



ROTARY SPOKES

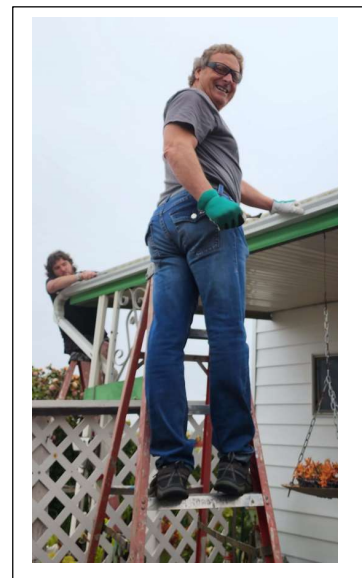
Rotary Club of Ventura

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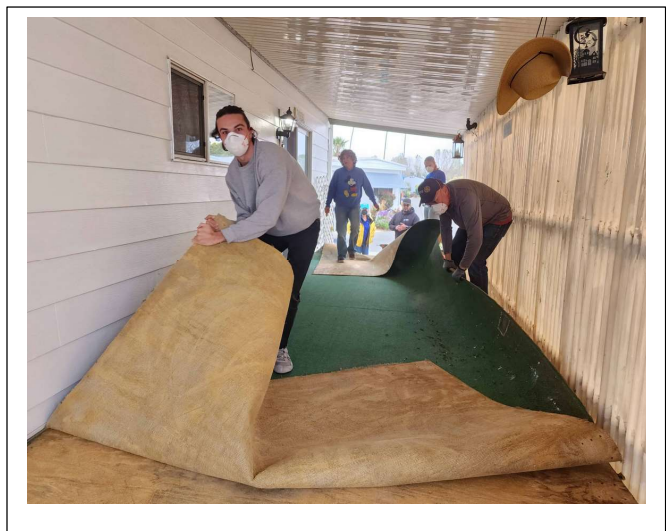
"The Friendliest Club in Rotary"

May 7, 2023

ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY



On Saturday, April 29, 2023, club members joined Rotarians around the world to better our community. In conjunction with Habitat for Humanity, Clyde Reynolds organized a hardworking group that refurbished the exterior of a mobile home for a local family.



CONVERSATIONS IN ROTARY WITH ANNE PAUL KING



At our meeting May 3, 2023, club member Anne Paul King was interviewed by Bev Ward.

Both Anne’s parents worked for the State Department. She grew up in Washington, D.C.; Seoul, South Korea; at Stanford while her father attended law school; and finally in Hawai’i. Anne’s mother has five degrees and is a fisheries biologist and international fisheries law expert—she won three cases before the Hawai’i Supreme Court.

Anne and her siblings attended the prestigious Punahou High School in Honolulu. She does not miss a reunion because an alumnus sharing the same reunion dates is Hawai’i native (yes, he can prove it!) Barack Obama. “Barry’s in the house!”

While in Girl Scouts, Anne participated in an Ash Ceremony where ashes from one campfire were added to another campfire—the lineage of the ashes were traced back to a campfire her mother attended in 1959! Anne’s project in environmental stewardship earned her the Girl Scouts Gold Award, which is the organization’s highest achievement.

Anne attended Claremont McKenna College. Her major combined philosophy, politics, and economics, examining the consequences of each field on the others. The college had begun admitting women only three years before, and she got on the “ground floor” for women’s athletics and served as captain of the women’s soccer team.

Anne’s passion for acting began in high school. She studied Shakespeare in England where she attended 40 plays in three months! She completed a master class in acting, putting in 10,000 hours. Search online for “Anne Paul King reel” to view some of her work.

Anne and husband Brewster have two grown children. Alex works for Senator Dianne Feinstein. Cameron is a fashion designer for the non-binary fashion line Disco Shipwreck.

Anne is Executive Director of the Ventura College Foundation. She was named the Santa Barbara/Ventura Counties 2019 Professional Fundraiser of the Year. Together with a hardworking board of directors, they provided \$776,264 in direct student support last year and facilitated another \$1.24 million in support of 68 campus programs. “We want to impact people’s lives in a positive way and make that last.”

MEETING MAY 3, 2023

Attendance: 36 members and guests present. Sherry Scott, a visiting Rotarian from St. Albans, Vermont, was present with her husband. She was the third woman to join the Rotary Club of Ventura (1990).

Lunch: In honor of Cinco de Mayo, we had chili “verde” (the sauce was not green, but it *was* delicious), refried beans, flour tortillas, fruit salad, green salad, and ice cream with chocolate syrup for dessert.

Introductions: Bev Ward. Rob was able to locate a flag just in time for us to salute. A quote from Rainer Maria Rilke recited in *Jojo Rabbit*: “Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror. Just keep going. No feeling is final.”

Bev led us in **singing** “When I’m Sixty-four” (accompanied by Vera, Chuck and Dave).

Announcements

Margi: (1) Read thank you notes from four participants in **RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards).

(2) Read a thank you note from **Lorie McWhirter**, Ventura Botanical Gardens docent, for the coffee table book presented to her.

(2) May 31, the 5th Wednesday of the month, will be a **Social** instead of a meeting. Seeking ideas for a time and location.

(3) District Award Forms—get them to Margi by Wednesday.

Ken: The **Fireworks Committee** meets each week after our noontime meeting through July 4.

Fining – Laura Dunbar quizzed us about Turkey, following her recent trip there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(For up-to-date and more complete information, check the ClubRunner app on your phone, or on our website)

May 10 lunch meeting: Foothill High School Interact, Mother’s Day flower sale. For a \$100 donation, you get a bouquet in a glass vase with a custom-written card, delivered locally. Also, four **RYLA** participants will address the club.

May 12: Pacific High School Teacher Appreciation Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 501 College Drive, Ventura. Contact Madhu Bajaj.

May 17 lunch meeting: Perspectives on Peace Awards.

May 19: Pacific High School Prom, Poinsettia Pavilion, 6-9 p.m.

May 20: President Elect Retreat for current and incoming board members to discuss next year’s goals, projects, fundraising events, and activities. Poinsettia Pavilion, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

May 24 lunch meeting: Salvation Army Eye Clinic Update.

May 31: Social instead of meeting. Time and location to be announced.

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