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Annual VHS Interact Club Bake Sale

Today's program is an annual event for our club which connects us with youngest members of the Rotarian family. The Bake Sale features sweet treats prepared by Interactors to raise funds for their annual projects.

The Ventura High School Interact Club comprises some 20 members who meet regularly. Among their projects is a dance they organize for their physically and mentally challenged classmates, a canned food drive, a beach clean up and a speaker series in which they invite inspirational persons to talk about their lives.

VHS teachers Samantha Hazan and Justin Weber are the faculty advisors. Mario de la Piedra and Courtney Lindberg are the Ventura Rotarians who assist the Interactors in organizing their club and projects. Ventura Rotary also send club members to leadership training seminars to prepare them to be our future leaders!

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young

people ages 12 to 18. They are self-governing and self-supporting. Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community.

Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:

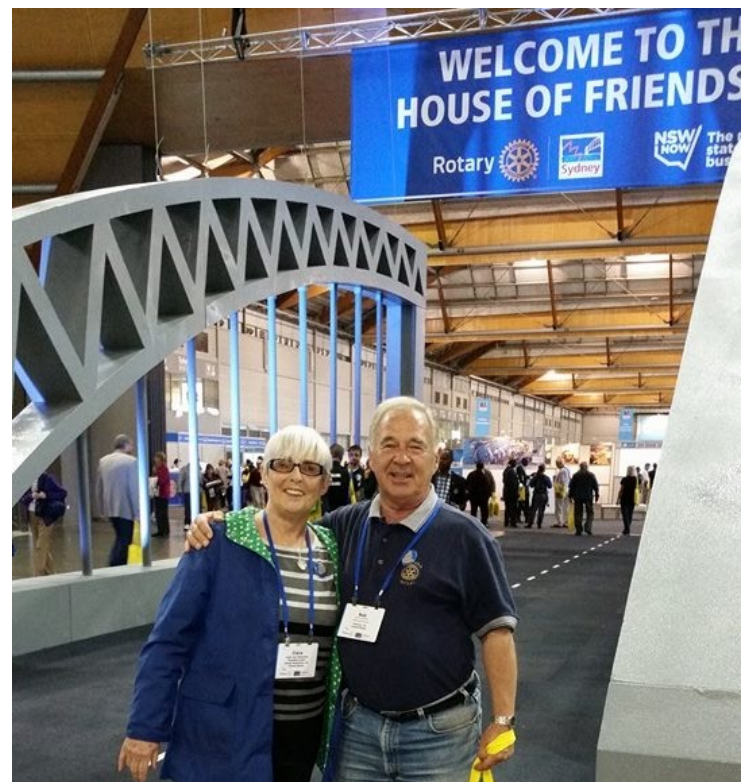
- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved in Interact.



Our Dutchman Down Under

President-elect Rob van Nieuwburg has been Facebooking his trip to the site of Rotary International's Convention in Sydney Australia. He seems to be enjoying himself mixing business and pleasure



Recap of May 28 Meeting

Amy Fonzo kicked things off with the 'Serenity Prayer.' Local high school student Caleb Bigler, who was a contestant on TV's 'X-Factor', sang the National Anthem for us, which he will repeat at our Fourth of July event.

Lucas Johnston reported on our incoming Rotary exchange student, a boy from Ecuador. He still needs housing for the year. Let him know if you can provide some. Staci Johnson asked members to like the fireworks page on Facebook and spread the word! President Irene announced that we will be involved in the next Color Run later this year. Mary Saputo fined on significant May events.

The Julius Gius Memorial Foundation gave \$2,500.00 to the Salvation Army's Homeless to Home program, Rob Orth accepted the check.

Program

Norbert Tan started the program by briefly outlining the Phoenix Scholarship program which provides funds to re-entry students who are seeking education later in life. Our club's JGMF has funded a scholarship over the years. Norbert then introduced four of this year's 32 recipients.

Don Adams is a recovered substance abuser who is pursuing a college degree in addictive therapy. Kathy Caro married young and raised a family, but decided to return to college to pursue a career as an RN.

Keith Manson grew up in a culture of violence and drugs,



VC President Greg Gillespie says a few words about the Phoenix Scholarship program.

Today's Program *VHS Interact Bake Sale*

Introductions:

Bill Kearney

Future Programs

Jun 11 "The Gathering Storm" w/ Dr. Cheatham

Jun 17 Demotion Party (DARK Jun. 18)

but decided to rise above that and become a welder. Caryanne Shin overcame poverty, alcoholism and cancer to pursue a degree in psychology and even start her own non-profit to help people in similar situations.

VC President Greg Gillespie ended the program by remarking on the importance of the Phoenix program.



Norbert Tan discusses the scholarship program and introduces four recipients.



Caryanne Shin shares her life story and how her education has allowed her to fulfill her goals.



Dave Wellik introduces Caleb Bigler, who will sing the National Anthem at our Fourth of July event.



Amy Fonzo led the meeting off with the Serenity Prayer and introductions.



Lynda Girtsman and Irene Henry of the JGMF gave a check to the Salvation Army's Rob Orth.



Don Adams describes his long journey to become an accomplished graduate.



Katuska Hernandez Caro described the sacrifices needed to be a parent and a full-time student.



Keith Manson talks how returning to school has helped his life in many positive ways.

President Irene's Demotion Party



Sign Up!
In less than 2 weeks!
Bring your bowling shoes, this is going to be a casual, fun affair!

Discovery | Ventura
Bowling, Cocktails & California Cuisine
1888 E. Thompson Blvd.
June 17, 2014
5:00 PM to 9:30 PM

June Birthdays

Jeffrey Lambert, Jun 03
 Larry Emrich, Jun 09
 Warren Lovell, Jun 13
 Hank Chandler, Jun 14
 Jack Wood, Jun 15
 Curtis Cormane, Jun 22
 Rosa Lee Measures, Jun 25

June Anniversaries

SusAnne Chung, Jun 01
 Hank Chandler, Jun 06,
 Roger Case, Jun 07
 Lynda Girtsman, Jun 07
 Jeffrey Lambert, Jun 10
 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

WE'RE BACK



4th of July

2014 Family Festival & Fireworks
at Ventura College

Help make it happen!

Sponsors/Volunteers ... contact venturafireworks@gmail.com
www.venturafireworks.com

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We need your help for a couple of hours at the July 4 event. Please use the sign-up sheet at your table!

Listen Up!

Here is a link to an interview Larry Emrich did with Lance Orozco at KCLU.

<http://www.kclu.org/2014/05/30/polio-survivor-in-ventura-county-part-of-global-effort-to-eradicate-disease/>



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