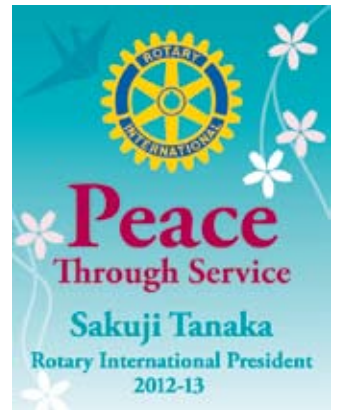


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Updates from Ventura County Sheriff Geoff Dean

Our guest speaker today is Geoff Dean, the 19th Sheriff of Ventura County and a 35-year veteran of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Dean will give us an update on law enforcement in the Ventura County, particularly of items of interest to agriculture; i.e., orchard thefts, cock fighting, etc.



He is a lifetime resident of California, born in Los Angeles and raised in Simi Valley, he has lived in Camarillo for the past 21 years. Prior to being elected Sheriff, he worked varied assignments throughout the Department including commanding the SWAT Team, Chief of Police for the City of Moorpark and overseeing three of the Sheriff's four divisions.

Geoff is involved in various community activities including RC of Camarillo, the Board of Directors for Casa Pacifica home for abused kids and the American Cancer Society's Community Council to mention a few. He and Marlene married twenty-five years. He has two children; Lindsey 23, who is in law school, and Andy 21, who is a college sophomore. Geoff holds 2 Masters Degrees: in Public Administration & Management from Cal Poly Pomona. He is a graduate of the California State Peace Officers Command College.

Department Mission

The stated mission is, "We, the members of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, are committed to safeguard the

lives and property of residents of Ventura County and respond to public concerns in a manner which promotes neighborhoods free from the fear of crime.

The strategy for accomplishing this mission is to preserve the peace, prevent crime, apprehend offenders, facilitate problem solving community partnerships, enforce laws, provide secure and humane detention for persons lawfully entrusted to our care and display empathy and respect for the dignity of all individuals

A Brief History of the Ventura County Sheriffs

The Office of the Sheriff for Ventura County began in February, 1873, with the election of Sheriff Frank Peterson. What began as a duty to collect taxes and catch horse thieves has evolved significantly as the county has changed and grown. Seventeen other Sheriffs have held the Office of the Sheriff since 1873. The administration of justice (and more criminals going to trial rather than the dispensing of "frontier justice") became more sophisticated during the late 1800s. Sheriff E.G. McMartin, a popular and upright man who was elected Sheriff five times, was the first and only Sheriff killed in the line of duty while apprehending a murder suspect in 1921.

Public hangings and bootlegging arrests gave way to police practices and procedures commonly recognized today. The modern era of Ventura County law enforcement began in 1959 with Sheriff William Hill. The 1970s saw the genesis of community involvement programs like Community Orientated Policing and Problem Solving (C.O.P.P.S.), DARE and Neighborhood Watch. Today, the cornerstone of county policing is the partnership between the Sheriff's Office and county residents

This Thursday at 6 p.m.:
Club Social at Ventura Yacht Club

Recap of June 05, 2013 Meeting

Steve Kipp kicked off the meeting with an invocation and introductions. Regular songleaders RoseAnn Hill and Clyde Reynolds were joined by guest crooner Sonny Shah, leading us in "God Bless America."

Mary Saputo reported on the Ventura High School's Reading Faire she recently attended. This event, which our Rotary Club supports financially, involves tenth grade English honor students who put together an event that encourages younger grade school students to read more. Terry Schaeffer reminded us that our next Club Social will be at the Ventura Yacht Club on July 13th at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share and a beverage for yourself. Burgers and dogs will be available. Kristin Taylor announced that six schools are participating in the Coats for Kids program by donating the year-end contents of their Lost and Found lockers. Can't help but think that some of these kids will be getting their stuff back... Dave Loe performed his fining on topic of travel.

Dan Holmes has posted the headshots he took a little while back. Proceeds from this effort are going to purchase a Shelterbox.

