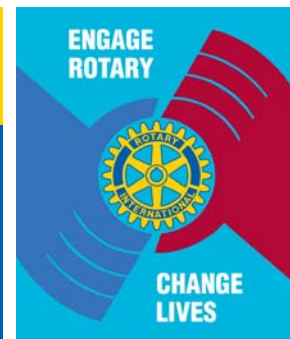


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“Call Me Capable” with Carole Leish

Today’s speaker is Carol Leish, MA. She is a unique motivational speaker, writer and trainer, with over 10 years experience in teaching and working with Social Service agencies. Her programs offer the audience a unique insight to the world of the physically, mentally and learning challenged person, because Carol is speaking from her own personal experiences.

Carol invites her audience to join her personal journey of coping with visual and speech challenges. She enlightens people by focusing on the strengths that people with disabilities have, and demonstrates that there is always a way to get around a situation by improvising or accommodating to it. She deals with a sensitive subject in a way that inspires and educates the listener.

As a child, Carol sustained speech and vision disabilities as a result of an auto accident. Instead of focusing on her injuries, Carol choose to focus on her abilities and strengths. By age 22 she had already proven that she was extremely capable, as noted from her former ophthalmologist; “You have proven the pessimists wrong, and the optimists right. I congratulate you!”

Carol graduated from CSU, San Bernadino, with a 3.6 GPA, earning her Masters degree in Education and Counseling. She went on to teach at San Bernadino in City schools, and worked for a variety of non-profit organizations.

Carol realized the importance of educating adults and youth to become more accepting of others, and started her “Call Me Capable” in-service presentations, and developed the Call Me Capable Game™. She inspires her audience with her humor and genuineness, and leaves them with an awareness that we are all more similar than different.

“Through the lessons of life, I have realized my goal to help others. Remember the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson,



‘Life is a succession of lessons that must be lived to be understood.’ I have, and continue to learn lessons of how to educate others to make them more aware of what I can do--what they can do too. Thus remember to Call Me Capable, and Yourself More Capable.”

Rotary Approves Emergency Funds

Rotary has approved a \$500,000 Rapid Response grant to the World Health Organization (WHO) to address a recent polio outbreak in Somalia. The outbreak occurred in the Banadir region of Somalia, where a large number of children had not been vaccinated against polio due to inaccessibility.

As of 14 August, 110 cases of wild poliovirus have been reported in the Horn of Africa—100 cases in Somalia and 10 in Kenya. This is the first outbreak in Somalia since 2007 and in Kenya since 2011.

The Rotary grant will cover operational costs, including human resources, training, and transportation of health workers, aimed at immunizing children under 10 in all accessible areas of Somalia in August. To date, five vaccination campaigns have been held in Somalia, three in Kenya, two each in Ethiopia and Yemen, and one in Djibouti. Additional campaigns are planned through the end of the year.

Recap of August 29 Meeting

President-elect Rob van Nieuwburg stepped in for President Irene Henry for a little dais practice. Dave Loe came up for the invocation and spoke commemorating the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, particularly the Martin Luther King Jr. 'Dream' speech. He remarked that for those that were around at that time, things have changed much for the better concerning matters of race. RoseAnn Hill and Clyde Reynolds led the club in "America the Beautiful.

Our club exchange student counselor Lucas Johnston introduced our new Belgian student, Laura.

Two events are quickly coming up that need club member volunteers. The Club is assisting with the Bike Ride on Saturday, September 7 and Beer Pouring on Sunday, September 8 as part of the Ventura Marathon and Beach Party. Ask Steve Doll or Curtis Cormane how you can assist for a couple of hours. Similarly, on October 19, our club is the official charitable organization for the Ventura Color Run 5K. We receive funding based on the number of volunteers we get. See Mario de la Piedra for more info.

The Club BBQ and picnic at Foster Park is coming up quickly. Ellyn Dembowski asked for members to sign up for this fun occasion.

Jim Deardorff invited club members to peruse a table on which he laid out various Rotary paraphernalia, for the taking, discovered in the late Don Leach's garage.

Numerous perfect attendance awards were given out. Congratulations! Fining was conducted by Mary Kay Doubek.

Program

Mario de la Piedra introduced the program, Sean Bhardwa of Aspire: Entrepreneur Education Initiative. This is a program currently being used by Ventura Unified School District as part of the Common Core curriculum as a way of bringing more entrepreneurial spirit into the classroom. Six hundred students are expected to participate this Fall.

Citing statistics showing the traditional teaching methods

Today's Program

Carole Leish
"Call Me Capable"

Introductions:

Terry Schaeffer

Rotary Moment:

Norm Blacher

Fining:

Curtis Cormane

do not foster innovative skills for a modern economy, the Aspire program seeks to give students an extended foray into all facets of entrepreneurship.

The intention is to also foster a better partnership between Education, the Community and Business. In encouraging students in a different way of thinking, Sean spoke of, instead of just seeking the right answer, learn how to ask the right question.



Sean Bhardwa addresses the club concerning his efforts to bring entrepreneurship into local schools



Dave Loe recalls a very different time 50 years ago when the March on Washington occurred.



A bowtied Mario de la Piedra introduces the guest speaker to the club.



Dick Hatcher was the recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship, presented by Past President Indy Batra.



Barbara Asbell addresses the club during Happy Dollars to commemorate her 'official' return to the club!



The next event is
Thursday, Sep. 26 at

Mel and Sylvia
Cheatham's
Residence
Thurs. Sept 26.

Contact
Sheila Fatarelli for
more info!

FIRESIDE CHAT

**Ventura Rotary Social Event
at Foster Park, Sept. 15**

Our annual picnic! Bring your favorite picnic food to share in a potluck. This is a casual, family Sunday event. The fun starts at noon. You can contact Terry Schaeffer for more information.

**Sign Up Sheets are on
your tables!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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Upcoming Events	
District Governor Social Sun., Sept 15, Noon Foster Park	Fireside Chat Thurs., Sep. 26 Cheatham Residence
Ventura Marathon Sun, Sept. 8, 7:00 am Ventura Pier	The Color Run 5K Sat., Oct. 19, 9:00 am Ventura Fairgrounds

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
Melody Namikas, Sep 19
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
Sherry Scott, Sep 12
Michael Scar, Sep 29

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