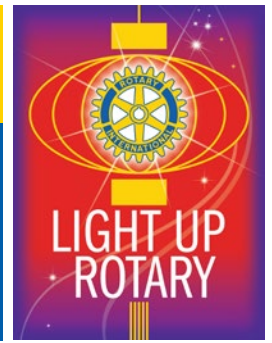


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What's Happening at Casa Pacifica

Today we get an update and what's happening at Casa Pacifica with Vicki Murphy and Josh Lepore.

Vicki Murphy is the Chief Advancement Officer and Director of Alumni Services at Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families - a children's crisis care shelter and residential treatment facility for abused, neglected, and at-risk children located in Camarillo, CA. Prior to her employment at Casa Pacifica, she worked for Berkeley Hall School in Los Angeles, where she served for many years as the Second Grade teacher and Department Chair.



Vicki was recognized as the "2010 Woman of the Year" from the State of California. She is a past recipient of the Ventura County "Community Advocate of the Year" award, and of the "Bravo" award from the National Association of Business Women. She also received Ventura County's 2001 "Dynamic Woman of the Year" award.

Vicki currently volunteers her time as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), since 1999, a Member of the CASA Board, 2006 and a Board Member for the Discovery Center for Science & Technology. She is trained as a Certified Parent Trainer (Sylvia Rimm, 1992) and a Global Ethics Facilitator (Rushworth Kidder; Camden, Maine, 1991)

Vicki is married, is the mother of six children, and has five grandchildren. She also acts as a 'mother' to four young, emancipated foster women, offering



her support, advice, and love as they meet the challenges of being out on their own in the world. Vicki and her husband Dennis live in Westlake Village, CA.

Josh Lepore, Psy.D., is a clinical supervisor of a Transitional-Age Youth (TAY) program called Coaching Independence in Transitional Youth (CITY) at Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families. What started as a crisis care shelter and residential treatment center for abused, neglected and at-risk children has grown to include numerous community-based programs. This includes the addition of CITY, a provider of transitional housing and outpatient mental health services to 18-25 year olds primarily from the foster care system.

Josh Lepore started as post-doctoral intern at Casa Pacifica and was hired to assist in the development of the CITY program with a specific focus on shaping the clinical services. He has worked in residential treatment as a direct care staff, pre-doctoral and post-doctoral intern, clinician, and currently as a clinical supervisor. His specializations include working with trauma survivors, foster youth, parenting transitional age youth, and high-risk adolescents. He previously worked in San Francisco and Chicago before coming to Casa Pacifica.

Josh Lepore, his wife, two cats, and one Newfoundland dog (Otis) reside In Ventura. Josh is a long-time Ventura County native, enjoys running and backpacking, and taking Otis out to swim anywhere there is water (his favorite destination is Lake Tahoe).

Meeting Recap of January 14

Dick Hatcher started the meeting with a nice saying about Rotary service. Clyde Reynolds, Staci Johnson and RoseAnn Hill sang the national anthem as requested by Mark Sauer.

Dale Jaedtke asked members to host our exchange student, Cristhian for the remainder of the school year. Also, if your family is travelling around California, consider taking him with you!

Amy Fonzo received her blue badge from President Rob. For his Rotary Moment, Matt LaVere reflected on events in France and the resulting Rotary-like unity demonstrated by the world.

Program

Shana Epstein returned to speak to the club. She has been, for three years, the Ventura Water general manager. She gave an update on the water resources for the City of Ventura.

Where do we get our water? Of course it varies depending on many factors, including drought and season. Water from subsurface Ventura River accounts for 10-30%; Lake Casitas 25-35%; groundwater and 35-55%. She noted that Ventura has a State Water 10000 acre feet allocation banked, but it is very expensive

She stressed some remedy by using more recycled water, but it needs to be better treated to be used in a diminishing Ventura River. However, the severe drought can only be remedied by more rain over the course of years. Lake Casitas stands at 52% of capacity. She projects that there will be 19-24% less supply in 2015, compared to last year. A 20% further reduction seems likely.

Our own Terry Schaeffer, a meteorologist, gave us a presentation of the nature of the weather systems, focusing on the causes of our current drought and the interconnection with ocean currents, particularly the thermohaline deep ocean currents that are density driven.

Records show a cycle of drought and wet years.

Today's Program

Casa Pacifica

Introductions: Dave Loe
Rotary Moment: Staci Johnson
Finishing: Betsy Chess

Future Programs

Jan 28 Member Spotlights: Eric Dullenkopf,
Staci Johnson
Feb 4 Cancer Prevention w/ Dr. Tesu Lin
Feb 11 VCMC Residency Program

Currently we are experiencing a weak El Nino conditions which should last into in February with mild temperatures and above normal rainfall



Guest speaker Shana Epstein shared the state of our water resources.



Guest speaker Terry Scaeffler taught us about global weather and the current drought.



Curtis Cormane shares an article in the club bulletin.



Matt LaVere uses his Rotary Moment to speak about unity.



President Rob presents Amy Fonzo with her blue badge..



Ron Calkins introduced the program on water resources.



Dick Hatcher started the meeting off with introductions..



Dale Jaedtke makes an announcement at the podium.



Announcements

The JGMF meets today after the regular meeting and tomorrow is the board meeting. Past Rotaract President Jen Livia invites everyone to visit her Red Brick Gallery this Saturday, 6:00 to 9:00 in Downtown Ventura on the occasion of her eight years in business.



\$34.8 Million In new funding from Rotary for polio eradication



TAKE ACTION: endpolionow.org

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

New Member Thomas Slater

Please stop by and welcome our new member, Thomas Slater. He is the Commercial Loan Officer at County Commerce Bank. He has served as chairman on the Board Museum of Ventura County, Past President of Ventura East Rotary Club, and Treasurer for CMH Foundation.

He was born in Pueblo, Colorado. His father was a career Army officer, so he has lived in Colorado, Bamberg, Germany, Kokomo, Indiana and finally settled in Santa Barbara in the 4th grade. He has 21 years in Ventura and counting. He loves to golf, travel and cook.



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