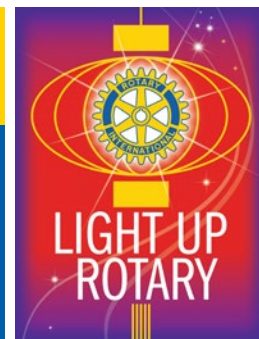


# ROTARY SPOKES

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## VUSD Superintendent Dr. Trudy Tuttle Arriaga

Dr. Trudy Tuttle Arriaga returns for a final time as Ventura Unified School District Superintendent. She is leaving her position this summer after 14 years. She will speak to us about , “A look back at VUSD, a glance of the present VUSD and a glimpse into the future of VUSD.”



A life-long resident of Ventura, Dr. Arriaga attended VUSD schools, ultimately graduating from Ventura High School in 1973. Dr. Arriga holds a B.A. in Communicative Disorders from San Diego State University, an M.A. in Educational Administration and Supervision from California State University Northridge, and an Ed.D. in Educational Policy, Planning and Administration from the University of Southern California.

She began working for the district as a paraeducator in 1975. In 1981, Dr. Arriaga began her teaching career in Grades 3 through Adult in Special

Education, Migrant Education, and Adult Education. Since then, she has served as Assistant Principal at DeAnza, Principal at Sheridan Way, Principal at El Camino and Pacific High Schools and Director of Administrative Support Services. She is the first woman superintendent of the Ventura Unified School District, the third largest district in Ventura County. She was selected by the Pepperdine University Graduate School of

Education and Psychology as the recipient of the 2010 Superintendent of the Year Award. and is also a recipient of the Region 13 Superintendent of the Year award for 2009.

Dr. Arriaga is married to Raymundo Arriaga, and has two daughters. She enjoys reading, jogging, guitar, music, mentoring and traveling. She also continues to enjoy teaching education courses at the university level. She is a Paul Harris Fellowship recipient.

## Greg Kincaid Passes

We were deeply saddened by the news that longtime Rotarian Greg Kincaid had passed suddenly last Friday. Greg joined our club in 2001 after having been in the Ventura Marina club for 8 years where he had served as Club President. He had been proposed by Past District Governor Marc Vertin, who was also a former member of the Marina club.

Greg was a three-time Paul Harris Fellowship, having received the award in 1996, 2003 and 2006. He had served our club well in leadership positions: including as board first year director (2001-02) and second year director (2002-03). He also served as International Service Director 2002-03 and 2005-

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## Meeting Recap of May 27

Ron Bamieh led off the meeting, followed by the singing of the "Rotary Song" by RoseAnn Hill and Staci Johnson.

President Rob presented Raj Bajwa and Anup Rimal with their permanent blue badges. Steve Doll was recognized for bringing in 2 new members.

Tommy Slater is the incoming Program Chair and asked members to contact him with program suggestions for the coming year. Irene Henry reminded members about President Rob's demotion party. Sherry Scott reminded members of the upcoming June 2 food truck social at Pinettia Pavilion.

Dan Holmes fined on all things to do with California.

Steve Doll shared a summary of his and Mark Kirwins' humanitarian trip to Nepal.

### Program

Brenda Birdwell was our speaker from the Santa Barbara branch of the Braille Institute. She serves as Field Services Manager, serving the tri-county Central Coast with outreach and communications.

She shared a brief history about her organization. Louis Braille was Frenchman, born with normal vision. But an accident and then an infection took his eyesight. Ever resourceful and determined to continue reading, at age 14 Braille adapted a military code based on the tactile sense to avoid having sensitive information overheard. Thus 100 years ago, the Braille alphabet was created.

The Institute continues to teach Braille, even though new 'smart' devices are helping low-vision persons with adaptive technology. The Institute serves more than the completely blind: in fact 90% of clients have some sight. One of the main goals is to teach independent living skills: Helping people with low vision to lead empowered lives

At the main campus in Santa Barbara, 90% teachers are volunteers. Locally, a support group meets in

## Today's Program *Dr. Trudy Arriaga*

Introductions:

Rotary Moment:

Betsy Chess

Fining:

Bob Cheatham

### Future Programs

Jun 10 "Nest Egg Hunter" w/Cynthia Marshall

Jun 17 Ventura Botanical Gardens Update

Jun 23 Dark

Ventura once a month.



