gillespie is in his second year serving as the President of Ventura College. His 21 year career in community colleges has included work in Washington, Arizona, and California as a faculty member and administrator. Dr. Gillespie obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy from Washington State University. His graduate degrees were obtained at North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND. He worked in agricultural research focused on weed management systems and herbicide development prior to beginning his career with community colleges. He supports the comprehensive mission of community colleges and is collaborating with the community to provide innovative and relevant programming for student success in education and careers.

Dr. Gillespie lives in Ventura with his wife, Kristin, and they enjoy visits from their children and grandchildren.

The Ventura Community College District's Board of Trustees approved in December 2001 a resolution for the placement of a bond initiative on the March 2002 Ventura County election ballot as Measure S. The citizens of Ventura County approved the issuance of bonds totaling \$356.3 million for

construction and renovation of facilities on the three community college campuses and the Camarillo site. The amount allocated to Ventura College was \$117,220,000.

There have been five new buildings constructed, six major renovations, and other and improvements at Ventura College. They have directly improved the quality of education and support services for students and community. The final projects will be completed within the next 24 months.

The Applied Science Center is a new building that is under construction and will be available for use in fall 2015. This state of the art building will emphasize science and technology education with the inclusion of training simulators to help students practice and acquire important technical skills.

The physical structure of Ventura College has changed considerably. The improved classrooms and laboratories provide student and faculty use of modern and relevant technology and equipment. Ventura College is grateful for the generosity of the citizens of Ventura County whose support made the resources available to improve the quality of higher education in our area.

## Meeting Recap of February 11

Lynda Girtsman began the meeting with a Mahatma Ghandi quote. In honor of the upcoming Valentine's Day, Clyde Reynolds, RoseAnn Hill and Staci Johnson led the club in 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart'.

Ellyn Dembowski reported on the recent action of the club board and assigning funds for various projects, including funds for roof repairs for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura; funds directed to the Ventura College lending library; monies to help rebuild a home; funds to build a new house in Tijuana and a program to promote dental hygiene for 200 kids in Westside Ventura.

Dick Hatcher conducted fining on National Parks. Mario de la Piedra celebrated the relationships he has forged with Rotarians for his Rotary Moment.

### Program

The speaker is Dr. Leslie-Lynn Pawson, Associate Program Director at Ventura County Medical Center who spoke about the Graduate Medical Education program at the Ventura County Medical Center.

VCMC trains its graduates in the field of Family Medicine. Dr. Pawson outlined the basic Cornerstones: Continuity of Care, Comprehensiveness of Care, and Care in the Context of the Family.

Graduates are empowered to work in all settings, valuing all peoples. They train 15 residents per year, making it the largest family training medical center in CA. The program is very well-regarded nationally, in fact, it was voted #1 out of 470 by US News and World Report.

Although a program was established in 1928, the specialization of Family Medicine was not made until 1968. The program is affiliated with UCLA and from 1969-2014, 514 graduates have been trained. According to Dr. Pawson, what makes the program unique is: providing training designed to prepare doctors for practice in underserved settings; actually being doctors to real patients; a large number of dedicated faculty.

## Today's Program

### **VC Capital Improvements**

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Introductions: | Norm Blacher   |
| Rotary Moment: | Kevin Clerici  |
| Fining:        | Curtis Cormane |

### Future Programs

|        |                           |
|--------|---------------------------|
| Feb 25 | Civil Grand Jury          |
| Mar 04 | Vision of Care at New CMH |
| Mar 11 | Amarok Society            |

Dr. Pawson described the changes in allowable work hours. She also described the urgent need 8000 family doctors by 2030.



*Mark Kirwin shares a happy dollar on his return from Asia.*



*Guest speaker Dr. Leslie-Lynn Pawson informs the club about the GME program at VCMC,*





*Clyde Reynolds, Staci Johnson and RoseAnn Hill lead the club in song.*



*Lynda Girtsman begins the meeting with a quote.*



*Mario de la Piedra used his Rotary Moment to thank all those who have mentored him.*



*Dick Hatcher fined on facts about our National Park system.*



*Ellyn Dembowski informed the club about fund disbursements.*



*Indy Batra challenges members to bring in guests and potential new members.*

## Rotary Member Takes Fund-raising to the Top of Everest

Despite his longstanding interest in polio eradication, polio was not on Joe Pratt's mind as he prepared for a mid-April 2012 climb of Mount Everest, the highest mountain on earth. But that changed in late 2011, when the resident of Nottingham, New Hampshire, USA, participated in a polio immunization project in Pakistan with a fellow Rotarian. Moved by the efforts of the Pakistanis to battle the crippling disease, and by the vulnerability of the young victims, Pratt reset the focus of his climbing adventure.

Pratt decided to dedicate the climb to raising funds for polio eradication. Pratt, a tall, lean 59-year-old Delta Airlines pilot who has been a member of the Rotary Club of Raymond Area for 28 years, says he "recognized it as a great idea" right away, and mentioned it to their Pakistani hosts at dinner. "It was immediately embraced by the Pakistanis," says Pratt, who had also climbed Mount McKinley and Mount Kilimanjaro among others. At first, the planners set a fundraising goal of \$10,000, but later increased it to \$29,030 -- a dollar for each foot of Mount Everest's height. And since Pratt's successful climb, his efforts have raised more than \$40,000, not including matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

His ascent, accomplished as part of a team of 23 Russians and one American, took five weeks. The climbers braved high winds and subzero temperatures. In the end, only 12 members of the expedition reached the summit, the others having turned back. Pratt says he had a lot of motivation to keep going.

"One of the many images in my mind was that of the little Pakistani kids -- kids who were healthy and hopefully will stay healthy," he says. "I would think, I want to quit, but these kids are depending on me."

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>February Birthdays</b> | Albert McCartney, Feb 23      |
| Lynda Girtsman, Feb 04    | Duane Georgeson, Feb. 24      |
| John Hammer, Feb.04       | Chris Brashears, Feb 29       |
| John J. Johnson, Feb 06   |                               |
| Cessy Figueroa, Feb 12    | <b>February Anniversaries</b> |
| Norbert Tan, Feb 13       | Clyde Reynolds, Feb 07        |
| Gary Young, Feb.21        | Warren Lovell, Feb 13         |



### New Member Proposals

The following is proposed for membership:

**Kevin D. Stevenson**, proposed by Dave Wellikwith classification of "Mortgage Banking."

If you have any objection to membership of this individual in our club, please contact the President or Secretary in writing within 7 days.

### Membership Updates

Rob Orth resigned from the club effective January 31, 2015. Melody Namikas resigned from the club effective December 31, 2014. Leo Tauber is now an Honorary Member effective December 31, 2014.

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|--|------------------|---|--------------------|
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