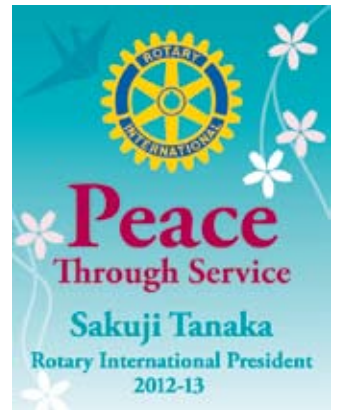


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Girl Power! How to Rise from Severe Poverty

Today's speaker has graced our club many times in the past. Past District Governor (2010-11) Deepa Willingham, will be speaking on the need for empowerment of women to overcome poverty.



Consider the following:

- Half the human population living on less than \$2/day
- More than 1.5 billion people living with no access to clean water
- More than 2.6 billion people living with no access to proper sanitation
- 26,000 children dying each day from preventable causes
- More than 134 million children not going to school on an annual basis
- More than 300,000 children getting engaged as soldiers against their wishes
- More than two million children, mostly girls, getting sold each year as slaves or for the sex trade

Deepa is a naturalized citizen of the United States, was born and brought up in Calcutta, India where she obtained her primary and secondary education under the stewardship of Mother Teresa, who was her teacher, undergraduate degree at the University of Calcutta and came to the United States in 1964 to pursue graduate degrees.

Mrs. Willingham's professional life was spent in health-care management, education and entrepreneurship. She and her husband, Mr. Richard Willingham, are business

owners. Currently, however, most of Mrs. Willingham's time and personal resources are spent in the non-profit sector. She is an active Rotarian and she is the Founder/Chair of PACE Universal. Through PACE Universal and the Piyali Learning Center (PLC) she is meticulously "selling" the concept of allowing girls to be educated instead of being married in early childhood or being sent to work, or being sold for sex trade. Through her efforts and use of personal resources she is determined to make PLC a poverty eradication proto-type model that others can duplicate to heal a hurting planet.

June 13 Club Social at Ventura Yacht Club

It's time for another Ventura Rotary club social!

- Who: Rotarians, potential members, family, & friends
What: Springtime Party featuring our famous RC of Ventura potluck format
Where: Ventura Yacht Club 1755 Spinnaker Drive
When: Thursday June 13th 6:00-8:00 pm
Why: Because the club will be grilling big burgers and kosher hot dogs with all the trimmings; (kids and grand kids would like 'em)
How: Service, plates, utensils, napkins, etc. will be provided along with water, and maybe coffee.

Please bring a family favorite dish or favorite finger food to pass. Also bring your favorite alcoholic or soft beverage if you wish.

A sign up sheet will be available at the next two meetings

I can always use help with clean up and the grilling. Let Terry Schaeffer know if you are interested.

It promises be fun as usual.

Recap of May 29, 2013 Meeting

Dan Holmes started the meeting with a flag salute and a reading of, "The Promise." The song crew was absent today, so Kristin Taylor and Todd Binkley stepped in to lead us in "The Star Spangles Banner." For her Rotary Moment, Betsy Chess shared impressions she wrote about a visit to the D-Day landing sites in Normandy, France. Her moving account included walking the beaches of the particularly bloody Omaha Beach.

As chairman of the JGMF, Larry Emrich presented a \$5,000.00 check to the Westside Community Development Corporation. The monies, accepted by club member Curtis Cormane and Felipe Flores of Habitat for Humanity, will go to home weatherization efforts of low income Westside Ventura residents.

Sandra Laby invited members to a Harmony Project student recital at Sheridan Way School. Kristin Taylor talked about the Coats for Kids program. Lynda Girtsman presented made past member Nanci Cone our newest Paul Harris Fellow.

The club awarded two scholarships for community service to a couple of high school seniors. Joe Richards and Barbara Fitzgerald presented the Don Leach Scholarships to Leslie Gonzalez, who will be pursuing a Nursing degree at CalState Northridge and to Katelyn Dembowski, who will be at Cal Lutheran in the fall, studying Political Science.

President Indy shared the meaning of the Ellis Island



Dan Holmes led the club meeting with introductions and invocations.

Today's Agenda

Girl Power! with Deepa Willingham

Introductions

Steve Kipp

Rotary Moment

Mystery

Fining

Dave Loe

Medal of Honor Award given to Dr. Mel Cheatham. We also celebrated Dr. Cheatham's birthday with a special cake made by Roxanne Nomura (RC Carpinteria).



Mike Anderson and Mario de la Piedra share an idea for a club golf fundraiser.



Mark Sauer fined on a subject that he is passionate about: tennis.



President Indy celebrates Dr. Mel Cheatham's Ellis Island Award and his birthday.

Upcoming Events

Club Social

Ventura Yacht Club

Jun 13, 2013 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

President Indy's Demotion

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Jun 18, 2013 05:00 PM - 09:00 PM

Please note that we will be **DARK** for the meetings of June 19 and July 3.



Betsy Chess shares a letter to her husband concerning a stirring visit to the D-Day landing sites in France.



Leslie Gonzalez thanks the club for a scholarship she received for her community service.



President Indy looks on as former member Nanci Cone thanks the Club for her Paul Harris Fellowship.



Katelyn Dembowski was another recipient of a Ventura Rotary scholarship.



The 2014 Rotary International Convention will be held in Sydney, Australia.

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