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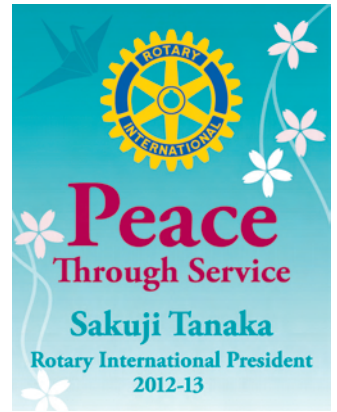
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End of Plastic

Cheney Caldwell is wrapping up her senior year at CSU Channel Islands as a Sociology major, with an emphasis in institutions and inequality. Although she is best at adventuring in the great outdoors, she has been consumed (positively) with her studies and creating an after school enrichment program for local middle school youth.

Cheney has been involved in Rotary for a while now and she is no stranger to the Ventura Club. Our club, along with the other Ventura clubs, sponsored Ventura Rotaract which was chartered in May 2010. Cheney was instrumental in organizing 18-35 year olds into the new club and served as the first president from 2010-12. Ventura Rotaract is a dynamic group that is very involved in both local and international projects.

Her time in Rotary has taught her that youth drive change, and her hope is that by empowering youth with knowledge, exposing them to outdoor learning, and providing a community platform for them to speak their minds and create change, they will charge through life as confident humanitarian environmentalists. She loves where Rotary and higher education have taken her, and looks forward to what is around the bend.



Cheney Caldwell is seen here working on a house addition in Mexico as part of an International Service project for Ventura Rotaract.

Bloomberg Philanthropies to donate US\$100 million to polio eradication

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has announced a \$100 million donation to support polio eradication efforts through Bloomberg Philanthropies. The donation represents a six-year commitment to help fund the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

“We’re at a critical juncture in the global effort to end polio,” says Bloomberg. “If we’re going to achieve a polio-free world, we must act quickly and commit now to providing the resources needed.”

Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are global partners in the GPEI.

“On behalf of Rotary International -- and on behalf of all Rotarians -- I thank Mr. Bloomberg and his foundation for this generous contribution of \$100 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative,” says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. “Not only will this donation help us reach the most at-risk children with polio vaccine, it will also inspire other individuals, foundations, and businesses in the private sector to take part in this history-making endeavor to achieve a polio-free world.”

Recap of February 27, 2013 meeting

Dr. Dick Hatcher asked members for a moment of silence for Christina Rusts and the recent loss of her son. President Indy would later remind members of the memorial service and to keep Christina in our thoughts and prayers.

Our go-to patriotic song leader Sonny Shah led the club in 'God Bless America.'

Kristin Taylor, in her Rotary moment, recalled traipsing down a dirt path in South Africa where she came upon a one-room classroom and saw the Rotary logo over the door. She would discover that this was one of 150 classrooms built by a single Rotary Club! Ultimately this club, from 1977 to 1997 would build some 2500 classrooms.

Greg Kincaid awarded Juan Soto a Julius Gius Foundation Award. President Indy asked President-elect Irene Henry to officiate in the induction of Daniel Saltee, who joins the club with the designation of Architecture. Daniel was sponsored by Curtis Cormane.

Program

The speaker was club member Hank Chandler. To put his topic in perspective, Hank first spoke of his background. He was born in north-central Texas, where his grandfather was a real western guy, and Hank grew to love the lifestyle in his environment and reading a lot of westerns. He would move his way west, settling in this area were he worked in the Sheriffs department and achieve his masters degree.

Hank spoke mostly of one of California's most notorious outlaws, Joaquin Murrieta. Hank painted a picture of the difficult life in California in 1850s where day to day life was tough and one had to be self sufficient. The landscape here was mostly scattered ranchos until the gold discoveries throughout the state, even here in Ventura County. It was in this chaotic time that outlaws appeared to take advantage of Spanish settlers and Chinese immigrants. This time also saw the rise of vigilante groups because of corrupt law enforcement and general lawlessness of the time.

