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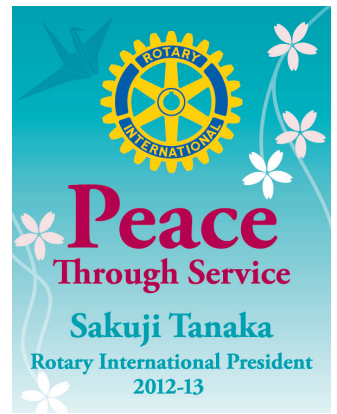
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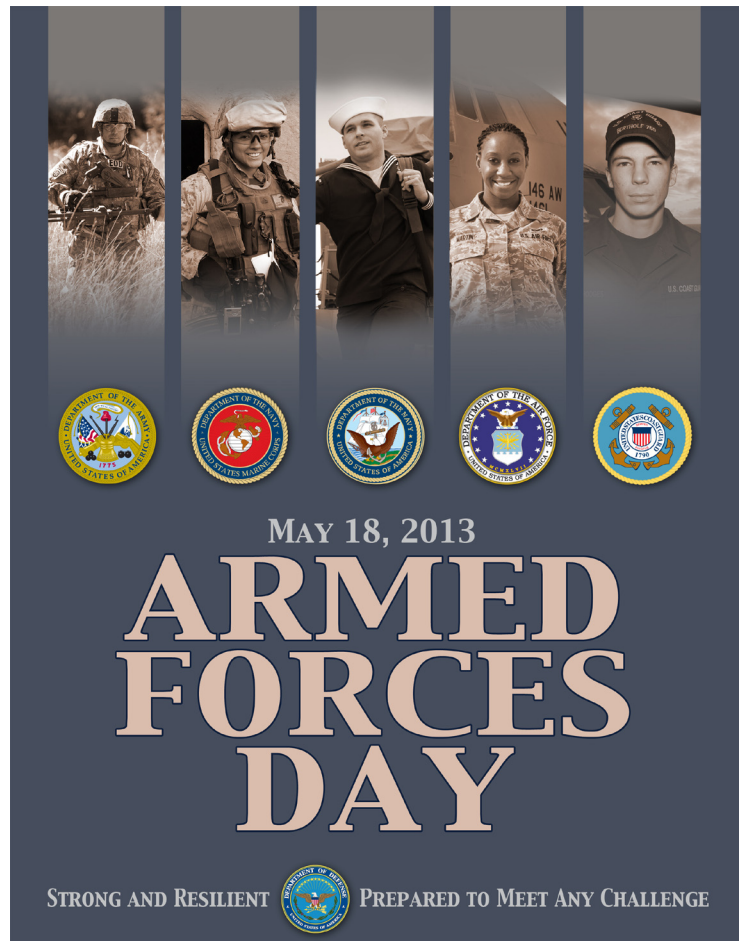
1st Memorial Honors Detail

Today's presentation is from the 1st Memorial Honors Detail (1MHD), which performs military funerals in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, California.

The rendering of Military Funeral Honors is a way to show the Nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country. This ceremonial paying of respect is the final demonstration a grateful Nation can provide to the veteran's families. MHD has members from each branch of service. The 1MHD Ventura has provided military honors for 334 veterans since January 2004. Their organization is committed to honoring the service of all US Military personnel who have served our nation during times of war and peace. They believe all veterans deserve to be honored with military dignity. They step forward when the active military is unable to complete the request.

Military funeral honors usually includes folding and presenting the United States burial flag, the playing of TAPS and at the cemetery the firing of three rifle volleys of blank ammunition. The ceremony can be modified for cemetery, funeral chapel, religious setting, or any other venue fitting the family situation.

Who is eligible for Military Honors? Military retirees, US Veterans who served at least one term of enlistment, active duty Military members, US Veterans of any war and members and former members of the Selected Reserve.



The bulletin is uploaded every week now to our Facebook page, as well as other images and notices of club activities. Please 'like' us!

Recap of May 08, 2013 Meeting

Courtney Lindberg used her Invocation time to remind members about the upcoming Mother's Day, RoseAnn Hill led the club in "America the Beautiful."

Roger Case's Rotary Moment was from 1988, during the period of 'glasnost' in the former Soviet Union, prior to the fall of the communist regime. In the spirit of world peace, four visiting Soviet citizens were hosted by Ventura Rotary. At that time, the club met Downtown at the American Legion Hall. The visitors were overwhelmed by the hospitality of our club. Roger surmised that perhaps we were, in some small way, instrumental in the fall of the USSR!

Terry Schaeffer's fining was based on the Citizenship Test. (Note: this Editor failed his question on the Constitution, and is relieved he was born a citizen. Really. I have papers.)

Dick Hatcher presented Curtis Cormane with his 5th Paul Harris Fellow.

The Julius Gius Memorial Rotary Foundation presented the Ventura High AVID program with a grant of \$890.00. AVID encourages high school students to be the first to attend college in their family. Some 200 students are in the VHS program. Three students briefly spoke to the club about how AVID is helping them and the universities they plan on attending. The grant will help send 10 students to SAT preparation seminars.

Courtney Lindberg then presented a club donation check of \$1,145.00 to our Ventura High Interact Club for an upcoming leadership conference.

Tom Swan, visiting from the Ventura East Rotary Club, announced his club's 50th anniversary party on Thursday, May 23, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Our club helped establish the East Club half a century ago!

