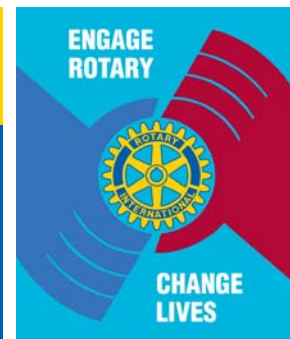


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Surfrider Foundation and 'Rise Above Plastics'

Today's topic is 'Rise Above Plastics' presented by Bill Hickman of the Surfrider Foundation. The goal of this effort is to reduce the impacts of plastics in the marine environment by raising awareness about the dangers of plastic pollution and by advocating for a reduction of single-use plastics and the recycling of all plastics.



As 'Rise Above Plastics' Coordinator, Bill Hickman is excited to be tackling plastic pollution issues that are affecting the marine environment. He grew up on the East Coast and was fortunate to have grandparents who lived near the beach in Delaware. At the age of six, he wanted to be like his big brother so he 'borrowed' his surfboard at every chance and caught the surfing bug early on. All his early memories are of clean beaches but later in high school and through college he started to see and feel the impact of litter and pollution.

When he moved to California after college he wanted to volunteer for an environmental organization and Surfrider was a perfect fit. After years of volunteering, he applied for a job with the San Diego chapter where he worked for over five years and now he is stoked to be helping all Surfrider chapters to 'Rise Above Plastics'! Surfrider is an easy place to get involved and make a positive impact to protect our coasts, so he challenges others to help their local chapter and make a difference!

The Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our world's oceans, waves and beaches. Founded in 1984 by a handful of visionary surfers in Malibu, California,



the Surfrider Foundation now maintains over 50,000 members and 90 chapters worldwide including affiliations in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Europe, and Japan.

The Surfrider Foundation has adopted the following principles to guide and govern the activities of the organization, including:

- Surfrider recognizes the biodiversity and ecological integrity of the planet's coasts are necessary and irreplaceable. Surfrider is committed to preserving natural living and non-living diversity and ecological integrity of the coastal environment.
- Surfrider promotes the right of low-impact, free and open access to the world's waves and beaches for all people. Surfrider acts to preserve this right of access.
- Surfrider is dedicated to enhancing wave-riding opportunities in ways which will not adversely impact nearshore ecosystems.
- Surfrider believes environmental education is essential to the future health and well-being of the planet. Surfrider seeks to develop and utilize educational materials that are informative, factual, proactive, synergistic and fun.
- Surfrider strives to be accurate and nonpartisan in its communications with its members and the general public. In addition, Surfrider will express the unique values inherent in wave-riding — individualism, camaraderie, non materialism, and an appreciation for human kind's historic relations with the Ocean.

Recap of October 02 Meeting

President-elect Rob van Nieuwburg stepped in capably to cover the meeting. Mario de la Piedra shared an inspiring piece from the Dalai Lama to begin the meeting. Sonny Shah joined RoseAnn and together they sang ‘God Bless America.’

The club is still in need of volunteers for October 19 Color Run. Mario de la Piedra specifically requested help for the pre-registration the days before the event. Contact Mario if you can help!

Kristin Taylor reported on the latest Coats for Kids meeting and announced that club members Jeff King, Gary Young, Ellyn Dembowski and Ron Bamieh had signed up to sponsor coat hangars. Sally Crain and Scott Patterson, with their respective moving companies, are generously donating the collection boxes. Additionally, the Ventura County Star has stepped up from previous years to give us \$5,000 of in-kind advertising. Of course, Sonny Shah must be thanked for his continuous donation of cleaning.

Jeff King stepped up to the bat and fined the club on baseball statistics and history. Lucas Johnston’s Rotary Moment was borne from his role as youth exchange advisor for the club. A friend of last year’s Chilean exchange student Martin was seriously injured in an accident in a Northern California Rotary district. Rotarians throughout the District stepped up to help coordinate bringing the family to America. The young man is recovering.

Program

Ed McCombs introduced the speaker, former AP reporter Chuck McFadden and author of a biography about Jerry Brown.

He spoke about the long strange history of our current Democratic Governor, who will officially be the longest serving California governor this month. He was the both the youngest governor at age 36 when first sworn in and then the oldest governor at 72.

McFadden described Brown as a ‘contradictory governor of a contradictory state.’ He is described as simultaneously a very smart person and an odd duck. He seems to be comfortable balancing an approach to governance with intellectualism and opportunism. He proved to be a

Today’s Program *Surfrider Foundation with Bill Hickman*

Introductions:

Mystery

Rotary Moment:

Doug Halter

Fining:

Courtney Lindberg

master campaigner, particularly demonstrated in the 2010 campaign against Meg Whitman. Despite being overwhelmingly outspent, he prevailed easily.

The legacy of his first term was collective bargaining for farmworkers and bringing more women in government. His second governorship seems to be focused on high speed rail.



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!



Guest speaker Chuck McFadden shares insights on our enigmatic governor Jerry Brown.