There is a lot of myth surrounding Joaquin Murrieta and the full truth may never be known. He was either born in

Today's Agenda *Cheney Caldwell* "End of Plastic"

Introductions
Mystery

Rotary Moment
Doug Wood

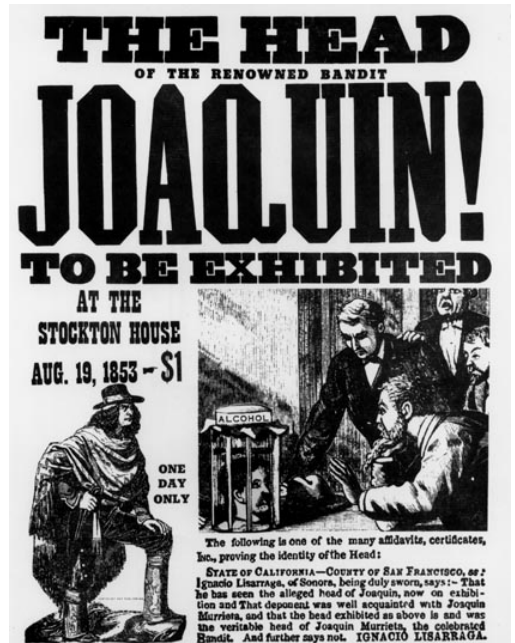
Fining
Mike Anderson

Sonora or Chile. He is considered a Mexican hero, a Robin Hood-type or a murderous criminal. He was a noble Mexican landowner or an opportunist. His brother was possibly lynched by miners and his wife raped.

Some facts are clear. He came to CA in 1850s.

He had been thru Ventura several times and had formed a gang called the Five Joaquins. This gang was responsible for the majority of murders and robberies in the Mother Lode country. He stole over \$100,000 in gold and robbed stagecoaches. He killed 19 people, mostly Chinese immigrant workers and stole over 100 horses. He even attacked a schooner near Stockton for gold. His gang killed three lawmen.

By May 1853 the situation had gotten so bad that the governor created the California State Rangers: their only charge was to catch Murrieta. Some 50 rangers were dispatched statewide. On 25 July 1853 at Monterey, two of the gang were killed including Murrieta and Three-fingered Jack. The head of Murrieta was preserved as evidence for the governor to collect a sizeable reward.





Sonny Shah leads us in a patriotic song as President Indy looks on.



Daniel Saltee speaks as part of his induction to the Club.



Hank Chandler entertains the Club with his program of one of California's most notorious outlaws.

Upcoming Events

2013 District 5240 Assembly (Coastal)
Pacifica High School, Oxnard
April 13, 2013

President Indy's Demotion
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Jun 18, 2013 05:00 PM - 09:00 PM



Juan Soto accepts his award from the Julius Gius Foundation Award.



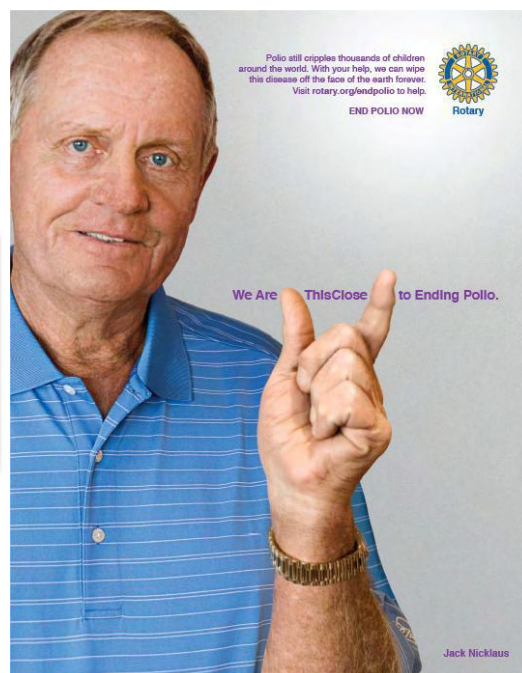
Dick Hatcher led the meeting off by asking members to remember Christina Rust in this trying time for her.



Successful Fundraiser for Martin

What a great party last Saturday night!! Good food, good friends in a great house with great views! Thanks to all of those who came, and those of you who contributed. The party was a success and our exchange student, Martin, will be able to enjoy his end-of-year train trip!

The event was organized by Lynda Girtsman and Ellyn Dembowski. Thanks to Doug Halter and Randy Encinas (including his fantastic tamales!) for providing their beautiful house; Chef Didier at 71 Palm for his 150 individual creme brulees; Anacapa Brewery for beer; Toyota and Rob vanNieuwburg for the shuttle; Ventura High School volunteers and our silent auction donors: Rubicon Theater for tickets, the Johnston's for fabulous jewelry, Dan Holmes for his framed photo and Indy Batra for notebook computer.



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