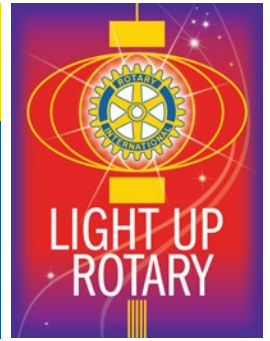


# ROTARY SPOKES

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## Ventura Botanical Gardens: An Update

Dr. Robert Warnagieris will discuss the background, vision and progress of the Ventura Botanical Gardens. The Gardens consist of 107 acres of hillside known as Grant Park directly behind City Hall. The Gardens do not include approximately 1 ¼ acres owned by the Cross Conservancy. He will describe the development of the popular hiking trail and the many sponsor sites available to individuals, corporations and other organizations. City Council approval for Phase 1 was granted in March.



Dr. Warnagieris had a 39 year career with the Department of the Navy in the field of missile test and evaluation. He is a former Executive Director of the Pacific Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, CA. Dr. Warnagieris served 10 years as a member of the U.S. Senior Executive Service.

He had a parallel career of 28 years in education and served on school boards in Ventura and Santa Maria. He was an Associate Professor for the University of La Verne and West Coast University in the fields of public policy, education, and strategic business management

## Laurie Rozet Passes

Laurie Rozet has died after a bout with pneumonia, according to her daughter, Marni Rozet. According to Marni, "My mom was truly a remarkable and brilliant woman. She travelled literally all over the world and took in experiences and cultures that many of us can't imagine, from participating in wedding ceremonies of the head hunters in Papua New Guinea to being the last American evacuated from Honduras during their civil war to traveling across the Sahara on camel back."

Laurie joined the Rotary Club of Ventura in November of 2007, having been proposed by Rosa Lee Measures. She has received 6 Paul Harris fellowships and is a

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at the masters and doctoral levels. He also lectured in engineering for CSUN.

After retirement in 1996 Dr. Warnagieris was active as an advocate for the elderly. He held several leadership positions in Ventura County nonprofit organizations. He served on the AARP Legislative Team and was the Acting CA State President in 2009. He is currently a member of the VC Civic Alliance Executive Council and also a member of the Board of Directors for the Ventura Botanical Gardens Project.

His education includes a BS in Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo; an MBA from University of California, Los Angeles; a Mid-Career Fellowship at Princeton University in Public and International Affairs; and an Ed.D. from the University of La Verne.. He also attended the Naval Post-Graduate School at Monterey, California (Engineering), the University of California, Santa Barbara (Education) and the Federal Executive Institute at the University of Virginia.

Dr. Warnagieris resides with his wife Ann in Ventura, CA



## Meeting Recap of June 10

Mary Saputo offered a prayer to start the meeting. "America the Beautiful" was sung by Staci Johnson, RoseAnn Hill and Clyde Reynolds.

Staci Johnson announced that the Fourth of July event posters are now available and need to be distributed by club members at public sites around the City.

Kristin Taylor announced that the Coats for Kids program is under way again with the collecting of lost coats from area schools. She thanked Larry Dawes for his leadership in this effort.

New member Marty Armstrong has been tapped as the club leader for this year's Color Run in October. This event brings in funding for club projects. He had posters available for distribution.

Dale Jaedtke fined on all things about his new grandson.

Betsy Chess used her Rotary Moment to acknowledge some of the club behind-the-scenes activities, including the work of Jim Deardorff in Membership and Club Secretary duties.

### Program

Cynthia Marshall is the author of the book "Nest Egg Hunter." This is also a business she started 2 years ago, helping find uncollected insurance money, retirement accounts and sticks. For a percentage of the recovered funds, her company tracks down the information that can lead to long lost money.

She shared a few cases she had successfully worked on, including recovering annuities dating back several decades. Insurance companies are not doing their job in locating beneficiaries and Nest Egg Hunters sorts through over 1300 companies to locate funds for their clients.

There is \$1.4 trillion dollars hidden in the reserves by life insurance companies. In the United States 1 out of every 600 people is a beneficiary of a life insurance policy and unaware of this fact.

## Today's Program *Ventura Botanical Gardens*

Introductions: Mark Sauer  
Rotary Moment: Lynda Girtsman  
Fining: Stephen Kipp

### Future Programs

Jun 23 Demotion Party  
Jun 24 Dark  
Jul 01 President Mario's First Meeting



*We say goodbye to our RI President Gary C.K. Huang.*



*The recent Rotary International convention in Sao Paolo, Brazil, was well-attended.*

## Rotary Grants US\$40.3 Million to Eradicate Polio Worldwide

The continued fight to stamp out polio will receive an additional \$40.3 million boost from Rotary to support immunization activities and research carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Rotary grants these funds to the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF for polio immunization, surveillance and research activities in 10 countries.

