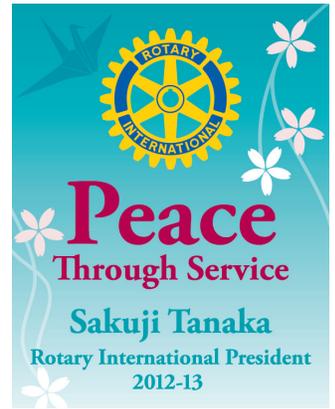


# ROTARY SPOKES

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## Ventura Rotary and Hurricane Sandy Relief

Today's presentation is from club members Mark Kirwin and Steve Doll. Last November, they requested and received a grant from Ventura Rotary to provide whatever help they could in the affected areas of the East Coast. At their own expense they worked with Occupy Sandy, a coordinated relief effort to help distribute resources & volunteers to help neighborhoods and people affected by Hurricane Sandy. They are a coalition of people & organizations who are dedicated to implementing aid for neighborhood resource distribution.



Mark Kirwin has 20 years of legal experience litigating and advising clients in the areas of Business, Construction, Contracts, Cumis Counsel, Energy Efficiency, Fenestration, Insurance, Non-Profit 501(c)(3), Personal Injury, Policy and Procedure, Pollution and Toxic Torts, Products Liability, Self-Insured and Trademark related law. Mr. Kirwin is also a University of California certified mediator; a California Superior Court appointed mediator, arbitrator and judge pro tem. He is licensed to practice in California and Colorado. He has performed international aid negotiation and coordination in India, Thailand, Cambodia, Peru, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Nicaragua and New Zealand. Mr. Kirwin works on climate change mediation and informal problem solving dispute resolution issues at the United Nations Climate Change Treaty Negotiations.

Mark was born in Bermuda and proudly received his United States Citizenship during law school. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History with honors from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He received his Juris Doctorate from California Western School of Law. Mr. Kirwin is married and has two children. He is also a principal at 11th Hour Mediation. He is also the President

of the Kirwin International Relief Foundation ([kirfaid.org](http://kirfaid.org)) and the Ojai Valley Shakespeare Festival.

Steve Doll grew up in Glendale and graduated from SDSU San Diego State University. While growing up and for 10 years following graduation he tried to figure out how he could live at the beach and run the family electrical contracting business started in 1923 by his Rotarian uncle.

Surprisingly, completing one of the early Hawaii Ironman triathlons in 1982 opened the door for him to participate and learn about Rotary. The year after the Ironman he was chosen as a Rotary Foundation recipient for the GSE Group Study Exchange program going to Italy in 1983 he joined Rotary shortly after returning.

In 1989 he started a new career in commercial real estate and moved his young family to Ventura for a better place for them to grow up. He currently has his broker's license and works at NAI Capital, Inc.

Steve's passions lead him to work with several organizations and causes over the years including past positions as Ventura Port District commissioner, YMCA board chair, Ventura Chamber of Commerce chair, Ventura Rotary President, Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Ventura Community Park chair spearheading the early SOAR vote and fund raising and the American Red Cross board.

In 2007 he took over or founded several running events that benefit local charities and promoted fitness including the Ventura Turkey Trot 5k, the Ventura County Fair Costume 5k and the upcoming Ventura Marathon Pier Run Weekend.

## Recap of March 06, 2013 meeting

Mario de la Piedra began the meeting by sharing a quote from Gandhi. Clyde Reynolds and RoseAnn Hill led the club in 'America the Beautiful.' Doug Wood shared his Rotary Moment from several years back: during a Senior Breakfast event, where his then nine-year-old daughter, was exposed to the meaning of Rotary.

Immediate Past District Governor Wade Nomura presented a citation to Immediate Past President Lynda Girtsman for Rotary Foundation contributions to Polio Plus during her year. Wade shared that our District 5240 raised \$170,000 and was number one in Rotary Zones 25 and 26 (Far West North America).

We saw a brief presentation for the Westlake Village 2013 OakHeart Country Music Festival in June. Opportunities exist for sponsorship and volunteers.

President Indy inducted our 18th newest member this year (Way to go, Indy!). Robert J. (BJ) Jelaca is a retired engineer, brought in by Andy Soter. 18th.

Mike Anderson delivered an extensively researched fining session based on favorite memories and quotes of fellow Ventura Rotarians.

### Program

The scheduled presenter had to cancel because of illness, so with very short notice, club member Bob Cheatham presented the Devil Pups program at Camp Pendleton. It is a camp comprising 10 days of challenge, teamwork, discipline and education, boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 17 learn cooperation and respect for the dignity of others. It is not a Marine program but was founded and it is run by former Marines with permission by Camp Pendleton to use its facilities. Forces. The Devil Pup motto is "Growth through challenge."

