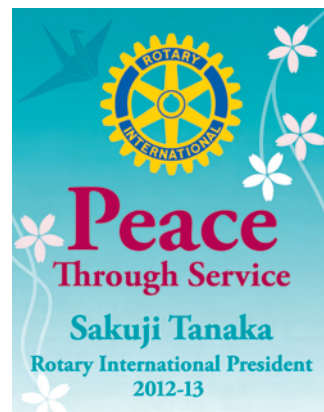


ROTARY SPOKES

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All Aboard! Fun for a Great Cause!

Everything is in place for a fun evening that benefits our Rotary exchange student Martin Rodriguez! Join fellow Rotarians and guests this **Saturday, March 2nd** from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. for a home tour and food and drink and the guaranteed Best View in Town!

The event will be held at the home of club member Doug Halter and Randy Encinas. This is a great opportunity to see a wonderful new estate on the hills overlooking downtown Ventura. This home took over seven years to complete.

President-elect Irene Henry will be pouring Anacapa Brewery beer. There will also be free margaritas, a no-host bar, great food and entertainment. Club Service Director Dan Holmes has donated a signed photograph for a silent auction.

Be aware that there will be no parking at the hillside estate, so a shuttle will be available for the very short uphill ride to the event. You can leave your car at the public parking lot at Cemetery Park off Poli Street near the intersection with Hemlock Street. The shuttle will be piloted by our very own President-elect nominee Rob vanNieuwburg. The first ride will leave Cemetery Park at 5:15 p.m. and the last shuttle will depart the event at 9:15 p.m. You must have a ticket to ride!

Tickets are available from Ellyn Dembowski and Lynda Girtsman. There are a few left, so invite friends. Let's send Martin on his train trip!

The Rotary Club of Ventura is sponsoring this event to raise money for Martin, so that he can take part in the end of school train tour through Rotary YES/SCANEX USA, before he returns to his home country, Chile. He will join over 30 other Rotary Youth Exchange students who are staying in the tri-counties, as they depart from Los Angeles, head north all the way to Washington, then



Lucas Johnston introduces Martin Hernandez at a club meeting. Lucas is our club's exchange student counselor.

east through the Rockies, on to Chicago, then Niagara Falls, New York and Boston. They will then head south through the nation's capital, and on to Saint Louis, south to New Orleans and finally west to California. Along the way they are hosted by Rotarian families. The trip last year took over 30 days. It is an amazing event and one that our former Ventura Rotary exchange students say is the trip of a lifetime, and one they will never forget.



Our 2007-08 exchange student Antoine Snyers from Belgium, in Boston on July 4 as part of his train trip.

Recap of February 20, 2013 meeting

Steve Warriner led off the meeting with a moment of silence before RoseAnn Hill and Clyde Reynolds piped “You’re a Grand Old Flag.” In his Rotary Moment, Gary Young spoke of his family’s hosting of a Rotary Exchange student. Ron Calkins fined the club concerning obscure college sports mascots and their meaning.

President Indy reported that Past President Larry Emrich is recovering nicely after surgery.

Program

Ed Campbell spoke to the club about the upcoming Rotary International Convention coming up this June in Lisbon, Portugal. Many club members had originally intended to attend the event, but circumstances have reduced that number to just Ed, and he is encouraging more to go. He began the presentation with an official Rotary video featuring RI President Sakuji Tanaka and his wife cavorting around Lisbon.

Ed was a serviceman based in the Azores and had an opportunity to visit Portugal. He likened the city of Lisbon to San Francisco with its hills, trolleys and fine food. He has booked a room in the very hotel he stayed in decades ago.

Ed also shared his passion for seeking out and photographing old bells. He shared a video of his special trip to photograph the bells of the cathedral in Mallorca including the famous “N’Eloi” bell, two meters in diameter with a weight of 5,700 kg.



