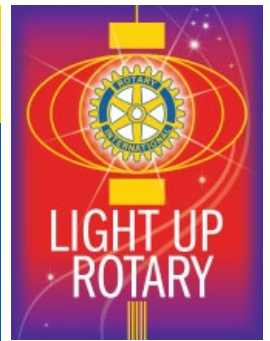


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Rotary District Governor Loretta Butts

Loretta Butts is speaking with us today as our District Governor for 2014-2015.



Loretta is a Registered Principal and financial advisor. Since moving to the Central Coast in 1989, she has served as the Chair of the San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women, on the Board of Directors of Life Span Services and Chair of the program advisory committee for the EOC Adult Day Care program in Templeton, CA. After serving a term on the board of the North County Women's Shelter, she was one of the founding members of the Friends of the North County Women's Shelter committee.

Loretta joined the Rotary Club of Atascadero in 1994 and since then has served on several of the club's

boards and as Treasurer and as Rotary International Foundation chair. In 2001 she was instrumental in the charter of the Rotary Club of Templeton and served as its Charter President from 2001-2003. Through her work with Rotary International, Loretta has traveled to Nigeria to assist in the international organization's goal of eradicating polio while identifying the need for other Rotary sponsored programs and services during her visit.

In addition to serving as a Charter President, she has served in the District as International Service Chair, STEPS Chair, Assistant Governor, GSE Group Coordinator and sits on the Grants Committee and the Future Vision Planning Committee.

She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor. Loretta's husband, John, is also a Paul Harris Fellow as are other members of her family. She has 3 grown children and 10 grandchildren



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 September 10 Meeting

Mario de la Piedra started off the meeting with a moment of silence this day before the anniversary of September 11, 2001. Staci Johnson and RoseAnn Hill led us in Lee Greenwood's 'Proud to be an American.'

Hutch Hutchinson presented Club Secretary Jim Deardorff with another 'ruby' pin Paul Harris Fellowship.

Dick Hatcher fined while Greg Kincaid offered his Rotary Moment.

Announcements included Kristin Taylor's reminder of a joint meeting for Coats for Kids and the Children's Christmas Party. Ellyn Dembowski encouraged everyone to attend the Yacht Club Social. President Rob reminded everyone that the Color Run is coming up and to encourage members to sign up runners with the code **COLORJGMRF** and the Club will receive money!

Program

The speaker was Melanie Salvesen, who is the Marketing Outreach Assistant for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. The 150,000 s.f. facility house exhibits, a replica of the Oval Office and a hangar that houses both Air Force One and Marine One. The Library's holdings include over 60 million pages of documents, over 1.6 million photographs, tens of thousands of audio and video tape, and over 40,000 artifacts.

Melanie spoke of the newly refurbished exhibits which focus on more interactivity and a particular effort to engage children. There is even an app available for your phone to make the visit more comprehensive.

Temporary exhibits are also quite popular. The fascinating show on baseball has ended, but a new show featuring classic cars will open in October.

A popular lecture series brings speakers from all sides of the political spectrum and often sells out.

Today's Program

District 5240 Governor

Loretta Butts

Introductions: Greg Abrams
Rotary Moment: Greg Abrams
Fining: Albert McCartney

Future Programs

Sep 24 Member Spotlights
Oct 1 The Importance of a Colonoscopy
Oct 8 Polio & Wars



Jim Deardorff receives another Paul Harris Fellowship from Hutch Hutchinson.



Guest speaker Melanie Salvesen updates the club on the Ronald Reagan Library.



Steve Doll reports on the success of the Ventura Marathon and Beach Party.



RoseAnn Hill and Staci Johnson lead the club in singing "Proud to be an American."



Mario started the meeting with a moment of silence for the victims of September 11, 2001.



Greg Kincaid shares his Rotary Moment.

Anti-Vaccine Movement May Have Global Repercussions

Supporters of the anti-vaccine movement question the safety, efficacy and necessity of the very medicines that have so greatly reduced our children's risk of catching a host of once-common but potentially very serious infectious diseases, such as mumps, measles and whooping cough. And then there's polio, the disabling, sometimes fatal virus that was every American parent's worst nightmare until effective vaccines were developed in the 1950s — and which still infects children in the developing world.

Some who oppose vaccines are well-meaning parents who have come to believe — wrongly in the view of mainstream medical science — that the medicines are to blame for their own children's health problems, especially in the case of autism. What they don't realize is that refusing vaccinations jeopardizes not only their own children's health and that of every unvaccinated child in the community, it also undermines a core principle of global health: that vaccines are essential to safeguard all children against disease.

Which brings us to "Invisible Threat," a documentary produced by a group of broadcast journalism students at Carlsbad High School. The film takes

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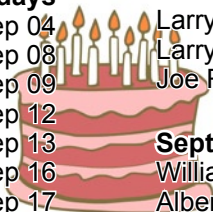
an unbiased look at the debate over vaccine safety. It includes interviews with physicians; parents who believe vaccines are linked to autism; and parents who have lost children to vaccine-preventable diseases. After considering both sides and weighing the evidence, the students conclude that vaccines are safe, effective and tremendously important. What slight health risks vaccines may pose are vastly outweighed by the good they do.

A no-strings-attached grant of \$60,000 from several San Diego-area Rotary clubs in 2012 funded the project, and the sponsors are proud of the results. Unfortunately, controversy delayed the film's public release until last month, when it was posted online. Anti-vaccine groups say the film is propaganda for the vaccine industry. In a press release, one group cited the Rotary grant as evidence. Why? Because Rotary "receives large grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, a major investor in vaccines." In truth, both Rotary and the Gates Foundation are "major investors" in improving children's health worldwide. Since 2007, Rotary's collaboration with the Gates Foundation has raised nearly \$763 million, funds that Rotary dispenses as grants to the World Health Organization and UNICEF to fight polio worldwide. The oral polio vaccine is the primary weapon.

As the students report, polio, now so close to eradication, is still only the proverbial plane ride away, placing every unvaccinated child at risk. In 1952, polio paralyzed a record 21,000 Americans, most of them children. Opposition to vaccines is not unfamiliar to Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which since 1988 has reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent. It is true that misperceptions and rumors about the polio vaccine sometimes cause parents in developing countries to refuse immunization. Such

September Birthdays

Norm Blacher, Sep 04
 Christina Rust, Sep 08
 Indy Batra, Sep 09
 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



Larry Dawes, Sep 23
 Larry Rasmussen, Sep 24
 Joe Richards, Sep 25

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



challenges are anticipated and overcome.

A concern now is that the noise generated by the anti-vaccine movement here will be heard by extremists attacking health workers abroad. Such a scenario would only further jeopardize the health of children denied access to lifesaving vaccines, while increasing the danger faced by the brave health workers dedicated to protecting them.

It is completely understandable that parents of children with unexplained health problems are desperate for answers. But as "Invisible Threat" reports, the weight of medical science comes down squarely on the side of vaccines.

To quote astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, "The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it."

TONIGHT!
Ventura Rotary Social Event
Ventura Yacht Club
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 5:00 p.m.
BBQ provided, pot luck and BYOB

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