Gius Foundation leaders Larry Emrich and Hutch Hutchinson presented the latest JGMF grant for \$2,500.00 to the Greengrow project, an outdoor class venue at Ventura High School. Lynn Mikeletos by Ventura City Corps and Lynn Mikeletos outdoor classroom at VHS.

Program

Past District 5240 Governor Deepa Willingham was introduced by Terry Schaeffer. Deepa noted to the club that, "The greatest kind of giving is giving to those you will never meet." In this context she gave us an update on the Pace Universal project that our club participated in several years ago. Located near Calcutta, India, Deepa helped found the campus in 2005 and now some 230 girls are enrolled, receiving a full education and skills to begin raising this rural area out of desperate poverty.

The model has been very successful and it is planned to be duplicated in other parts of the world. Deepa sees a Strategic Partnership with Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. She intends that Pace Universal will align with the new RI 'Future Vision' grant structure with it's six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/

Today's Agenda

Updates from Sheriff Geoff Dean

Introductions

Sherry Scott

Rotary Moment

Mary Saputo

Fining

Mystery

resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy and economic and community development

She ended the presentation with a quote from Gandhi, "The tolerance of poverty is the worst form of violence."

Hey Duffers! Ventura Rotary Golf Outing at Spanish Hills!

Please join us at Spanish Hills Country Club on June 20th at 2:00 p.m. for a Ventura Rotary Golf Outing. You do not need to be a good golfer, you just need to be willing to have some fun! The format will be a 4-Person Scramble (Pick the best shot, all hit from there and pick the best shot and repeat until holed out). This is limited to 20 players and is open to Rotarians and friends. The cost is \$60/player with \$15 going to benefit Rotary projects. By the way if you just want to be a spectator, that is ok (cost will be \$25).

Please RSVP to Mike Anderson!



PDG Deepa Willingham gave an update on the girls school in India.



Lynn Mikeletos accepts a grant from the club on behalf of Ventura City Corp, as Doug Halter looks on.



Kristin Taylor updates us on Coats for Kids as President Indy thanks her for her efforts.



Steve Kipp conducts the invocation and introductions.

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

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



Terry Schaeffer introduced our guest speaker.



Dave Loe stumped us on a favorite topic of his, travel.

A Summary of 2012-13 JGMF Grants

The Julius Gius Memorial Foundation (JGMF) is the charitable arm [501(c)3 organization] of the Rotary Club of Ventura. All members of our club contribute funds quarterly to the JGMF, and the JGMF Board sets aside a certain amount of money for charitable grants; this year that amount was \$23,000. During the month of February, the JGMF puts out Requests for Grants to members, some of whom then sponsor applications for grants on behalf of their favorite organization. The JGMF receives grant applications throughout the month of February each year, reads and reviews the grants in March and makes the awards in April. Here are the grants that received a total of \$22,890 in funding this Rotary Year:

- Women's Economic Ventures \$2500, Brenda Allison, training and scholarships for women in business
- Westside Community Development \$5000, Curtis Cormane, weatherproofing homes for seniors on the Westside
- Readers' Faire \$1000, Larry Emrich, Materials and support for students who create and read books to over 1500 elementary students
- Ventura Educational Partnership \$1000, Barbara Fitzgerald, sheet music and musical equipment for students at De Anza Middle School
- City Corps \$2500, Doug Halter, Green Grow Project, outdoor classrooms for growing vegetables
- Rubicon \$1000, RosaLee Measures, student educational outreach
- Ventura College Foundation \$5000, Norbert Tan & Ellyn Dembowski, five scholarships to older returning

- students, including veterans
- AVID: Ventura HS, \$890, Larry Dawes, SAT Prep for AVID students
- New West Symphony \$2500, Sandra Laby, Orchestral music program at Sheridan Way
- Ventura YMCA \$1500, Margo Byrnes, Youth in Government program

Members of the Julius Gius Board this past Rotary Year included Larry Emrich, Hutch Hutchinson, Lynda Girstman, Indy Batra and Irene Henry.



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