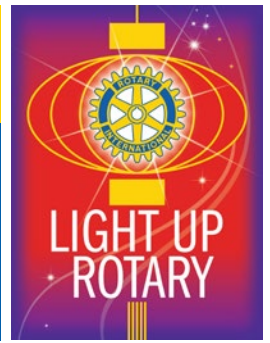


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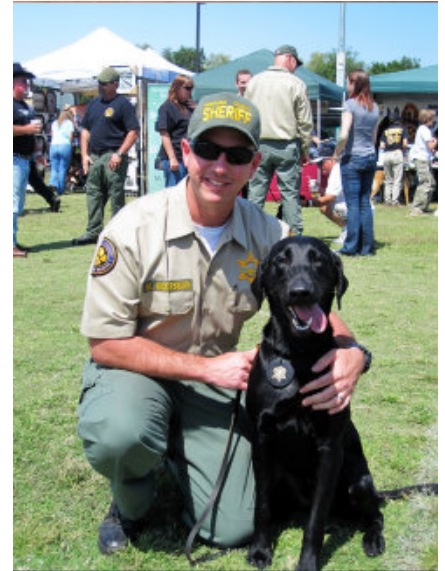
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## Ventura County Sheriff K9 Search and Rescue

Today's guest speakers are Mike Grossman and Bob Massey of the Ventura County Sheriff's K9 Search and Rescue Unit, who will be discussing how they train, the different jobs they perform, the capabilities of their K9's and their role with the Sheriff's Department.

Mike Grossman is the Sergeant for Ventura County K9 Search and Rescue. He and his family live in Moorpark, California where Mike is a manager in the family owned business, Metal Graphics Inc. Mike has two certified K9's which work distinctly different jobs on the team.



Mike's bloodhound, Roscoe, is a trailing dog and will follow the scent trail of a specific subject when given a scent article at the point last seen. Mike's other dog, Dino, does HRD, human remains detection.

Since joining the team Mike has made a substantial contribution to the support and professional growth of all his teammates. His efforts have made it possible for all team members to pursue ongoing

Bob Massey was originally from New Jersey. He and his family moved from Los Angeles to Ventura in 1979. He lives in west Ventura. His son and two granddaughters also reside in Ventura. Bob works as the IT Manager for the CPA firm, Soares, Sandall, Bernacchi and Petrovich in Oxnard, CA.

Bob taught for many years as a Certified Novell Instructor. He is a past president of the Thousand Oaks Computer Club and a member of Toastmasters. He joined the Ventura County Sheriff's K9 Search and Rescue Unit in the year 2000. Bob's early experience in the Boy Scouts, his avid interest in backpacking and climbing and his love of working with dogs dovetailed naturally into his activities of

Search and Rescue. He worked his bloodhound, Fausto, for 11 years. Fausto retired 2 years ago and passed away last year.

Bob's new partner, Jazz, is a rare Hanovarian Hound. Jazz has been in training for about a year and works in a discipline called trailing. She is presented with a scent article from a missing subject and then given the task of following the scent trail from the location where the subject was seen. Bob and Jazz will train for hundreds of hours every year as do all of the Search and Rescue K9s.

In the past Bob has trained in numerous weeklong workshops with some of the top Bloodhound handlers in the United States thru organizations such as the Las Vegas Police Department, The Southern California Bloodhound Coalition, CSAR, and with Tactical Tracking Teams in Amador County. Bob and Jazz are now close to currently certifying as a Type II California Emergency Management Agency Trailing Team. This will qualify Bob and Jazz to respond to mutual aid requests throughout California and Nevada.

## Meeting Recap of March 04

Indy Batra opened the meeting with one of his trademark “wise words from a not-so-wise guy” and asked us to think of three people we know and how we might help them in the next 30 days.

### Program

In a deviation from the normal order of the meeting, President Rob called for the program to start first to accommodate our speakers’ schedules. Three doctors who practice at Community Memorial Hospital spoke about their specialties and the expected changes as the new hospital building nears completion.

Dr. Stanley Frochtzwajg is the Chief Medical Officer for CMH and describes his role as a ‘translator of the needs of doctors and administrators’ to make the hospital operate at its best. He focused on the changing record-keeping systems to allow faster and more accurate transfer of information and better access for patients to their own data. It is hoped that building a new hospital with advanced technology attracts new physicians in the future. He also mentioned the residency program started 1 ½ years ago and the focus on hospitalists, ie specialists in particular fields.