*Irene Henry and Sherry Scott take their turns announcing Rotary events.*



*Brenda Birdwell shares information about services for low-vision individuals.*



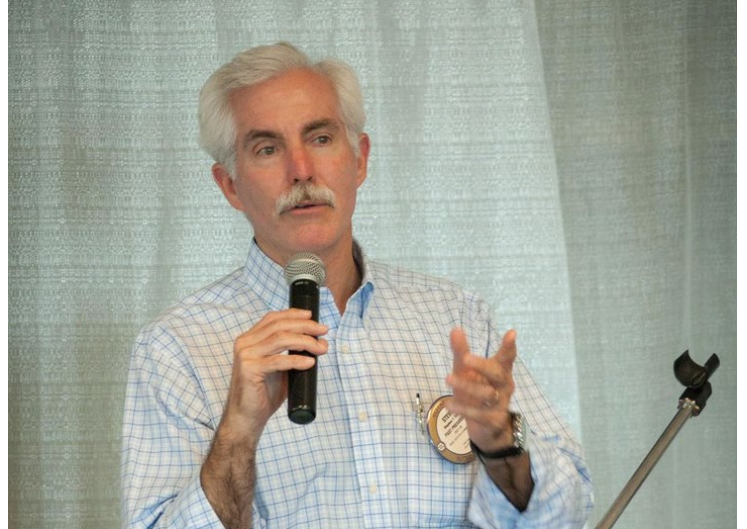
*Raj Bajwa receives his blue badge from President Rob*



*Ron Bamieh provided the invocation and introductions for the day.*



*President Rob congratulates Anup Rimal on receiving his blue badge.*



*Steve Doll described his trip to Nepal to help after the April earthquake.*



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



*Dan Holmes fined on the Golden State.*

## Greg Kincaid

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06. Most recently, he served as Rotary Information Chair (2012-14) and Membership Chair 2014-15.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Greg's wife, Carla and his entire family. Greg's funeral services are scheduled for June 16th at 11:00 a.m. with a reception following at the VFW Hall. Funeral services are handled by Reardon Funeral Home.

## Polio Gains in Pakistan

The Pakistani army's nearly yearlong campaign against Islamist militants in the northern tribal belt has its skeptics, but one area where experts say its effect has been unmistakable is in battling polio.

Six cases have been reported this year in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, down from 56 in the same period last year. In October, a quarter-million children could not be reached by vaccination teams; the number dropped to 47,000 by May.

Health authorities and relief officials credit improved security in the tribal areas since an army offensive against the Pakistani Taliban, which opposes polio vaccinations because it alleges they are a cover for Western espionage. In past years, militants routinely attacked health workers carrying out vaccination drives, along with their security teams, killing dozens. The army provided advance warning of the offensive, which began last June, allowing residents as well as militants time to flee the tribal belt. As people have returned to towns and villages cleared by army operations, vaccination teams have resumed their work with greater access to areas once seen as off-limits.

Pakistan is one of only three countries, along with Nigeria and Afghanistan, where polio remains endemic. Of the 24 cases reported this year, all but one have been in Pakistan, according to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

### June Birthdays

Larry Emrich, Jun 09  
Steve Chadbourne, Jun 13  
Warren Lovell, Jun 13  
Hank Chandler, Jun 14  
Jack Wood, Jun 15  
Curtis Cormane, Jun 22  
Rosa Lee Measures, Jun 25

### June Anniversaries

Hank Chandler, Jun 06,  
Roger Case, Jun 07  
Lynda Girtsman, Jun 07  
Kristin Taylor, Jun 13  
Andrew Soter, Jun 16  
John McConica II, Jun 25  
Dick Hatcher, Jun 26  
Saurabh Bajaj, Jun 28  
Larry Rasmussen, Jun 30



*Greg Kincaid was one of our expert outdoor cooks and never hesitated to help barbecue.*

## Paulina Wolfe Passes

Paulina Wolfe, mother of member Gary Wolfe and widow of long time Rotary member John Wolfe, died June 1st, at home in Ventura following a long illness.

Services will be held Tuesday, June 9th, 11:00 A.M. at Ted Mayr Funeral Home, 3150 Loma Vista Road, followed by burial at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park.



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