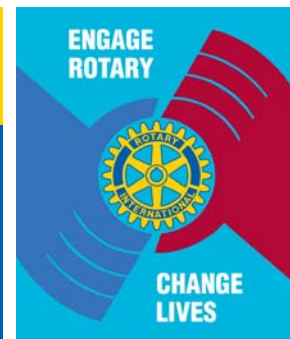


ROTARY SPOKES

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Author Speaks on “Jerry Brown: Our Enigma”

Today’s speaker is author Chuck McFadden, a veteran AP reporter who covered California politics in Sacramento for many years. He was also assistant to former CA State Superintendent of Public Instruction Wilson Riles.

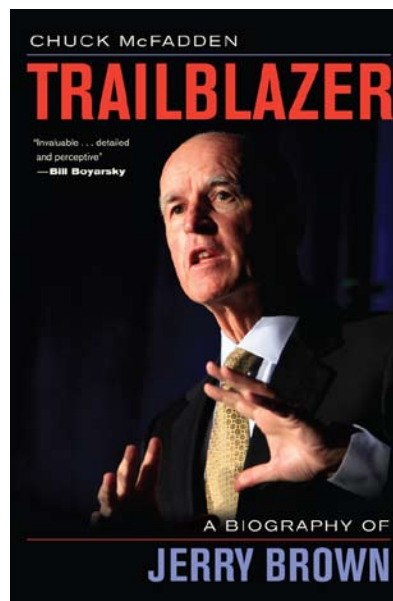


His topic will be “Jerry Brown: Our Enigma.”

McFadden is author of “Trailblazer: A Biography of Jerry Brown.” In this first biography of Edmund Gerald Brown Jr. in more than thirty years, McFadden explores the unique persona of one of the most idiosyncratic politicians in California history. Son of California political royalty and creator of his own political style against the tumultuous backdrop of a huge, balkanized state with a constantly shifting political terrain, Jerry Brown plumbed his visionary impulses as well as his grand ambitions.

McFadden traces Brown’s childhood in San Francisco, his time studying for the priesthood, his unusual political career, and his romances—including a long-term relationship with singer Linda Ronstadt. He describes Brown’s first two terms as governor advocating for farmworkers, women, and minorities; his time roaming the world in a spiritual quest; and his return to the gritty world of politics as chairman of the California Democratic Party and then mayor of Oakland.

Political experts weigh in with thoughts about the remarkable 2010 campaign that saw the 72-year-old Brown winning his third term as governor while being vastly outspent by Republican Meg Whitman. Concise,



insightful, and enlivened by the events and personalities that colored the history of California,

Trailblazer provides an intimate portrait of the pugnacious, adept politician who has bucked national trends to become a leader of one of the largest economies in the world.

World Health Organization: Polio Update for September 25, 2013

New polio cases reported this past week: 7
Total number in endemic countries YTD: 79
Total number in non-endemic countries YTD: 191
Total number of all cases in 2012 YTD: 150
Total number of all cases in 2013 YTD: 270

In the Horn of Africa, intensive outbreak response is continuing. The impact of the response is beginning to be seen, as the number of newly-reported cases from Banadir, Somalia (the epicenter of the outbreak) has declined. At the same time, operations are improving as more children are being reached, including in some inaccessible areas of south---central Somalia. The risk this outbreak poses for the entire region was again underscored this week, however, as two further cases from Ethiopia have been confirmed.

Endemic Countries, Week Ending 25 September 2013

Afghanistan: No new WPV case was reported in

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Recap of September 25 Meeting

Indy Batra invoked and introduced. 'America the Beautiful' was sung by Clyde Reynolds and RoseAnn Hill. Lynda Girtsman made another plea for volunteers for the October 19 Color Run. A small handout with information for volunteering and a discount for the race is included in this bulletin. Please distribute it to anyone interested. Rob van Nieuwburg will attend the Rotary District 5240 Conference in San Luis Obispo. Contact him if you are interested in attending.

