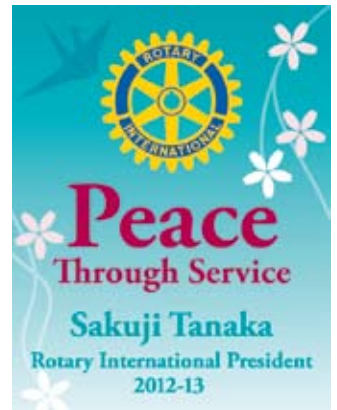


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Diabetes 101: What It Is, Why It Matters and How We Help

Diabetes is on the rise in the U.S. and around the world. It affects the health and well-being of people of every age and walk of life, including those living in Ventura and Santa Barbara. It also impacts our economy and future generations. Yet, many people are unfamiliar with this serious



disease and the work done at Sansum Diabetes Research Institute to combat it. This presentation will inform you about their mission, history, cutting edge research and educational outreach programs designed to prevent, treat and ultimately cure diabetes. The presentation will be given by the new Executive Director, Rem Laan and, Douglas McRae, Director of Philanthropy.

Rem Laan serves as the as Executive Director for Sansum Diabetes Research Institute. He is responsible for their non-profit organization's strategic planning, operations, major gift development and cultivation of donor relationships.

Mr. Laan has extensive industry experience in the field of diabetes in the U.S. and globally. He comes to Sansum Diabetes from Roche Diagnostics, where he spent more than ten years in successively responsible positions culminating in his role as Vice President for External Affairs in their North American Diabetes Care business. Previously, Mr. Laan was Director of Marketing for Disetronic Medical Systems, a Swiss insulin pump manufacturer, for more than four years until it was acquired by Roche. He recently spent nearly six years with Roche in Mannheim, Germany as a Vice President of Marketing for the Diabetes Care division. Roche

Diabetes Care is the #1 blood glucose meter manufacturer and the #2 insulin pump manufacturer worldwide. Mr. Laan received his bachelor's degree in Economics from Carleton College and MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

Douglas F. McRae is the Director of Philanthropy for Sansum Diabetes Research Institute, Santa Barbara, California, an internationally recognized organization devoted to the prevention, treatment and cure of diabetes. As the Director of Philanthropy, he is responsible principally for major and planned gift development. Previously, he was a principal of The Capital Alliance Group, LLC a consulting group focusing on philanthropy, and served as its President and Chief Operating Officer. Before his association with CAG, he worked in the trust and investment field with U. S. Trust, Northern Trust Bank and First Interstate Bank of California.

Mr. McRae holds a B.S. in Accounting from La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA, an M.A. in Financial Management from George Washington University, Washington, D.C., and obtained his Certified Financial Planner designation. Before embarking on his financial career, he served with the United States Marine Corps attaining the rank of Captain. Mr. McRae's pro-bono activities have included a number of nonprofit Board positions and he currently he is a member of the California State University Channel Islands Foundation Board of Trustees and serves as Chair of the Finance/Investment Committee.



The bulletin is uploaded every week now to our Facebook page, as well as other images and notices of club activities. Please 'like' us!

Recap of June 12, 2013 Meeting

For her Invocation to start the meeting, Sherry Scott offered a prayer. For her Rotary Moment, Mary Saputo shared how she helped with canine adoption group and was helped by Rotarian Dave Wellik. Ellyn Dembowski announced that the need for this years' Backpacks for Kids project is up to 850 students! Please consider donating money or supplies to this worthwhile endeavor.

Joe Richards presented two more Rotary scholarships: Brian Gialketsis is a Buena High School Interactor, who headed up that club's Adopt-A-Grandparent program and he will be pursuing environmental sustainability at UC Berkeley Conservational Environmental Studies; Stephen Mariani is a Foothill Technology High School student where he helped in reading programs and will study political science at Tufts University.

President Indy thanked Jill Powell, our server, for her longtime help in catering our lunches and made her an honorary member of the Club. We also offered the Birthday Song for Jack Wood and Warren Lovell.

Program

Ventura County Sheriff Geoff Dean gave the club an update on the current status of the County. He mentioned Operation Wicked Hand, a Mexican Mafia crackdown which yielded 27 indictments over seven months. The gang issue is still problematic, with some 50 different gangs in local jails and the Sheriff's gang unit achieving 320 arrests, confiscating 60 guns and serving 400 warrants.



Irene Henry, Linda Roos, Terry Adams and RoseAnn Hill enjoy the Demotion Party dinner offerings.

Today's Agenda

Diabetes 101 with Rem Laan and Douglas McRae

Introductions

Andy Soter

Rotary Moment

Betsy Chess

Fining

Ron Bamieh

Sheriff Dean also shared some newly available app technology to help cut down resources, as well as unmanned aerial vehicles (Drones) for Search and Rescue, inspecting suspicious devices, and backcountry marijuana interdiction.



Jim Deardorff presents President Indy with his parting gift, a GPS receiver.



Mario de la Piedra receives a Paul Harris Fellowship as PDG First Lady Roxanne Nomura look on.



Rob van Nieuwburg, Saurabh Bajaj, Sonny Shah and Hema Tarachandani kick off the Demotion Party.



President Indy, self-proclaimed "not-so-wiseguy," speaks in front of an image of the ultimate "wiseguy."



Past District Governor Wade Nomura joins in a laugh with President Indy.



Ron Bamieh shares tweets from both the good and evil sides of our outgoing president. #indygobyebye



Curtis Cormane delivers President Indy's year of accomplishments strictly by the numbers.



Dave Loe relates little known aspects of President Indy's life.

Your 2013-14 Ventura Rotary Executive Board



Being sworn into office by Superior Court Justice, The Honorable Fred Bysshe, are, from left; Irene Henry, President; Mary Saputo, Assistant Director, Vocational Service; Courtney Lindberg, Director, New Generations Service; Dale Jaedtke, Assistant Director, New Generations Service; Mario de la Piedra, Director, Club Service; Roz Warner, Assistant Director, Club Service; Rob vanNieuwburg, President Elect; Connie Young, Treasurer; Christina Rust, Director, International Service and Jim Deardorff, Secretary. Not pictured: Jeff King, Director, Vocational Service; Albert McCartney, Assistant Director, International Service; Steve Warriner, Assistant Director, Community Service;

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