The funding commitment comes at a critical time as Nigeria – the last polio-endemic country in Africa – approaches one-year since its last case of polio, which occurred in Kano State on 24 July, 2014. If the current progress continues, WHO may remove Nigeria from the list of polio-endemic countries as early as September. In addition to the notable progress in Nigeria, no new cases of polio have been reported anywhere in Africa since August 2014.

Experts do, however, strongly caution that it is too soon to fully celebrate. Nigeria needs to go an additional two years without polio to be certified polio-free. Funding and support for high-quality immunization campaigns and surveillance activities will be key to sustaining current gains.

“We are closer than we’ve ever been to wiping out polio,” said Mike McGovern, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. “Although there has been noteworthy progress made against the disease, children remain at risk. Rotary – along with our partners – must continue to stay the course and remain steadfast in our plight to eradicate polio. These funds will help boost our efforts to combat polio worldwide.”

The only two other polio-endemic countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, continue to experience hurdles in polio eradication campaigns including inaccessibility to children and security. Last year, Pakistan saw an outbreak which resulted in more than 300 cases, the highest number in the country in more than a decade. As a result, Pakistan accounted for almost 90% of the world’s cases. However, there has been improvement in 2015. Cases are down nearly 70% over this same time in 2014.



**\$40.3 Million** In new funding from Rotary for polio eradication

Progress against polio, while significant, remains fragile. Rotary’s funds will support immunization efforts in: \$9.9 million in Nigeria; \$12.2 million in Pakistan and \$2.3 million in Afghanistan.

Additional funds will support efforts to keep other at-risk countries polio-free. The grants include \$1 million, Cameroon; \$900,000, Chad; \$2 million, Democratic Republic of Congo; \$1.1 million, Ethiopia; \$1 million, Niger; \$1.5 million, Somalia; and \$1.5, South Sudan. In addition, grants totaling \$5.8 million will provide surveillance in African and Eastern Mediterranean regions. Grants to Africa alone total \$19 million. In total, Rotary has donated \$688.5 million to support polio eradication efforts in Africa over the past thirty years.

Since the initiative launched in 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to less than 400 confirmed in 2014.

Rotary’s roles within the initiative are fundraising, advocacy, and social mobilization. To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.4 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio. Through 2018, every new dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year.



## Laurie Rozet

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Benefactor and Bequest Society Level 1 Member. The JGMF participated in helping fund her donations to establish water wells in Sudan. Despite health issues, she made every attempt to attend meetings with the help of Steve Bradvica and Dick Hatcher.




Laurie's passions overflowed into many arenas including being a pioneer in after school daycare programs. During the mid 1970's, as women began to again enter the workforce in greater numbers, there was a growing need for child care services. Several visionary leaders in the Santa Monica and West Los Angeles area identified the need for a program to help parents in the community.

When real estate developer Doug Pardee made a significant donation to Family Services of Santa Monica, it was used to launch this new program. Laurie Rozet became the first Executive Director, volunteering her time and working out of a tiny backroom at Family Services. Laurie was an energetic, determined fundraiser and secured a grant from the City of Santa Monica. When AB3059 created a permanent funding stream for Child Care Resource & Referral and Alternate Payment (subsidy), Laurie secured these funds as well, to ensure the fledgling program would be part of the emerging

system of state support for child care.

By 1976, the program had emerged as a leading authority on child care and had grown so much that it was time to become an independent agency. The new organization was renamed Connections For Children. Funding continued to increase, making possible the creation of the Mobile Toy Loan program, lunchtime chats about quality child care, support for centers and family child care homes, and expansion to a South Bay office. New collaborations grew as well, with UCLA, Santa Monica College, and other community agencies interested in quality child care. When Laurie Rozet retired in the mid 1980's,

Connections For Children was a thriving non-profit organization with a strong track record.



**Time to say  
"Tot ziens"  
June 23, 2015  
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| <p><b>June Birthdays</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larry Emrich, Jun 09</li> <li>Steve Chadbourne, Jun 13</li> <li>Warren Lovell, Jun 13</li> <li>Hank Chandler, Jun 14</li> <li>Jack Wood, Jun 15</li> <li>Curtis Cormane, Jun 22</li> <li>Rosa Lee Measures, Jun 25</li> </ul> | <p><b>June Anniversaries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hank Chandler, Jun 06,</li> <li>Roger Case, Jun 07</li> <li>Lynda Girtsman, Jun 07</li> <li>Kristin Taylor, Jun 13</li> <li>Andrew Soter, Jun 16</li> <li>John McConica II, Jun 25</li> <li>Dick Hatcher, Jun 26</li> <li>Saurabh Bajaj, Jun 28</li> <li>Larry Rasmussen, Jun 30</li> </ul> |
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## REMINDER

We are dark for the Meeting of June 24, 2015. You will probably still be recovering from the Demotion Party.



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