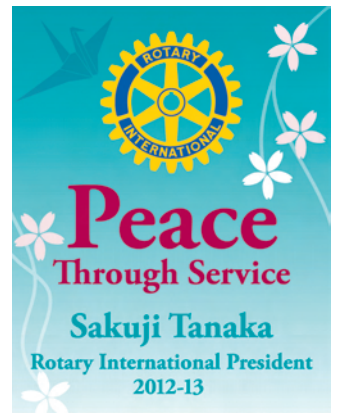


# ROTARY SPOKES

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## Craft Talks: Courtney Lindberg

Today's popular program, Craft Talks, features one of our youngest members, Courtney Lindberg. Courtney is an Environmental Sustainability Specialist at the City of Ventura. Her responsibilities there include Commercial Recycling Coordination, Greenhouse Gas/Climate Action Planning, Green Business Recognition, Green Purchasing and Grants and Permitting.



She spent time in Texas as an Environmental Specialist for Earth Resource Technology at the Johnson Space Center from June 2008 – January 2011. There she was a Recycling, Sustainable Acquisition and Environmental Management Systems Specialist (ISO 14001 Certified) and performed technical and regulatory activities, analysis and oversight to concentrate on the reduction of the volume of Municipal Solid Waste at NASA Johnson Space Center. She has organized and implemented an array of outreach and training programs both on and off site and regularly created and presented information at high level meetings regarding environmental issues at Johnson Space Center, and at national NASA meetings.

Courtney holds a Master of Science degree in Environmental Science from Oregon State University, where she also served as a Teaching Assistant in Biology. Courtney's community involvement, other than Rotary, includes being a youth group facilitator for Rainbow Umbrella and as a 'Big Sister' for Big Brothers Big Sisters while living in Houston Texas.



## Today is **World Polio Day**.

The 24th of October has been chosen to commemorate the month in which Jonas Salk was born. Jonas Salk was the leader of the team that invented the first polio vaccine in 1955. The polio vaccine has been hugely successful. For this year there were only 170 cases reported compared to 467 last year. The vaccine is administered orally and only a few doses will protect children for life. Although the cost is rather low, it takes a tremendous effort and organization in order to get it where it is most needed. Today, only three countries remain where the polio virus still makes victims, namely Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. The challenge to administer vaccines to every child are huge and the environment is hostile.

The Polio Eradication Effort strives to protect children from this crippling disease. The benefits are tenfold but on top of the list is the longterm economic impact with healthcare savings estimated between 40-50 billion US\$ in the next 20 years. And yet, Rotary International's slogan of their "End Polio Now" campaign states: "We are this close" indicating that we are not near the total eradication of the polio virus. More budget and effort will be needed to one day, free this world from polio, for everyone, forever.

# World Polio Day

## Meeting of 17 October 2012

New member Ajay Dhebar led us in our invocation and introductions. President Indy personally thanked Ajay for his assistance with the GSE team as they visited this area. Clyde Reynolds and RoseAnn Hill again led us in song.

- Kristin Taylor thanked Ellyn Dembowski, Ron Bamieh, Gary Young and Jeff King for stepping up to finance the cost of the hangars for the Coats for Kids program.
- Ron Baldonado thanked the club for being involved in helping pay for the new LED lights that adorn the Norfolk pines in the Mission San Buenaventura courtyard. Ron was heading up the effort for the mission.
- Martin Rodriguez, our Rotary exchange student from Chile, showed us images of his family. Despite the distance from his homeland, Martin insists that he is not homesick yet.

### Program

*Ayubowan*- have a long and healthy life!

Our program was the visiting GSE Team from Sri Lanka's District 3220. The team leader, Past President G S Sylvester, introduced his group and shared in their individual stories, the work of Rotary in Sri Lanka and the beauty and culture of their homeland. The resumes of the entire team were very impressive, and it is obvious that the future of Sri Lanka is in very good hands.

- PP Sylvester showed us images of his wife, son and daughter. He is a successful marketer by profession, and has had a rich Rotary life, with his awards as Sri Lanka's best president and best assistant governor.
- Kanchana Abayasinghe is a licensed Architect, has worked in Sri Lanka and Abu Dhabi and is a four-

## Today's Agenda

### *Craft Talks with Courtney Lindberg*

Introductions <i>Mario de la Peidra</i>	Rotary Moment <i>Mario de la Peidra</i>
Fining <i>Margo Byrne</i>	

year Sri Lankan champion as a black belt in karate.

- Arjuna Wijekoo, celebrating his birthday that very day, is a Medical Doctor with a wife and daughter. He is a general practitioner in a rural part of the country and is a published author.
- Seshika Fernando is a Financial Analyst and dances competitively at a national level. She also teaches math to underprivileged children.
- Nilumi Withanage is a renowned biotechnologist specializing in working with maggots as a method of dealing with healing wounds more effectively

The GSE Team's presentation showed the positive impact of Rotary in this rapidly modernizing nation. Sri Lanka has been proudly polio-free since 1997, the first nation in South Asia to be so designated. Rotary has assisted in 32 schools being built or renovated, particularly after the devastating 2004 tsunami. The team closed its presentation by showing a short film of the beauty and cultural diversity of Sri Lanka.





# World Polio Day



*Clyde Reynolds, Ajay Dhebar, RoseAnn Hill and President Indy Batra kick off the meeting.*



*Kristin Taylor speaks on the Coats for Kids program, while President Indy looks on.*



*Guest Ron Baldonado thanks Ventura Rotary for our involvement with the permanent lights at the mission.*

## Upcoming Events

### Dinner With The President- **NEW DAY!**

Denny's Restaurant, Harbor Blvd.

Oct 26, 2012, 05:00 PM

We will meet at VONS on Harbor near Seaward at 5 PM. Please bring your Blue Shirts, it will be ok if some of you miss them. We will start walking at 5:10 PM and be at Denny's at 5:30 PM. We will probably finish by 7 PM and start walking back and drive off by 7:30 PM.

### Newcomers Breakfast

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Oct 26, 2012, 07:30 AM

### Fireside Chat

Home of Sheila Fatarelli

Nov 8, 2012, 6:00 PM



The bulletin is uploaded every week now to our Facebook page, as well as other images and notices of club activities. Please 'like' us!



*Our exchange student from Chile, Martin Rodriguez, shows us images of his family.*



# World Polio Day



## Ventura Yacht Club Social

Our annual barbecue at the yacht club was very well attended. The cool breezy location was a relief from the heat wave inland. The barbecue was plentiful and delicious and the salads, side dishes and desserts from club members were fantastic as usual.

This year was even better as we were able to host the GSE team from Sri Lanka!



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