



Herschel Berger

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Where Magic Happens

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ROTARY CLUB OF
SIMI SUNRISE



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1987-1988 Ivan Delman
1985-1987 Sal Fasulo

President's Message

Hello Simi Sunrise,



SHOWA!
This picture was taken at Rotary International Convention in

New Orleans. I met three incredible gentlemen from Nigeria. They taught me the word, "Showa", translation, "What's Happening", a way of greeting people.

Where else but Rotary, could a moment like this occur. Life is a journey, and my journey for that moment was incredible. The four of us felt like "The Beatles", because after someone used my camera to shoot that picture, there was about 50 Rotarians shooting multiple pictures of the four of us. I never saw so much flashes going off at one time.

The unexpected is what makes life's journey so valuable. Rotary enhances life's journey, if you allow it!

By making "Family First", I keep a balanced life. By having a balanced life, I become a "Dedicated Rotarian". Because life is stable at home, my energy towards Rotary is not interrupted.

I am dedicated to Simi Sunrise, and our new year will be "Powerful". However, I need everyone to put "Family First", so when our club asks for your help during this special year, each and everyone of you will be "Dedicated"!

I wish everyone an incredible year, and it all begins, now!

Herschel

ROTARY SIMI SUNRISE ANNOUNCEMENT GUIDELINES

1. Simi Sunrise Rotary Announcements can be made verbally at each weekly Rotary Meeting. Written materials supporting a Simi Sunrise Rotary event can also be placed on the individual breakfast tables, the announcement table, and/or displayed on the Video Wall as well.
2. Other Rotary clubs' events can be displayed on the Announcement Table and/or the Video Wall.
3. All other organizations' events can be displayed on the Announcement Table and/or the Video Wall if space is available. Rotary events will always take precedence, with Simi Sunrise events being top priority.
4. If you wish to make a verbal announcement, please transmit its content to Harry VanDyck harry@simivalleycpa.com by 5PM on Tuesday prior to the Rotary Meeting. This deadline is also effective for any material to be placed on the Announcement Table. Video Wall announcements must be transmitted to Harry in electronic format by 5PM on Monday. This will allow time for approval, transmission of files, and production of the Video Wall.

See the table below for a visual depiction of these guidelines:

Announcement	Simi Sunrise	Other Rotary Clubs	Non-Rotary Orgs	Deadlines
Verbal	Yes	No	No	5PM Tue
Breakfast Tables	Yes	No	No	5PM Tue
Announcement Table	Yes	Yes	Yes-Space available	5PM Tue
Video Wall	Yes	Yes	Yes-Space available	5PM Mon

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PHOTOS FROM HERSCHEL'S FIRST MEETING



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Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise
"Announcements" Policy

Verbal Announcements during the weekly club meetings are for Rotary business only. Those members who want to promote a Rotary event may also place flyers on a special table that will be available for Rotary announcements only. Non Rotary flyers can be placed in the newsletter and on the video wall. Additionally, if the announcement is for another Rotary Club's activity, then please send to Michelle Foster as the "Club Liaison."

For Newsletter/bulletins: Leigh Nixon leighn@simichamber.org
For Video Wall: Larry Silverman larry@lfe2.net
For "Rotary only" verbal announcements: Harry VanDyck: Harry@simivalleycpa.com
For another Rotary Club: Michelle Foster mfoster@lfe2.net

Today's Announcements:

Jarrod DeGonia and Doug Feto highlighted the history of the Rotary Foundation.

Herschel Berger presented a Paul Harris Fellow to his dad this morning, Ivan Berger.

Doug Feto said that there is an open seat on the board of the Simi Sunrise Rotary Charitable Foundation. Please see Doug if you are interested in being on that board.

Stella Ortiz reminded everyone about this month's Gourmet Club — Saturday, July 16 at Doug Wieben's house. The theme is International. She also put out sign up sheets for the DG dinner planned for Wednesday, July 27 at Lost Canyon. Finally, she said raffle donations are needed for our club's upcoming golf tournament on Friday, August 19.

Jim Vaseg announced that tee signs at this year's golf tournament have come down. Renewals are only \$75 and new ones are \$100.

ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNRISE



Where Magic Happens Herschel Berger President 2011-2012

Wade Nomura
District Governor 2011-2012
Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning



WADE NOMURA is a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning. Wade will be serving as District Governor in

the years 2011-2012. He has served as a Group Representative, District Vocational Service Director, District Club Service Director, Mid Terms Chair, and Education and Training Deputy Director. He is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society Charter member, Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Bequest Society member and Major Donor. He is the only instructor trained to teach all the Basic PRLS modules and all the Master PRLS series; 182 (Extemporaneous and Planned Speaking), Master PRLS 3 (Facilitation Skills), MPRLS 4 (Situational Leadership) and MPRLS 5 (Project and Business Planning). Wade has also presented PRLS in District 4160, Mexico.

