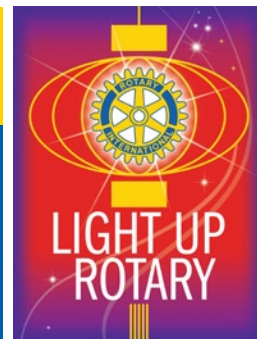


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Aspire3 Entrepreneurial Educational Experiences

Today's speaker, Sean Bhardwaj is the Founder and Managing Director of Aspire3 Entrepreneurial Educational Experiences where he creates programs and partnerships between education, business, government, and community organizations to develop the next generation of entrepreneurs.



Sean will be sharing updates to Aspire3 and highlighting some of the exciting changes in Ventura County in entrepreneurship and career education. We'll look at how these emerging programs better prepare students to be successful in the workplace and careers. Finally there will be easy but essential ways for businesses and community leaders (especially Rotarians) to help education be more responsive to industry.

Sean is also Director of Operations for the Ventura Ventures Technology Center, a business incubator dedicated to growing technology based companies and jobs in Ventura. Sean's background is in Product Management and Market Development and he is involved with the Business and Technology Partnership at CSU Channel Islands and committees such as the Ventura County Civic Alliance's Workforce Education Committee and the Youth Council of the Workforce Investment

Board of Ventura County. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a focus on Global Marketing and Consumer Behavior from the University of Southern California.

Ventura Rotary Social Event
at the
Ventura Yacht Club
in honor of
District Governor
Loretta Butts

Wednesday, Sept. 17
BBQ provided, pot luck
and BYOB

District 5240 2014 District Conference



October 3-5, 2014 Monterey, CA

Enjoy a weekend of FUN and Rotary fellowship at the Monterey Marriott located within walking distance of downtown Monterey. For more info:

<http://www.seemonterey.com/rotary/>

Recap of August 27 Meeting

Andy Soter, celebrating his 40th year as a Rotarian, started the meeting off with a prayer. Staci Johnson and RoseAnnHill adapted the song "My Fair Lady" to befit President Rob, along with a disturbing photo.

In announcements, Brenda Allison asked members to attend the first Children's Christmas Party organizational meeting on Sep. 3.

Mario de la Piedra reminded members to encourage runners to sign up for the Oct. 18 Color Run and Ellyn Dembowski instructed members how to designate the JGMF as a recipient charity when you buy on Amazon.com. Steve Doll appealed for volunteers around the Ventura Marathon and Beach Party.

Courtney Lindberg fined on the current drought, dispensing water-saving devices for correct answers. For his Rotary Moment, Gary Wolfe recalled the many good projects directed by the late Jan Lindsay, whose memorial service Gary had just attended.

Indy Batra, during Happy Dollars, stepped up to donate \$5.00 for every club meeting attendee that day.

Program

The speaker was Darren Kettle, the Executive Director of the Ventura County Transportation Commission which oversees the transport-related systems throughout our area.

Darren first updated the club on the current large construction projects, both affecting US 101 at Mussel Shoals and at the SR 23 intersection, both slated to be completed by 2016.

He noted that the complaints of congestion on US 101 have been increasing. A recently concluded study, which looked at the addition of HOV and auxilliary lanes to the freeway may cost up to \$335 million and take years to build.

The financial reality is that there is a foreseeable long-term dearth of new funding to improve the county's growing transportation issues.

Today's Program *Aspire3*

Introductions:

Terry Schaeffer

Rotary Moment:

Hank Chandler

Fining:

Maria Berntson

Future Programs

Sep 10 Ronald Reagan Library Presentation

Sep 17 District Governor Visit

Sep 24 Member Spotlights



Indy Batra generously donated funds to the club to celebrate a good year.



Guest Speaker Darren Kettle shares the state of transportation in the county.



President Rob vanNieuwburg and Andy Soter start the meeting.



Brenda Allison announces the first meeting of the Children's Christmas Party.



Gary Wolfe shares his Rotary Moment as a tribute to the work of PDG Jan Liindsay.



Courtney Lindberg conducts a drawing about the drought with related prizes..



Betsy Chess gives a Happy Dollar to celebrate being back at the club.



Staci Johnson and RoseAnn Hill lead the club in a unique song.



Polio Workers Under Threat

Noor is a 42-year-old mother of three. She's also one of Pakistan's roughly 100,000 Lady Health Workers, who help provide basic health services to children in slums and remote rural areas of Pakistan. On this day, she and two other workers are immunizing kids for measles. The trio is explaining to a group of young mothers how their children will need to get measles booster shots in a year and a half.

Being a front-line health worker usually isn't controversial. But in Pakistan, it can get you killed. The Taliban went on an offensive against polio immunization in 2012 after it became clear that the CIA used a fake hepatitis vaccination campaign to gather intelligence on Osama bin Laden. Since then, more than 60 polio workers have been gunned down.

Whenever another vaccinator gets shot, Noor's husband urges her to stop going on campaigns and to stay home. But Noor says she can't. To her, protecting Pakistani kids from polio paralysis is crucial to the country — especially since there's no treatment for the disease. "These are our children, and it's obvious we will not let them be disabled," she says.

September Birthdays

Norm Blacher, Sep 04	Larry Dawes, Sep 23
Christina Rust, Sep 08	Larry Rasmussen, Sep 24
Indy Batra, Sep 09	Joe Richards, Sep 25
Sherry Scott, Sep 12	
Mike Anderson, Sep 13	
Fred Bysshe, Sep 16	
John McConica II, Sep 17	
Staci Johnson, Sep 20	
Steve Bradvica, Sep 22	

September Anniversaries

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

September 6 and 7. Ride markers, aid station attendants and beer pourers are needed. Our club receives funds from this event for our Dictionary Project, plus it's a lot of fun! If you can help out, please contact Steve Doll.



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