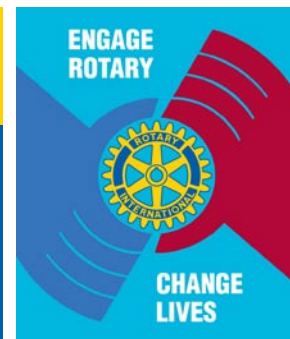


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Ventura College President Greg Gillespie

The Ventura College President since June, today's speaker, Dr. Greg Gillespie, is a seasoned college administrator with a background in crop science. He was selected from five finalists for the job, and left his position as vice president for instruction and student services at Yavapai College in Prescott, Ariz. He succeeded former Ventura Rotary club member Robin Calote, who retired.



authentic and absolutely a visionary leader. I sensed he trusted his own leadership style and that of others. I got the vibe he would trust his subordinates."

Gillespie comes to the job with 19 years of experience in community colleges, including student services, finance and academics. He has taught and served as a director, dean and vice president at several community colleges in both rural and urban areas. At Yavapai, Gillespie helped develop vocational and technical programs, said his colleague, Steve Walker, vice president for advancement. He's also been an effective ambassador for the college, bringing an affable personality and a sense of humor to the job, Walker said.

Gillespie "will be an asset to Ventura College," said Jamillah Moore, chancellor of the Ventura County Community College District. "He has a wealth of experience," said Moore, who selected Gillespie for the job. "He's got a collaborative style with faculty, staff and students. I expect he'll probably be picking up and carrying forward the college's partnerships in the business community."

"He's very good with people," Walker said. "He's been a very effective part of the advancement team." Gillespie came to Yavapai when the state was cutting funding for community colleges, Walker said. "He took a very balanced approach with it. The cuts, though difficult, were well-communicated with our college community."

Gillespie said his immediate goal when he started the job in June would be getting to know people. "I want to spend time developing relationships with the campus and the community, spend a lot of time getting to know people," he said. "I want to work together to identify the areas we can prioritize as a college. ... What we're able to accomplish happens a lot because of the partnerships we're able to develop and the relationships we establish."

Gillespie grew up on an apple and pear orchard in Yakima, Wash. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy (Crop Science) from Washington State University and Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in the same discipline from North Dakota State University. Early in his career, he headed the agricultural program at Yakima Valley College. So he was happy to see Ventura County's farmland when he came for interviews, he said.

Over the long term, Gillespie said he wants to focus on helping students start and complete college.

"I was very excited when I drove through and saw all the groves and fields there," he said, "just the diversity of agriculture there."

Peter Sezzi, the president of the college's Academic Senate and a member of the search committee, said he had "a good vibe" about Gillespie. "I think he's genuine,

This article was adapted from a VC Star article.

Recap of October 16 Meeting

Michael Scar began the proceedings with his invocation and introductions. A patriotic song followed.

Mario de la Piedra gave final instructions for the club volunteers. He said we seem to have surpassed the goal of 200 volunteers and the number of runners participating could be between six and eight thousand. Steve Doll introduced Jen Livia and Josh Spiker, organizers of the Ventura Marathon. Our club helped with volunteers and we were a designated charity. The club received two checks totaling \$4,500.

Mike Anderson fined on the cost and history of the government shutdown. Neal Andrews recalled his Rotary Moment when former Ventura Rotarian Marc Vertin showed a prototype wheelchair being proposed for distribution in the Philippines, he marveled how \$1,300 could be raised in just 30 seconds!

Program

An update on the latest activities of Ventura Rotaract was the program, given by the club president, Jen Livia and the International Service chair, Lucy Oliveira. Jen spoke of wanting to work with our Club, helping us in our projects and we helping them with theirs.

Recent activities have included 'Make a Card, Hug a Mom' in which the members reached out to 100 seniors to brighten their day and give them some social interaction. They are planning to do another similar event but open to both genders, for the holidays. Rotaract participated in a Flash Mob concerning water quality and joined with other area Rotaract clubs in a house building project in Mexico. Another upcoming project involves Food Share, a group with which they have worked before; they will be making a 'food tree' made of food cans They need to help collect cans by the first week of December. Please contact them if you would like to help. On the international scene, Lucy spoke of the impending third Nicaragua trip to work on the school in the same community that our Club is working in, Playa Gigante. There is also interest in helping a school in Brazil that serves at-risk youth.

The Ventura Rotaract Club meets at the Wedgewood Banquet facility at the Buenaventura Golf Course, the first and third Mondays of every month, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Today's Program

Ventura College President Dr. Greg Gillespie

Introductions:	Lucas Johnston
Rotary Moment:	Jim Duran
Fining:	Roger Case

Future Programs

Oct. 30 European Riverboat Vacations

Membership Updates:

The following members have recently left our club:
Jeanette Williams, as of Aug. 26 and Barbara Fitzgerald, Sep. 30.



Josh Spiker, Steve Doll and Jen Livia present checks to the club from the Ventura Marathon fundraiser.



Guest speakers Jen Livia and Lucy Oliveira inform us of the latest efforts of Ventura Rotaract.



Michael Scar led off the meeting with an invocation and introductions.



Last call! Mario de la Piedra gives club members final instructions for the Color Run.



Neal Andrews used his Rotary Moment to remind us of the generosity of Rotarians.



Rotary camaraderie: Cheryl Heitmann, Sandra Laby and Roz Warner.



District Governor Jack McClenahan introduces guests from clubs in Mexico and South Korea.



The visiting District 3720 dignitaries and Past District 5240 Governor Jane McClenahan look on.



DGE Kim Yong-ju of South Korea District 3720 and. DG Wolfgang Stullenberg of District 4160 in Mexico.

Rotary Dignitaries Visit our Club

Ventura Rotary was honored to host the leadership of the three sister Rotary Districts of 3720 (South Korea), 4160 (Mexico) and 5240 (USA), for lunch at our regular Wednesday meeting. From Korea we welcomed PDG Park Chul and his wife, Oh Young-ok; Lee Hae-suk, spouse of DG Yun Yeong-ho (who unfortunately was not able to join us) and DGE Kim Yong-ju and his wife Kim Mi-suk. From Mexico, DG Wolfgang Stullenberg and his wife Inga, joined us and showed us images of his home district on the screen. From our own district, we had our DG Jack McClenahan and his wife, PDG Jane McClenahan and DGN Jim Bell. Also from our district was Sunae Doh, wife of PDG Chung-sam Doh, who is accompanying the South Korean contingent as translator.

DGE Park delighted the club with some warm remarks, translated by Mrs. Doh, of his impressions of the club, particularly of the concept of 'fining.' He requested, and received, the fining questions given by Mike Anderson! We wish all of our guests a wonderful visit.

October 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

October Anniversaries

Lucas Johnston, Oct 06
Jim Newton, Oct 11
Juan Soto, Oct 14
Ellyn Dembowski, Oct 23



Upcoming Events

November 1;
start collecting coats!



In Memoriam

Nanci Cone died in her sleep on Oct. 18. She was an active member of the Rotary Club of Ventura two different times for a total of 4 years and a past club Director. She was honored twice as a Paul Harris Fellow (named after the founder of Rotary) by The Rotary Foundation and is also a benefactor of this foundation. Nanci left Rotary in June of 2012. The club first met Nanci long before she became a member when she worked with the club to serve breakfasts to seniors at the Senior Center on Ventura Avenue.

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