Steve Kipp announced that he is now accepting new placemat ads. They are \$250.00 per ad. Please contact Steve for more info!

Steve also took the opportunity to award President Indy with his very own Golden Weenie.

Today's Agenda

1st Memorial Honors Detail

Introductions

Mystery

Rotary Moment

Mystery

Fining

Christina Rust

Program

The program featured Craft Talks, with the first by Chris Brashears. Chris first started at our Rotary in 1986, left for a few years and then rejoined us. In his Powerpoint, Chris showed images from his past. He attended the Oregon Institute of Technology. He has two daughters from his first marriage and one son from his second wife, who is originally from Peru. He then shared images from his recent travels to Peru and to the Amazon, specifically the city of Iquitos.

His hobbies include flying model planes. Chris works at Advantage Telecom.

Ajay Dhebar returned to the podium to talk more about the team he represents, the Ventura County Fusion. It is the only professional sports team in Ventura County and they won their first National Championship already in 2009.

The Ventura County Fusion is an American soccer club based in Ventura, California that was founded in 2006. In 2007, the Fusion became the first soccer franchise from the Ventura County area of Southern California to enter the Premier Development League (PDL). The Fusion team plays in the Southwest Division of the Western Conference of the United Soccer Leagues' (USL) PDL. The PDL is primarily designed to develop players between the ages of 17 and 23 for careers in professional soccer, and it is made up of 68 teams from across North America.

The Fusion is one of the only franchises around the country to truly incorporate all levels of the game. The Fusion fields a men's USL PDL team, a youth club academy, and various community soccer programs for players at all levels and needs, including soccer schools, soccer camps, youth soccer league, and free soccer clinics.

Why Bill Gates Thinks Ending Polio Is Worth It

by MICHAEELEEN DOUCLEFF, NPR

Some critics say that ending polio has become Bill Gates' "white whale." Why not just settle for the huge drop in polio cases that we've seen over the past decade and then spend money on other things that kill so many more kids, like diarrhea and malnutrition?

"Polio is special," Gates tells NPR's Robert Siegel on All Things Considered. "Once you get it done, you save \$2 billion a year that will be applied to those other activities. There's no better deal economically to getting to zero." And Gates is putting his money — and his effort — where his passion is.

"Polio alone, for the last year, has been the majority of my time because we were having to really decide: Do we double down? Do we do this right?" he says. In the end, he and his foundation calculated that to do it right and wipe out polio worldwide, it would cost about \$5.5 billion over six years.

He's already gotten pledges for \$4 billion, including \$1.8 billion from his foundation, which also supports NPR. To get the rest, Gates has been out fundraising. He hopes the U.S. government will beef up its donation to \$200 million each year. Throughout the polio campaign, it has been chipping in about \$150 million annually.

Gates was quick to give his fellow philanthropists and foundations credit for the success with polio, especially Rotary International. "From the beginning, Rotary has been key to this," he says. "We wouldn't be anywhere near to where we are without Rotary."

Last year there were 223 polio cases worldwide. This year there have been just 26 so far. And the virus is hiding out in only three countries: Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

What's going to be the major obstacle to stopping the virus in these last few pockets? War and violence, Gates says.

"Polio is in a very small part of Afghanistan. It's just where the U.S. Army is fighting," he says. "So as the U.S. withdraws, then this is going to get a lot easier" because

Upcoming Events

Rotary Pancake Breakfast- *VOLUNTEER!*

Avenue Senior Center

May 18, 2013 08:00 - 11:30 AM

Club Social

Ventura Yacht Club

Jun 13, 2013 Times TBD

President Indy's Demotion

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Jun 18, 2013 05:00 PM

vaccinators have access to all the kids there. The Taliban in Afghanistan has granted letters of passage, he says. But that's not the case in Pakistan. "In Pakistan, there are inaccessible areas, which are a big challenge,"

In war zones, "your death rate from childhood diseases often exceeds the battle casualties," he says. "Health systems have a way of breaking down. War is never good." Of course, there still could be a war in Afghanistan after the U.S. withdraws. Gates admits that there's no guarantee when it comes to reaching his goal of zero polio cases by 2018. "If the violence gets bad enough, it would delay our success," he says.

But if all goes as planned, governments and philanthropists will be spending nearly \$1 billion a year to stop a disease that now affects a few hundred kids annually.

Gates is adamant that wiping out polio is worth the hefty price tag. "Once you get zero, all the expense to protect people goes away," he says. "So you have two choices: You can spend less and have the disease spread back and paralyze lots and lots of kids. Or you can double down and get to zero." Plus, he says, much of the \$5.5 billion spent on polio will go toward building up health care systems in the affected countries.

"Polio is one where the cost savings would be poured into [stopping] diarrhea, pneumonia — the big killers — malaria also," he says. "In fact, we'd love, after polio gets done, to get the world rallied around a malaria eradication plan. But we can't do that until we get the savings and the credibility that will come with this success."

Rotarians take part in Immunization Days in Côte d'Ivoire

Rotarians in Côte d'Ivoire took part in National Immunization Days (NIDs) beginning 26 April. They joined thousands of health workers and volunteers in mobilizing public support, ensuring the safe delivery of the oral polio vaccine, and administering the life-saving drops to more than 3 million children. The nation's last case of polio occurred in July 2011.

The NIDs also provided vitamin A supplements and de-worming tablets to children to expand public health benefits, which is another objective of the new polio endgame strategic plan.



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