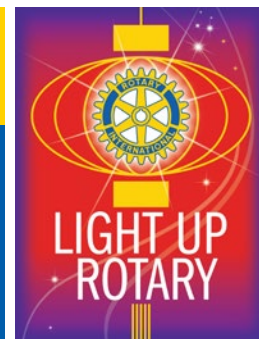


# ROTARY SPOKES

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## The Drought and El Niño

Continuing last week's presentation on water, member Ron Calkins will moderate a discussion on the current information about California's severe drought and the prospect of any relief. On hand to discuss this will be Shana Epstein and Terry Schaeffer.



since 1923, cleaning wastewater for more than a century, and preventing stormwater pollution for the past two decades.

Terry Schaeffer, of Ventura, is considered an expert in the field of microclimates and fire weather and since 1976 has provided forecasts

Shana Epstein, Ventura Water General Manager, will speak about the proposed four-year water and wastewater rate increases and how they will support an effort to renew our vital water infrastructure. Ms. Epstein will also provide an update on the City's water supply and continued drought and what is planned for the future."

Ventura Water provides our community with quality water and wastewater services. They have been delivering drinking water from local sources

to the agricultural community for southern Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Schaeffer first worked for the U.S. Agriculture Department's Agricultural Weather Service and has been an independent consultant since 1996.

Schaeffer's career as a professional meteorologist with the National Weather Service began after a stint in the Navy. He graduated from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in meteorology in 1971.

## Polio Eradication News

### A major breakthrough against polio

Two down and one to go: Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are approaching a significant milestone: the eradication of type 3 wild poliovirus. The last case of polio caused by the type 3 virus was reported in Yobe, Nigeria, in November 2012. The type 2 virus was eradicated in 1999, leaving just type 1 circulating.

### Campaign to end polio tackles the Ebola virus

PolioPlus generating other major health benefits Through our investments in the polio eradication infrastructure in Nigeria, the government was able to help stop the outbreak of Ebola. The polio surveillance network, which monitors cases of polio,

is being employed to identify and track suspected Ebola cases, contributing to Nigeria's successful response. Nigeria is still one of three countries where polio is endemic, so it is vital that we continue our eradication efforts to prevent new outbreaks.

### Miles to End Polio raises \$9 million

Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and six RI staff members bicycled 104 miles in Tucson Arizona, USA, in the Miles to End Polio event on 22 November, raising more than \$9 million for polio eradication. That total reflects the 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In addition to the team from Evanston, 100 Rotary members rode along.

## The Rotary Foundation Rises on Expert List of Top Nonprofits

The Rotary Foundation has continued its steady growth, moving up 35 spots to 85th in The Chronicle of Philanthropy's annual ranking of the top 400 nonprofit organizations in the United States. The ranking is based on monetary contributions from private sources and reflects the increasing generosity of those who support Rotary's mission.

According to The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Rotary Foundation received \$239,576,000 in 2013, a 32.4 percent increase from the previous year.

"This clearly shows our members recognize the unparalleled value of giving to their Foundation," says John Hewko, Rotary's general secretary. "They know that by giving to the Foundation their dollars have a much greater impact. And friends of Rotary respect that the Foundation puts their gift to great use."

The Foundation recently earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States. In the 2013-14 Rotary year, 92 percent of the Foundation's expenditures were applied to programs, with only 6 percent spent on fundraising and 2 percent on administrative expenses. The Foundation funded \$23.5 million in district grants and \$47.3 million in global grants. These grants support local and international humanitarian projects as well as scholarships.

Together with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has led the effort to eradicate polio, contributing more than \$1.3 billion to the initiative since its outset. When an outbreak of polio threatened the Horn of Africa and the Middle East in 2013, Rotary provided emergency funds, including a \$500,000 rapid-response grant for Somalia and a \$500,000 grant to the World Health Organization (WHO) to cover operational costs in the Middle East. As a result, the outbreak in the Horn of Africa slowed, and Syria reported only one case of polio in the first half of 2014.