Dr. Chris Johnson is Medical Director of the Emergency Department. The new facility will expand the number of available Emergency beds from 23 to 35 and allow quicker access to operating rooms and scanning equipment.

Dr Alison Shuman is a Pediatrician and Pediatric Hospitalist at CMH and spoke of the relatively new pediatric department which will expand in the new hospital. This will allow some children to receive care locally as opposed to outside the area.

In club business, Dave Bianco used Lincoln’s Second Inaugural address as a parallel to Rotary. Ellyn Dembowski announced that Dinner Party tickets for our exchange student on April 11. 5-8 pm are now available. Jen Livia spoke of the upcoming Rotaract Volunteer Summit (see back page for info) and the Paint Ventura event on April 19.

## Today’s Program *Ventura County Sheriff K9 Search and Rescue*

Introductions:

Jeff King

Rotary Moment:

Jorge Arman

Fining:

Ellyn Dembowski

### Future Programs

Mar 18 State of the Oxnard Harbor District

Mar 25 Member Spotlights

Apr 01 Dave Berg, Author



*Dr. Stanley Frochtzwajg spoke on new changes in the new CMH building.*



*Dr. Chris Johnson described his work in the CMH Emergency Department.*





*Dr. Alison Shuman helped to establish the pediatrics department at CMH.*



*Indy Batra returned as our "not-so-wise guy."*



*Rotaractor Jen Livia shared some upcoming events with the club.*



*The Rotary Moment was shared by Dave Bianco.*



*Dave Loe asked a question of our guest speakers.*



*Ellyn Dembowski promotes the upcoming fundraising dinner for our exchange student, Christian.*

## Meet our Newest Member:

### Kevin Stevenson

by Greg Kincaid

Kevin is a 3rd generation California native. He and his wife Sheri moved to Ventura at the end of 2007 from Pismo Beach, CA where they lived for 10 years. Kevin was a Rotary member at the Nipomo Rotary just south of Pismo. He has been a mortgage banker for 17 years having owned his own mortgage company in Pismo before moving to Ventura. He works at Sierra Pacific Mortgage now doing residential both forward and reverse mortgages and he does Commercial Lending through private sources.

Kevin also owns a restaurant, Chicago's Finest Deep Dish Pizza and Hot Dogs, with his business partner Joel Deuter, General Manager. The restaurant is located in the Montalvo Square at 1780 S. Victoria Avenue. Kevin developed an appreciation for Chicago's fine foods while he lived in the Chicago for 17 years right before he moved to Pismo Beach.

Kevin and his wife have 6 grown children ages 30, 28, 24, 24, 22 and 20. They are also the adoring grandparents of six (6) grandbabies- 5 girls and a boy.

Kevin enjoys his church, Bible Fellowship Church, where he is a leader in the men's ministry. He and his wife are also advocates for Compassion International-a Christian child development ministry working with children in poverty. He also enjoys working out, playing the piano, spending time with his family and entertaining guests at the restaurant.



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## First Annual Ventura Volunteer Summit

Tuesday, April 14th 6:30-8:30pm  
Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center  
5880 Olivas Park Dr. Ventura, CA

### Free Admission for Attendees

The Volunteer Summit is an opportunity for all non-profit volunteer organizations in Ventura County to interface with one another, lay out a common goal in the community and meet potential volunteers. Ventura Rotaract is organizing this event to help create a better local network for both Ventura based projects and International projects. Help us spread the word and connect us all to create a better community.

Although it is free to join us we are trying to keep track of how many people we have coming, please register here to join us at the Volunteer Summit.

**March Birthdays**

Ann Deal, Mar 24	
RoseAnn Hill, Mar 03	Steve Doll, Mar 27
Sarah Abrams, Mar 04	Marc T. Vertin, Mar 27
Ed Campbell, Mar 09	Mario de la Piedra, Mar 30
Ellyn Dembowski, Mar 10	
Felice Ginsberg, Mar 10	
Laurie Rozet, Mar 10	
BJ Jelaca, Mar 16	
Terri Schiavone, Mar 24	

**March Anniversaries**

Larry Emrich, Mar 21
Tom Naylor, Mar 25

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