Prez Irene Henry had the pleasure of inducting Staci Johnson to the Club. Staci had previously been a Rotarian several years ago in Yuba City, California. Her classification is Staff Services. She and her husband have four children. Rob vanNieuwburg was her sponsor.

Ron Calkins, for his Rotary Moment, called on past presidents to stand and be recognized for their time and effort spent leading the organization.

Program

Curtis Cormane was the guest speaker, presenting in his capacity as executive director of the Westside Community Development Corporation, a non-profit working to preserve and strengthen the unique qualities of Westside Ventura. Curtis spoke of recent important efforts to improve the Westside, the part of town that Ventura Rotary has somewhat 'adopted' as a focus for our community projects.

Curtis first gave an update on the new Kellogg Park, currently in development. The 2.4 acre property was purchased by the city and a community design effort will begin in January 2014 with an expected park completion date in 2016. He foresees the park as a wonderful community gathering space with a variety of features to promote community. A new farmer's market is currently using the site every Wednesday afternoon.

The next news was of a \$1 million HEAL Zone Initiative grant through the Kaiser Permanente in 2011. This funding was designed to transform a mid-sized, underserved community with high obesity rates through policy, education/promotion and environment change so that residents "eat better and move more as part of daily life."

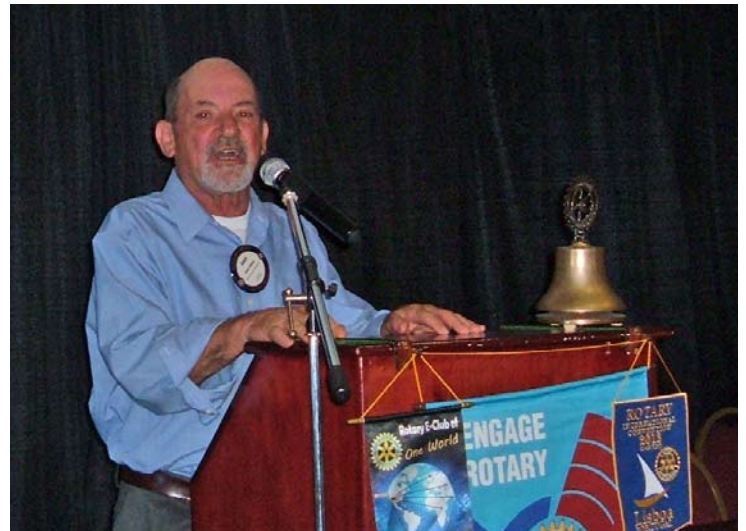
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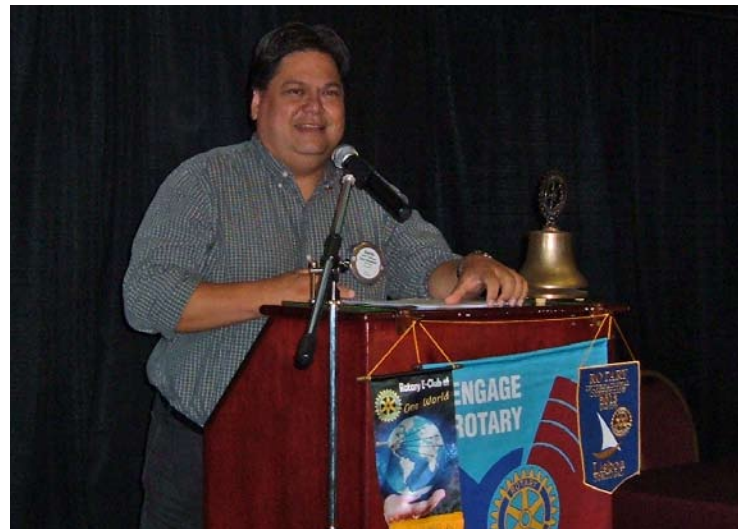
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Rotary Moment:
Finishing:

Mario de la Piedra
Lucas Johnston
Jeff King

Curtis lastly shared information on efforts to improve existing Westside residences through City and HUD grants. Qualified low-to-moderate income homeowners can work with Habitat for Humanity and other organizations to improve their homes.