Started in 1953 this program is not necessarily for at-risk youth. In fact the youth should be in good health, have a good attitude and have a clean record. Some 600 kids out of 2500 applicants participate each summer. Not surprisingly, some 30% move on into the armed forces.

The name "Devil Pups" was conceived after observing that the German troops, during World War I, gave the United States Marines opposing them in battle, the name "Devil Dogs" because of their battlefield accomplishments and valor of the Marines. This success and challenge under stress is a fitting precursor for the name "Devil Pups".

Devil Pups is a non-profit organization designed to help boys and girls from all backgrounds gain self-confidence and learn

## Today's Agenda *Mark Kirwin and Steve Doll* "Hurricane Sandy Relief"

Introductions  
*Mystery*

Rotary Moment  
*Mel Cheatham*

Fining  
*Betsy Chess*

to take responsibility for their actions. Devil Pups is not a Marine Corps sponsored program.

Activities during the 10 day program include conditioning exercises, first aid instruction, leadership classes, organized recreation, a bivouac (camping out) and swimming. About Also, the Pups attend educational lectures on the importance of self-confidence, teamwork, drug and alcohol abuse and the importance of goals in life.

The Devil Pups Program is a demanding physical and academic good citizenship program for young teenagers. It is important to mention that the program is more mental than physical; reflecting the "whole person" concept. The program foundations are intellectual, spiritual, social and physical.

Bob concluded by asking for club members to recommend possible young people to participate. An interested boy or girl and/or their parents living in California, Arizona, or Nevada should contact their nearest Devil Pup Liaison Representative to determine eligibility.



*Bob Cheatham delivers information about one of his life's passions, Devil Pups.*



*Mario De la Piedra provided the invocation before introducing guests.*



*PDG Wade Nomura presents PP Lynda Girtsman with yet another accolade for her presidential year.*



*Doug Wood recounts his Rotary Moment about his daughter while President Indy Batra looks on.*

**Upcoming Events**

**Cycling Fundraiser Volunteer Meeting**  
Pacifica High School, Oxnard  
Today after meeting!

**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



*Mike Anderson conducts the fining whilst Terri Adams, as sergeant-at-arms runs the mike around.*



*New member Sandra Burkhardt and Albert McCartney listen intently to the Fining session.*

# The \$15 billion Gamble to Cure Mankind of Polio

At a meeting in Abu Dhabi next month, governments and bodies including the World Health Organization (WHO), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary International will meet to plan the final phase of a 25-year campaign against the nerve-destroying virus. If it succeeds, some say it will rank as mankind's single-most ambitious accomplishment. The goal is tantalizingly close – after a quarter century of eradication efforts the number of cases has fallen more than 99 per cent – from 350,000 in 1988 to 222 in 2012. There are now just three countries where the disease is still endemic – Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria –down from more than 125.

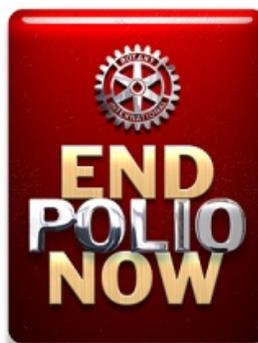
But there are major barriers in the way. Nine female polio vaccinators were shot and killed in northern Nigeria last month, and 16 vaccinators and clinic workers were killed in Pakistan before Christmas.

The killings are believed to be the work of terrorists spurred by religious leaders who have for a decade spread rumours that the vaccine is part of an American plot to sterilize all Muslims and wipe them out.

The fake CIA hepatitis vaccination campaign in Pakistan that helped to locate Osama bin Laden in 2011 and the disastrous failure of a meningitis vaccine trial in northern Nigeria that cost the US pharmaceutical company Pfizer millions of dollars in compensation have fuelled suspicions. Muslim leaders and WHO officials are set to meet in Egypt next week to seek a way forward.

But terrorism is not the only threat. Even worse is the threat of failure. So far the “End polio now” campaign is estimated to have saved five million cases of severe paralysis – a spectacular humanitarian achievement which has protected a generation of children from devastating disability and death. But the program has cost at least \$9bn – almost \$2,000 for each case averted. By comparison, the total health budget for India for 2012 was less than \$5 a head.

Experts have calculated that a further \$5.5bn is required to finish the job – halting transmission in 2015 so the world can be declared polio-free three years later in 2018 – and Bill Gates is now seeking philanthropists to join the cause (Michael Bloomberg signed up this week with a pledge of \$100m). The total means the cost per case averted is set to rise to \$25m – and for the very last case it could be as high as \$200m.



But to give up now and see the resurgence of polio would mean sacrificing the billions already spent. It would mean giving up on health workers who have spent the last decade and a half searching urban slums, and travelling to the most distant villages to bring the vaccine to every child.

Double down or quit? That is the billion-dollar bet the world is being asked to make in a campaign that has become too big to fail.

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