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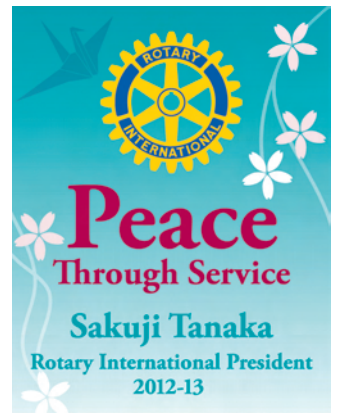
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2013 Economic Forecast

Today's speaker will give us his forecast of the local economy in 2013. Henry Dubroff is a successful entrepreneur, author and financial journalist. He is the founder and majority owner of Pacific Coast Business Times, the weekly business journal for Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties in coastal California. He serves on the board of Ventura County Economic Development Association, UCSB Economic Forecast Project and United Way.



Mr. Dubroff is the co-author of "Battling Big Box: How Nimble Niche Companies Can Outmaneuver Giant Competitors" and co-founder of the Green Coast Innovation Zone. He frequently writes for the Donald E. Reynolds Center for Financial Journalism at Arizona State University; he was formerly the editor of The Denver Business Journal and the Business editor at The Denver Post. Mr. Dubroff is also a past president and longtime member of the Board of Governors of the Society of American Business Editors and Writers. He serves on the board of United Way of Santa Barbara County, Ventura County Economic Development Association.

Mr. Dubroff received his Artium Baccalaureatus Degree

from Lafayette College in Easton Pennsylvania later he obtained his Master's of Science in Journalism from Columbia University.

2012: Polio-free in India

After going an entire year without a new reported case of polio, India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization (WHO). Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of Health and Family Welfare, made the announcement at the Polio Summit 2012 in New Delhi on 25 February.

The news was a huge boost to the morale of Rotarians, who have been laboring to eradicate the crippling disease since 1985. Only three countries -- Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan -- remain on the polio-endemic list.

A chief contributor to India's success is the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another is rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to WHO. The lessons learned in India may well serve to help immunization efforts in the remaining endemic countries.

In May, Rotarians at the RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, celebrated Rotary's having exceeded the US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication efforts. The challenge was Rotary's response to \$355 million in matching grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

But the work is far from complete, because worldwide eradication has not yet been achieved. Later in the year, Rotary launched an online petition drive to urge government leaders to continue funding the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's efforts.



The bulletin is uploaded every week now to our Facebook page, as well as other images and notices of club activities. Please 'like' us!

Ventura Rotary Holiday Season

Another typically busy Ventura Rotary December saw members involved in Coats for Kids, Bell Ringers, Furry Friends, the Club Holiday Party and, of course, the Children's Holiday Shopping and Party featuring Santa Claus! Thanks to all the Rotarians who work hard to make all these events run smoothly and make the season definitely brighter!

Today's Agenda

Henry Dubroff

2013 Forecast

Introductions

Larry Dawes

Rotary Moment

Brenda Allison

Fining

Terri Adams





Upcoming Events
Club Mixer in lieu of a program
 Jan 30, 2013 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM

NID to India
 Feb 24, 2013 - Feb 25, 2013





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Rotary Spokes

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The fight against polio is on the cover of this week's TIME Magazine. Read about the progress in fighting polio and Rotary's role in eradicating this crippling disease.

"Thanks to aggressive global vaccination programs led by Rotary International, UNICEF, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and, most recently, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the year just beginning could be the disease's last."