Dave Bianco provided the introduction for our guest speaker:



Curtis Cormane was the speaker, sharing some recent positive improvements in Westside Ventura.



Rob vanNieuwburg, Prez Irene Henry officially induct Staci Johnson into the club.



Indy Batra handled the introductions and invocation.



Clyde Reynolds, RoseAnn Hill and Indy Batra belt out the patriotic song.



Ron Calkins calls on past club presidents to be recognized in his Rotary Moment.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

The following is proposed for membership:

- **Vanessa Jensen**, proposed with classification of "Christianity-Evangelical" by Rob Orth.

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

 **THE COLOR RUN™** 10.19.13

Go to thecolorrun.com/ventura/#charity

Register as a runner using **SRSLYFUN5k** receive **\$5.00 Off**

OR Ask about volunteering



Percentage of proceeds **benefit Your Ventura Downtown Rotary**

Supporting programs such as **Back to School Backpack, Dictionaries for Ventura 3rd Graders, Polio Eradication, etc.**

We need all those families we have served to **join** the Color Run as a runner or volunteer, thank you!

Polio Update *(from Front Page)*

the past week. All four WPV cases this year were reported from Eastern Region. The most recent WPV1 case had onset of paralysis on 23 July, from Kunar province. No WPV3 has been detected in Afghanistan since April 2010.

Nigeria: One new WPV1 case was reported in the past week (from Taraba), bringing the total number of WPV1 cases for 2013 to 46. It is the most recent WPV case in the country and had onset of paralysis on 17 August. No WPV3 has been detected in Nigeria since November 2012.

Pakistan: One new WPV1 case was reported in the past week (from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa – KP), bringing the total number of WPV1 cases for 2013 to 28. It is the most recent WPV case in the country and had onset of paralysis on 19 August.

Horn of Africa: (Non-endemic) Seven new WPV1 cases were reported in the past week, five from Somalia and two from Ethiopia. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2013 in the Horn of Africa is 191 (174 from Somalia, 14 from Kenya and three from Ethiopia). The most recent WPV1 case in the

region had onset of paralysis on 30 August (from Ethiopia). The two new cases from Ethiopia are both from Somali region, bordering Somalia. It is from this region that the first case from the country had been reported. Active case searches for any additional potential cases are continuing.

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THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 5:30 P.M., CST

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Upcoming Events

District 5240 Conference

October 18-20
 9:00 am to noon
 Embassy Suites Hotel
 San Luis Obispo

The Color Run 5K

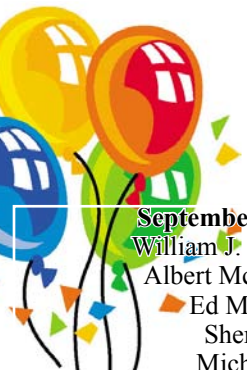
Sat., Oct. 19, 9:00 am
 Ventura Fairgrounds

September Birthdays

Norm Blacher, Sep 04
 Christina Rust, Sep 08
 Indy Batra, Sep 09
 Sherry Scott, Sep 12
 Mike Anderson, Sep 13
 Fred Bysshe, Sep 16
 John McConica II, Sep 17
 Melody Namikas, Sep 19
 Steve Bradvica, Sep 22
 Larry Dawes, Sep 23
 Larry Rasmussen, Sep 24
 Joe Richards, Sep 25

September Anniversaries

William J. Kearney, Sep 10
 Albert McCartney, Sep 12
 Ed McCombs, Sep 12
 Sherry Scott, Sep 12
 Michael Scar, Sep 29



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