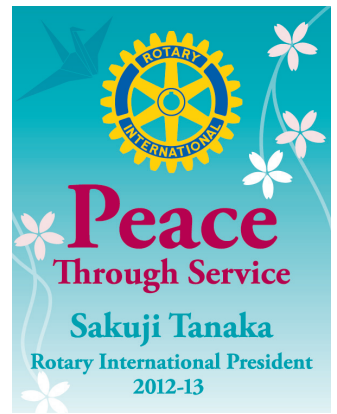


ROTARY SPOKES

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Ventura Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Trudy Tuttle Arriaga

Dr. Trudy Tuttle Arriaga is our guest speaker today. She was appointed Superintendent on July 1, 2001.

A life-long resident of Ventura, Dr. Arriaga attended Will Rogers, Loma Vista and Anacapa schools; ultimately graduating from Ventura High School in 1973. Dr. Arriaga holds a B.A. in Communicative Disorders from San Diego State University, an M.A. in Educational Administration and Supervision from California State University Northridge, and an Ed.D. in Educational Policy, Planning and Administration from the University of Southern California.

She began working for the district as a paraeducator in 1975. In 1981, Dr. Arriaga began her teaching career in Grades 3 through Adult in Special Education, Migrant Education, and Adult Education. Since then, she has served as Assistant Principal at DeAnza, Principal at Sheridan Way, Principal at El Camino and Pacific High Schools and Director of Administrative Support Services.

Dr. Arriaga is married to Raymundo Arriaga, and has two daughters; Andrea, a UCSD graduate who is working on her Master's at the University of Hawaii, and Daniela, an



artist and UCSB graduate. Dr. Arriaga is fluent in Spanish and Sign Language.

How does Dr. Arriaga have fun? Simply, she enjoys reading, jogging, guitar, music, mentoring and traveling. She also continues to enjoy teaching education courses at the university level.

Dr. Arriaga is proud to serve as superintendent in a district which she has always called "home."

Chris Figureida is newest Paul Harris Fellow

Immediately following his excellent presentation on his trek to Argentina, Chris Figureida was surprised when he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for his hard work and support of Rotary's Polio Plus program. The Paul Harris Fellow is a very special recognition of individuals who exemplify Rotarian values of "Service Above Self" in conducting humanitarian efforts locally and internationally. At left, Chris displays the award along with Club President Indy Batra.



Meeting of 03 October 2012

This was the day of the launch of President's Groups 2.0. A bit of confusion surrounded the redistribution of the membership to the sixteen new President Groups, but everyone eventually settled in. The groups are encouraged to have social events to get to know each other better. Each group is also responsible for one month's programs.

Courtney Lindberg provided the Invocation and Introductions.

John Brant gave his Rotary Moment, choosing to encourage club members to house exchange students, some of which he and his wife Cherie have hosted. He says they have created relationships with these students for life, that they truly cherish.

President Indy noted the fourteen attendees to the Rotary District 5240 Conference at the Queen Mary in Long Beach held over the previous weekend. A highlight of the meeting was a presentation by the District Governor of a Paul Harris Society award to our own Gary Wolfe for pledging \$1,000.00 a year to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations Gary!

Larry Emrich again announced that there are spots still available for the Polio fundraiser football pool. The first game is coming up quickly, October 19 Buena High vs. Ventura High!

Linda Taylor announced that RC Carpinteria Noon has joined us in working on the Coats for Kids project.

Another Troublemakers of the Week- Sonny Shah.

Mario de la Piedra, as finemaster, used the bully pulpit as a tool of retribution, as he fined everyone who had ever fined him!

Program

The program featured Chris Figureida, who was introduced by Larry Emrich who has known Chris since he was a wee tot. Chris has spoken to us before about his many endurance trips by bike in support of Polio Plus for Ventura Rotary and for his own group, Cycle for Heart. Chris spoke of his last, big arduous trek to South America. On this trip, he would ride the width of Argentina, about 1,000 miles in two weeks and then scale one of the

Today's Agenda

Dr. Trudy Arriaga
"Ventura Unified School District"

Introductions
Ellyn Dembowski

Rotary Moment
Christina Rust

Fining
Doug Haines

tallest peaks in South America, Mt. Aconcagua, solo and unsupported.

He set out from Buenos Aires during very hot weather, staying occasionally in hotels, mostly camping, avoiding massive trucks on very narrow roads.

The truly challenging portion of the trip, however, appeared to be the climb of Mt. Aconcagua. Challenges included a very heavy pack of supplies, lower oxygen levels and fast-changing weather. Chris pushed himself to the very edge, both physically and mentally, but was able to summit the peak just prior to a storm that would end the climbing season. He was rewarded with spectacular views, many of which he shared with us in his presentation, as well as insights into his own abilities to confront such extreme conditions. A very inspiring presentation!





Gary Wolfe is recognized as a member of the Paul Harris Society.



Sonny Shah is the latest recipient of the Golden Weenie.



Courtney Lindberg leads the Club in the Flag Salute.



Ed McCombs, Sheila Fattarelli and Ed Summers before meeting.

Upcoming Events

Sri Lanka GSE Team Visit

Derby Club

Oct 17, 2012, 12:00 PM

Club Social with Sri Lanka GSE Team

Ventura Yacht Club

Oct 17, 2012, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Board Meeting

Pierpont Inn

Oct 18, 2012 11:45 AM

Dinner With The President

Denny's

Oct 24, 2012, 05:00 PM

Newcomers Breakfast

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Oct 26, 2012, 07:30 AM



NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

The following is proposed for membership:

Kevin Clerici, proposed by Courtney Lindberg with classification of "Business Improvement District" as a New Generations Member.

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

We cordially invite you to an evening conversation,
showcasing **Dr. Mathew Varghese** -
a noted **surgeon** who has been providing **free-of-cost** polio
corrective surgery, **saving lives, redefining medicine**,
and assisting the **polio** cause led by *Rotary Intl., Gates
Foundation, WHO, the CDC, and UNICEF.*

Please join us on **TUESDAY,**
OCTOBER 16th at La Reina
High School, 106 W. Janss
Road, Thousand Oaks, CA
91360 – Cafeteria.

The **special reception** will take place from
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm with snacks and
beverages served.

The evening is hosted
by **Matt Miguelena**
and **Esha Chhabra**,
who traveled to India
to partake in the polio
initiative

Kindly RSVP to Esha at
805-231-0846 or Matt at
805-300-2426.



Many of us who have travelled to
India in support of the National Im-
munization Days had the honor of
meeting Dr. Varghese and seeing
firsthand the work he is performing
in corrective surgery.

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