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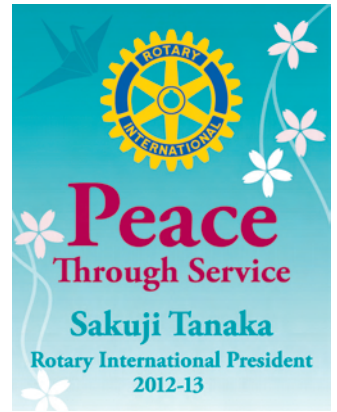
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## Craft Talks: Chris Collier and Ajay Dhebar

The ever-popular Craft Talks are back, today featuring new members Chris Collier and Ajay Dhebar. Craft Talks allow new members an opportunity to share their vocation, recreational pursuits, family information and other interesting personal information with the Club to create more personal connections.

Chris is president of Rincon Strategies which specializes in political campaigns, government affairs and public relations. Ajay is Director of Marketing with our local professional soccer club, the Ventura County Fusion.

You are encouraged to get to know our new members better to really optimize your Rotary fellowship experience!



## March 22, 2013 is World Water Day

World Water Day is held annually on 22 March as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. An international day to celebrate freshwater was recommended at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). The United Nations General Assembly responded by designating 22 March 1993 as the first World Water Day.

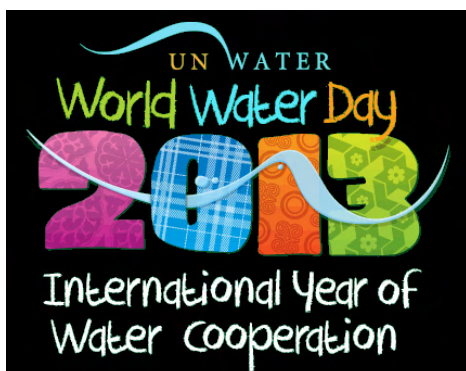
Each year, World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of freshwater. In 2013, in reflection of the International Year of Water Cooperation, World Water Day is also dedicated

to the theme of cooperation around water and is coordinated by UNESCO.

The fulfillment of basic human needs, our environment, socio-economic development and

poverty reduction are all heavily dependent on water. Good management of water is especially challenging due to some of its unique characteristics: it is unevenly distributed in time and space, the hydrological cycle is highly complex and perturbations have multiple effects. Rapid urbanization, pollution and climate change threaten the resource while demands for water are increasing in order to satisfy the needs of a growing world population, now at over seven billion people, for food production, energy, industrial and domestic uses. Water is a shared resource and its management needs to take into account a wide variety of conflicting interests. This provides opportunities for cooperation among users.

In designating 2013 as the UN International Year of Water Cooperation, the General Assembly recognizes that cooperation is essential to strike a balance between the different needs and priorities and share this precious resource equitably, using water as an instrument of peace. Promoting water cooperation implies an interdisciplinary approach bringing in cultural, educational and scientific factors, as well as religious, ethical, social, political, legal, institutional and economic dimensions.



## Recap of March 13, 2013 meeting

Reporter: Betsy Chess

PP Lynda Girtsman handled Introductions, followed by Jim Duran who led us in an invocation. We sang God Bless America, led by Clyde Reynolds and Jim Spencer. Mike Weaver, assistant District Governor from Ojai joined us as a guest.

Announcements included Newcomers Friday, March 22, 7:30 -8:30 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza. The District 5240 Assembly will be held April 13 at Pacifica High School. Prez Indy's Demotion Party is set for June 18th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Betsy Chess tested us on Downton Abbey trivia. Amazing how many people don't watch the show!

For his Rotary Moment, Mel Cheatham shared what a blessing it has been for him and wife Sylvia to have joined Rotary. He considered it a welcome break from a career as a neurosurgeon. "The more you give the more you get," he emphasized.

To start off Happy Dollars, President Indy thanked many of the people who have helped him this year: Jim Deardorff, Jim Newton, Irene Henry, Larry Emrich, Bill Kearney, Chris Brashears, Albert McCartney, Dr. Leo, Terry Schaeffer and Sally Crain ; with more to come next week. We were particularly happy to welcome back Larry Emrich, after his recent heart surgery.

On a (much) lighter note, Ajay Dhebar presented Albert McCartney with the Golden Weenie award. (By the way, said weenie is missing!)

### Program

Mark Kirwin and Steve Doll recounted their experiences aiding folks in New York affected by Hurricane Sandy. They traveled to the region about six-weeks after the storm hit on a whirlwind three-day trip. They became involved with the Occupy Sandy group with the motto 'Mutual Aid Not Charity.' They helped specifically in Coney Island, where churches were often delivery and distribution points. They were given a shopping list of basic supplies which they had to buy within the Kirwin Foundation budget. They even learned a lot about how many sizes diapers come in! The two rented a Suburban

Today's Agenda	
<i>Chris Collier and Ajay Dhebar</i>	
<b>"Craft Talks"</b>	
Introductions	Rotary Moment
<i>Mystery</i>	<i>Mystery</i>
Fining	
<i>Tom Naylor</i>	

to deliver everything.

The storm surge had knocked out power and the mold smell was intense. They bought bleach to help with mold problems and ultimately Mark and Steve felt good that their supplies were going to the people who needed them most.

## NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

The following are proposed for membership:

- **Bill Doubek**, proposed with classification of "Sales Consulting" by Mary Kay Doubek

If you have any objection to membership of these individual in our club, please contact the President or Secretary in writing within seven days.



Mark Kirwin and Steve Doll recount their trip to the east coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.





*President Indy Batra thanks Jim Newton for his help in his presidential year.*

## Upcoming Events

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

**Cycle Event for Literacy Volunteers Needed**  
starts at VUSD Headquarters  
April 20, 2013

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



*Clyde Reynolds and Jim Spencer lead the club in a patriotic song.*



*Betsy Chess fines on the subject of that PBS series, Downton Abbey.*



*Dr. Mel Cheatham shares his Rotary Moment with the club.*



*Lynda Girtsman starts the proceedings off.*





On March 14, 2013 Rotary International leadership and Bill Gates gathered on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in front of the Capitol to advocate for the fight to end polio.

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