Sonny Shah, Mario de la Piedra and RoseAnn Hill lead the club in a patriotic song.



For his Rotary Moment, Lucas Johnston spoke of Rotarians acting in a time of need.



Classy Rotarian members show off their footwear.

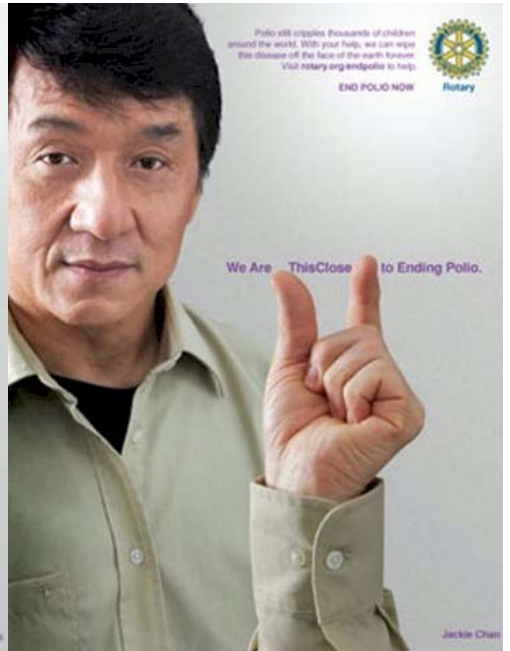
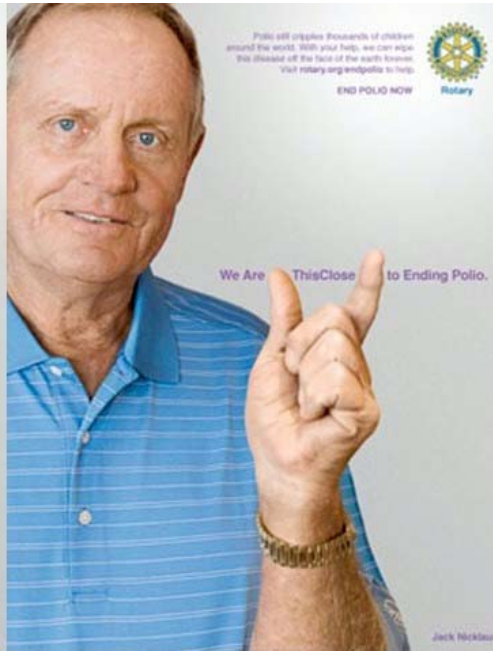
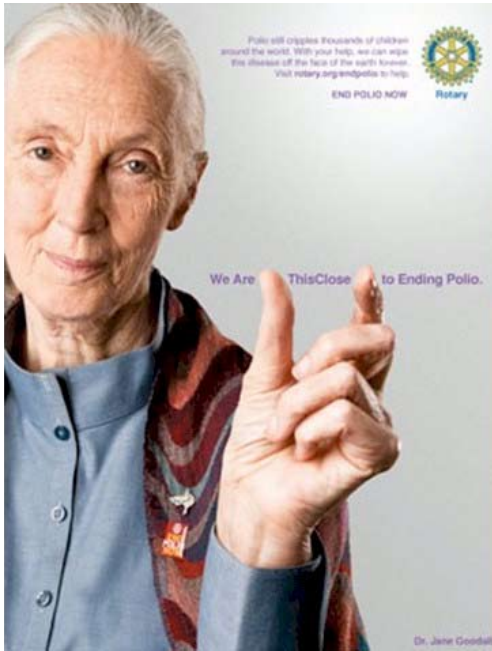
Volunteer to help in this year's coat drive! The project runs Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, but organizational meetings are happening now. Check with Kristin Taylor, project coordinator.



Kristin Taylor makes an elevated announcement, while President-elect Rob van Nieuwburg looks on.



Jim Duran contemplates the mysteries of the poultry he just consumed.



Rotary International
WORLD POLIO DAY: MAKING HISTORY
 Join Rotary's Livestream Event
THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER
5:30 P.M., CST
 Two drops of life
 Rotary #endpolio | endpolionow.org



Membership Updates:
 The following members have recently left our club:
 Kitty Lynn, as of Aug.31; Hema Tarachandani, Sep. 13; Roberta Tuck, Sep. 13 and Cary Savitch, Sep. 30.

Leaves of Absence have been granted to the following:
 Larry Emrich through Dec. 31, 2013; Eliane DeBlauw through Feb. 28, 2014 and John McConica II through Feb. 28, 2014.

- September Birthdays**
 John Williams, Oct 04
 Sandra Laby, Oct 10
 Scott Patterson, Oct 12
 Jim Duran, Oct 13
 David Wellik, Oct 21
 Brenda Allison, Oct 24
 Bob Cheatham, Oct 28
- September Anniversaries**
 Lucas Johnston, Oct 06
 Jim Newton, Oct 11
 Juan Soto, Oct 14
 Ellyn Dembowski, Oct 23

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

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