Ed had exclusive access to the belltower of La Seu Cathedral, Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

Today’s Agenda

Hank Chandler

“Outlaws of Ventura County”

Introductions

Mystery

Rotary Moment

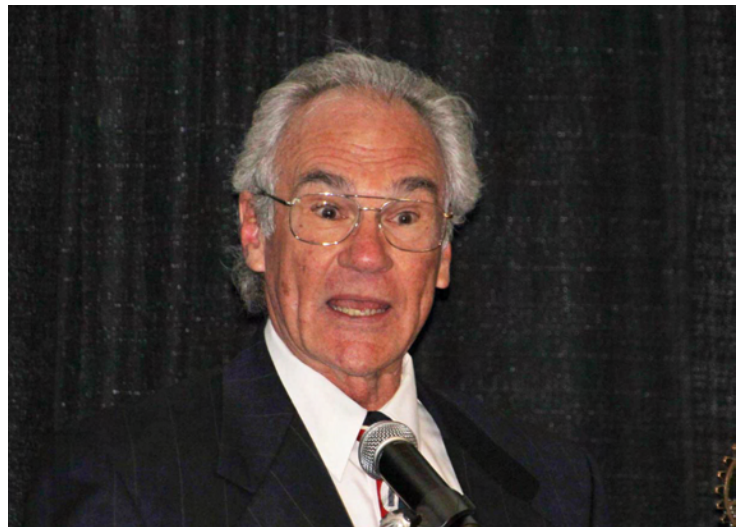
Kristin Taylor

Fining

Rob Orth



Dick Hatcher awards Kristin Taylor with another Paul Harris as part of her Benefactor status.



Ed Campbell shares memories and images of Portugal and the island of Mallorca.



Steve Warriner leads off the meeting with a moment of silence and introductions.



Gary Young shares his Rotary Moment about hosting exchange students.



Mahesh Talwar is subjected to obscure college mascots in his fining.

Upcoming Events

Exchange Student Fundraiser

Doug Halter Residence

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

2013 District 5240 Assembly (Coastal)

Pacifica High School, Oxnard

April 13, 2013

President Indy's Demotion

Crowne Plaza Hotel

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



Ron Calkins fines about mascots, from the Akron Zips to the Idaho Vandals.

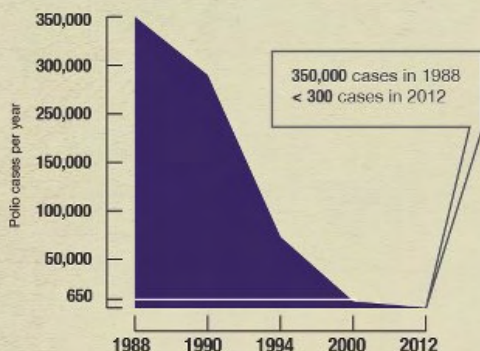


Terry Schaeffer answers a difficult fining question.



WE ARE THIS CLOSE TO **ENDING POLIO**

PROGRESS SINCE 1988



Rotary members have donated their time and money to help immunize more than

2 BILLION ↑
children in 122 countries.

The Global Polio Eradication initiative has reduced polio cases by

99% ↓
worldwide.

PROGRESS IN 2012



**INDIA IS
POLIO FREE**



In February 2012, World Health Organization (WHO) removed India from the polio endemic list.



60% ↓

Reduction in polio cases in 2012, compared to 2011.

POLIO ERADICATION STATUS

AFGHANISTAN, NIGERIA and **PAKISTAN** – the only three countries where the wild poliovirus has never been stopped.



NIGERIA



AFGHANISTAN



PAKISTAN

FUND THE FIGHT: GLOBAL

1.2 MILLION Rotarians

\$1.2 BILLION in contributions

\$40-50 BILLION

estimated amount polio eradication will save the world over the next 20 years



Ending polio will be one of the biggest accomplishments in global health.



Rotary and its partners are committed to fighting polio until every child is safe from this devastating disease.

FINISH THE FIGHT: Help Rotary make the final push to eradicate polio worldwide. Take action to help Rotary achieve a polio-free world at www.endpolionow.org.



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