### Today's Program *The Drought and El Nino*

Introductions: Mystery  
Rotary Moment: Mystery  
Fining: Barbara Asbell

#### Future Programs

Jan 21 Casa Pacifica/New Housing  
Jan 28 Member Spotlights: Eric Dullenkopf,  
Staci Johnson  
Feb 4 Cancer Prevention w/ Dr. Tesu Lin



Rotary is also at the forefront of efforts to fight other diseases. According to WHO, indoor air pollution causes 4.3 million deaths per year worldwide. To combat it, members of the Rotary Club of Taos-Milagro, New Mexico, USA, mobilized Rotary clubs in several countries to support the Himalayan Stove Project, which has installed more than 3,000 clean-burning stoves in Nepal



Guest speaker Steve Blois gave a very informed discussion on water in California.



*Mike Anderson takes to the microphone.*



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



*Barbara Asbell takes to the microphone.*



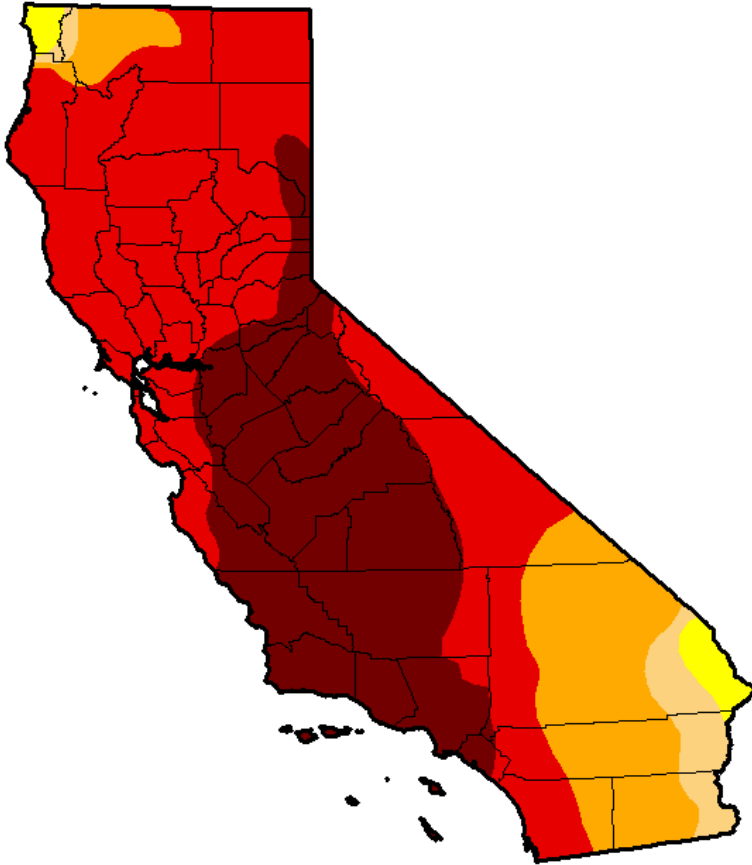
*Ventura South President Sandy Warren had a few words,*



*Club President Rob vanNieuwburg shares the podium with Ventura South past president Bob Braitman.*

# U.S. Drought Monitor California

**January 6, 2015**  
(Released Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	98.12	94.34	77.94	32.21
<b>Last Week</b> 12/30/2014	0.00	100.00	98.12	94.34	77.94	32.21
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 10/7/2014	0.00	100.00	100.00	95.04	81.92	58.41
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/30/2014	0.00	100.00	98.12	94.34	77.94	32.21
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/30/2014	0.00	100.00	100.00	95.04	81.92	58.41
<b>One Year Ago</b> 1/7/2014	1.43	98.57	94.25	87.53	27.59	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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## Membership Updates:

Sandra Burkhart resigned from the club effective November 30, 2014.

SusAnne Lee Chung resigned from the club effective December 31, 2014.

A Leave of Absence for Saurabh Bajaj has been approved from Jan 1 to December 31, 2015.

### January Birthdays

- Raj Bajwa, Jan 01
- William J. Kearney, Jan 01
- Sally Crain, Jan 11
- Roz Warner, Jan 12
- John R. Brant, Jan 13
- Juan M. Soto, Jan 21
- Tom Naylor, Jan 23
- Ron Bamich, Jan 24

### January Anniversaries

- Norbert Tan, Jan 03
- Sonny Shah, Jan 08
- Chris Brashears, Jan 10
- Jim Deardorff, Jan 13
- Cessy Figueroa, Jan 15
- Jorge Arman, Jan 16



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