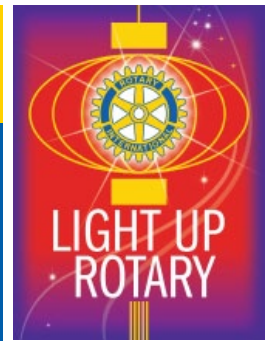


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Member Spotlights: Amy Fonzo and Matt LaVere

Today is the ever-popular 'Member Spotlights' or TPFKACT (The Program Formerly Known as Craft Talks). It features a couple of new-ish members. Amy Fonzo and Matt LaVere.



Amy Fonzo has been the Public Relations Manager at Vintage Production, a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum since 2012. Vintage Production California LLC produces oil and gas from more than 50 fields, primarily located in the Ventura, San Joaquin and Sacramento basins. These combined properties encompass approximately 1 million acres, including both developed and undeveloped acreage. The Vintage Ventura County office is located in Santa Paula.

Prior to her current position, Amy was Vice President of Community Investment for the United Way of Ventura County. For 10 years she served as Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board of the County of Ventura.

Amy holds a B.S. Accounting, Business Administration from Pennsylvania State University. She has been honored by the Pacific Coast Business Times as one of the Top 50 Women in Business.

Matt LaVere is an attorney for Jones & Lester, LLP. He advises his clients in all aspects of business and real estate matters. Mr. LaVere is licensed to practice law in both California and Nevada.

Matt was born and raised in Ventura and Ojai,



California. He graduated from Villanova Preparatory School before moving onto Pepperdine University where he earned a bachelor's degree cum laude, with honors and distinction in 2000. Mr. LaVere earned his law degree from the Pepperdine University School of Law in 2006, where he also earned a Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine's top-ranked Strauss Institute.

Prior to practicing law, Mr. LaVere's previous jobs included working for President Bill Clinton and as a legislative aide on Capitol Hill, clerking at the Ventura County District Attorney's Office and a six month legal externship with the United States Attorney's Office Organized Crime Strike Force in Las Vegas, Nevada.



IN MEMORIAM

We are all saddened by the news of the passing of John McConica.

He was a member of our Club since June, 1949, and served as Club President in 1960-61. Memorial services will be announced soon.

Recap of September 17 Meeting

Greg Abrams began the meeting with a quote from Mr. Rogers. Clyde Reynolds and RoseAnn Hill led the club in 'You're a Grand Ol' Flag.'

Steve Doll, Josh Spiker and Jen Livia, organizers of the Ventura Marathon and Beach Party, presented a check for \$5,000.00 to benefit the Dictionary Project. SusAnne Lee Chung announced that the Dictionary Project will take place earlier, in November, as this works best with the academic calendar. Rotaractor Jen Livia invited members to join the Ventura Rotaract potluck at her Red Brick Gallery in Downtown on Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m.

On the eve of the Scottish independence vote, a kilt-wearing Albert McCartney fined on all things Scottish. Greg Abrams, in his Rotary Moment, reflected on his encounters with a typical, but remarkable, farming family when he travelled to India on a Rotary NID trip.

Because of the visit by our District Governor Loretta Butts, she had the honors, with President Rob assisting, to officially induct two new members, Jesse Wanamaker, with the classification of Real Estate-Residential and sponsored by Rob vanNieuwburg and Ben Unseth, with the classification of Non-Profit-Social Services and sponsored by Larry Dawes.

DG Loretta also awarded four Paul Harris Fellowships to President Rob, Ellyn Dembowski, Larry Rasmussen and Roger Case. Lynda Girtsman was presented with the Avenue of Service Citation. Our Club also donated \$200.00 to the annual Ventura County Stand Down for Veterans.

Program

DG Loretta Butts spoke of her personal experiences in Rotary, speaking specifically of the 'gift' of Rotary. To express this, she gave President Rob a gift of the world, a small crystal globe.

She says that, although she has been a club member since 1994, she didn't truly 'become' a Rotarian until she went on a National Immunization Day trip to Nigeria in 2005.

Today's Program

Member Spotlights with Amy Fonzo and Matt LaVere

Introductions:	Dan Holmes
Rotary Moment:	Sonny Shah
Fining:	Jeff King

Future Programs

Oct 1	The Importance of a Colonoscopy
Oct 8	Polio & Wars
Oct 15	CASA of Ventura County



Steve Doll, Jen Livia and Josh Spiker present President Rob with a \$5,000.00 check



Our District 5240 Governor, Loretta Butts, talks about the 'gift' of Rotary.



RoseAnn Hill and Clyde Reynold start things off with a rousing "You're a Grand Ol' Flag."



SusAnne Lee Chung announces some changes to the Dictionary Project schedule.



Greg Abrams served double duty, leading us in the Invocation and sharing his Rotary Moment.



Beth Unseth is welcomed to the club by his sponsor Larry Dawes.



Jesse Wanamaker receives his new-member swag from his sponsor Rob van Nieuwburg



Lynda Girtsman shows off her Avenue of Service Citation flanked by President Rob and DG Loretta.



Larry Rasmussen, Roger Case, Ellyn Dembowski and Rob vanNieuwburg are the latest Paul Harris Fellowship recipients. DG Loretta Butts and Hutch Hutchinson, the PHF chair, presented.

Nearly **94** million children will be vaccinated against polio in September 2014 across central and western Africa

World Health Organization

Across central and western Africa, 18 countries are carrying out synchronized campaigns to protect 94 million children against polio.

September Birthdays

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| 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 | September Anniversaries |
| Fred Bysshe, Sep 16 | William J. Kearney, Sep 10 |
| John McConica II, Sep 17 | Albert McCartney, Sep 12 |
| Staci Johnson, Sep 20 | Ed McCombs, Sep 12 |
| Steve Bradvica, Sep 22 | Michael Scar, Sep 29 |



WE NEED RUNNERS!

This benefits the Rotary Club of Ventura. Grab your friends...you won't want to miss this! Buy tix here: TheColorRun.com/Ventura/ and remember to use the code: COLORJGMRF to save \$\$\$

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