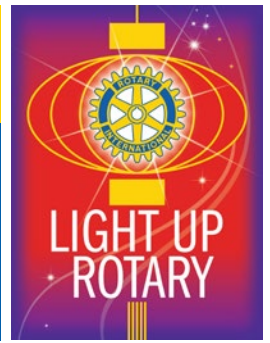


ROTARY SPOKES

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The Annual VHS Interact Bake Sale

Today's program is an annual event for our club which connects us with youngest members of the Rotarian family. The Bake Sale features sweet treats prepared by Interactors to raise funds for their annual projects.

The Ventura High School Interact Club meet regularly. VHS teacher Ena de la Cruz is the faculty advisor. Courtney Lindberg is the Ventura Rotarian who assists the Interactors in organizing their club and projects. Ventura Rotary also send club members to leadership training seminars to prepare them to be our future leaders!

Among their projects was a dance they organize for their physically and mentally challenged classmates.

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people ages 14-18. The program gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends. They are self-governing and self-supporting. Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community.

Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity



- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

Interact, the Rotary youth program, was launched by the RI Board of Directors in 1962. The first Interact club was established by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Florida. Interact clubs provide opportunities for boys and girls of secondary school age to work together in a world fellowship of service and international understanding. The term, Interact, is derived from "inter" for international, and "act" for action. Every Interact club must be sponsored and supervised by a Rotary club and must plan annual projects of service to its school, community and in the world.

Today there are over 11,000 Interact clubs with more than 250,000 members in over 120 countries and geographical regions. Brazil, India, the Philippines, and the United States boast the highest number of Interact clubs.

"Interactors" develop skills in leadership and attain practical experience in conducting service projects, thereby learning the satisfaction that comes from serving others. A major goal of Interact is to provide opportunities for young people to create greater understanding and goodwill with youth throughout the world.



**Saturday,
October 17,
2015**

Our Club
benefits from
this event
and you
can help by
spreading
the word or
volunteering!

Meeting Recap of May 06

Sally Crain started the meeting off with a prayer, followed by RoseAnn Hill and Staci Johnson singing the R-O-T-A-R-Y song.

Lynda Girtsman, as chair of the Julius Gius Memorial Fund, presented a \$1,600.00 grant to the My Ocean Foundation. Sandra Laby auctioned some Ventura Music Festival tickets to benefit the club.

President Rob inducted Chad Caldwell to the club. Chad has the classification of "Real Estate Investments" and was sponsored by Gary Young.

Fining was conducted a little differently, with Indy Batra roving among tables asking questions about Rotary. For his Rotary Moment, Steve Bradica, who annually works our Fourth of July event counting money, encouraged new members to volunteer for the upcoming event.

Program

Steve Doll introduced speaker Kevin Seelos, whom he has known since the ninth grade. Kevin's presentation was about life of his father, Robert Seelos, and particularly about his experiences during World War II. He was born into a farming family in Montana and studied at UM Missoula. We learned to fly and before the war, he trained at Ontario, finishing training just as Pearl Harbor happened.

He was assigned 306th Bombardment group, based in England. This group of unescorted B-17s was the first over Germany as a bombing group, bombing usually during the day. Oct 1942 was their first mission, over France. Needed to complete 25 missions.

Seelos' plane was dubbed the 'Montana Power.' Crewmembers needed to complete 25 missions to retire from this duty, which proved to be difficult. On April 5, 1943, his 19th mission, the plane was hit and crashed in Belgium. He was able to jump out at 18000 ft., but was eventually captured by German troops and imprisoned. He was involved in an elaborate planned escape from the POW camp. Involving two foot square tunnels 50 ft deep and 400 ft long. His internment lasted two years and 32 days,

Today's Program *VHS Interact Bake Sale*

Introductions:	Dan Holmes
Rotary Moment:	Mary Saputo
Fining:	Mike Anderson

Future Programs

May 20 Member Spotlights
May 27 Braille Institute
Jun 03 Dr. Trudy Arriaga

during which he dropped weight from 179 to 123 lbs.



Steve Doll introduces his longtime friend, Kevin Seelos.



Kevin Seelos recounted the war experiences of his father, a B-17 pilot.



Gary Young affixes the club pin onto newly inducted Chad Caldwell.



Steve Bradvica used his Rotary Moment to encourage participation in the Fourth of July.



Sandra Laby generously auctions off concert tickets.



Marty Armstrong and Clint Crowell accept a grant from Lynda Girtsman and Rob vanNieuwburg..



Indy Batra takes his fining session to the people.



RoseAnn Hill and Staci Johnson lead the club in song as Sally Crain looks on from the dais.

CLOSE THE IMMUNIZATION GAP

VACCINATION FOR ALL
WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK 2015

The Global Vaccine Action Plan envisions a world where everyone lives free from vaccine preventable diseases – whoever they are, wherever they live – by 2020

Today 1 in 5 children worldwide is missing out on vital immunization



WWW.WHO.INT/CAMPAIGNS/IMMUNIZATION-WEEK/2015

THE GLOBAL VACCINE ACTION PLAN - 6 TARGETS FOR 2015

Immunization against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (DTP3)



TARGET

Immunization coverage against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough by 2015



Introduction of under-utilized vaccines



TARGET

At least 90 low or middle income countries to have introduced one or more under-utilized vaccines by 2015



Rubella elimination



TARGET

Eliminate rubella from two WHO regions by end-2015



Measles elimination



TARGET

Eliminate measles from three WHO regions by end-2015



Polio eradication



TARGET

No new cases after 2014



Maternal and neonatal tetanus: Global elimination by end 2015



TARGET

Eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus



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STEPS TO CLOSE THE IMMUNIZATION GAP



Integrate immunization with other health services



Strengthen health systems so they can continue vaccination programmes through crises



Ensure vaccines are both accessible and affordable to all

New Member Proposal

The following is proposed for membership:

Clint Crowell, proposed by Marty Armstrong with classification of "Sustainability Consulting."

If you have any objection to membership of this individual in our club, please contact the President or Secretary in writing within 7 days.

May Birthdays

Jim Deardorff, May 06
Joe Schaaf, May 08
Connie Young, May 13
Hutch Hutchinson, May 14
Neal Andrews, May 15
Betsy Chess, May 24
Leo Tauber, May 26
Mel Cheatham, May 29

May Anniversaries

Gary Young, May 11
Hoot Bennett, May 13
Greg & Sarah Abrams, May 19
Erik Feingold, May 27
Connie Young, May 27
Mel & Sylvia Cheatham, May 30
Matt LaVere, May 30
Jeff King, May 31



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