Wade shares Rotary with his wife and childhood sweetheart, Roxanne. Roxanne was President of the Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning before Wade. Wade and Roxanne have a son and a daughter, plus a much loved grandson.

Come meet him on July 27/28/11

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Jared DeGuzia talked about the Rotary Foundation and the first grant they made in 1930 was for \$50 to the organization that would eventually become Easter Seals.

Dale Doris received his Blue Badge this morning.

Ernie Gilbert presented Paul Harris Fellow to his sons this morning — Jonathan and Christopher.

Gary Stewart talked about a new campaign that will begin in January to increase membership for our Rotary clubs in this district. A new internet Rotary page has been created — www.rotaryclub.org. Check it out!

Jim Vinge talked about needing golfers to sign up for our club's tournament on August 19 and thanked all of you who purchased tee signs last week — 20! Stella Ortiz is collecting raffle items — please dig into your closet for items you might want to donate.



Doug Foss said to contact him if you are interested in being in the heart of the Simi Sunrise Charitable Foundation. We will write next week.

Dick Erbe talked about the Relay for Life, which will be held October 15 & 16.

Stella Ortiz said to please sign up for the District Governor's Reception Dinner that will be held at Lost Canyon Golf Club on Wednesday, July 27.

Ernie Gilbert said that he will be holding a Rotary Information night at his house on Monday, July 18.

Christopher Gilbert was our speaker this morning and talked about his three tours of duty in the Middle East. He also thanked our club for donating soccer balls during his first tour.



Wade Nomura
District Governor 2011-2012
Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning



WADE NOMURA is a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning. Wade will be serving as District Governor in

the years 2011-2012. He will be speaking to the club next week and we are hosting a reception the evening prior.

Come meet him on July 27/28/11

Don't forget to wear Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise Dress: Navy Blazer and Khaki slacks or skirt.



Last week President Berger and his daughters presented a Paul Harris Fellow to his father.

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Work Day This Saturday

We will be having a short work party at the Welcome to Simi Valley sign on Saturday, July 30th. We'll meet at the donut shop at Kuehner and the 118 at 0730 hours and carpool up to the sign.

We'll only need about six people so if each club can supply two folks, bringing their own tools to clear brush, knock down weeds, etc., we should make quick work of the hillside. I'll bring pump sprayers with clear water to wash the solar panels. It would be nice to have a soft bristle broom to brush off the sign itself. The flags were recently replaced but we'll lower them just to make sure the grommets are still good and tight.

If someone has heavy duty loppers that would be good to bring, and some small cleaning rags & glass cleaner to wipe off the lens of each light fixture.

Let me know if you would please how many you expect to join us on Saturday. Can't take more than about three cars to the site now that the off ramp is open. Don't want the CHP tagging us for parking on the freeway.

Jim Lowry

LATEST SIMI SUNRISE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT SUCCESS

From the Rotary World Magazine Press in its issue of ROTARY AFRICA, June 2011 in its 2-page center fold cover story of "THEY MET AT THE LAKE" reports the District Conference of District 9210 was held at the Rotary Club of Siavonga located on Lake Kariba. Very unusual for such a young club.

The Rotary club of Siavonga was cosponsored by Simi Sunrise during President Lora Simonsgaard year, 2008. Simi Sunrise provided the initial encouragement, investment and supplies such as bell, banners and gavel. The District governor of D9210, of the Conference Moses visited Simi Sunrise and was home hosted by Sid Liberman.

Simi Sunrise has been very active in D9210 which includes Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique. Simi Sunrise has accomplished about 15-20 projects including Malaria, clean water, wheelchairs, education and even refurbishment of a medical airplane.

Promoting the Fourth Object of Rotary, many Simi Sunrises have visited D9210. Dick Strayer led a Group Study Exchange team of five young professionals for a five week visit. Michelle Foster led a fellow-student team of Gary Stewart, Jim and Cathy Lowry. Kurt Frederickson led a team including Tony Maddox and Pat Abruzzese.

When Sid hosted Moses, he had not yet been a club president. At the same time, Herschel Berger hosted Nozipho Gondwe who later became president and Assistant Governor. Later in 2008, fifteen Rotarians from D9210 were visited and most home-hosted by members of Simi Sunrise—too many to mention but you know who you are.

PDG Patrick Coleman and his wife Sherrie both from D9210 have visited our clubs many times. Of course, the Abruzzeses hosted Rachael, and exchange student from D9210.

Simi Sunrise is to be congratulated for yet another achievement in the promotion of the Fourth Object of Rotary.

Dick Strayer

Welcome New Members!



Patti Friedman
Office Administrator
Sponsored by
Bill Klepper



Robert Hinchcock
Retired - Insurance
Sponsored by
Dan Jaeger



Governor Wade Nomura flanked by President Berger and his family and friends, Laura Berger, daughters Karli & Daryn, Dorina and Steven Timbol with their children and President Elect Ernie Gilbert



District Governor Wade Nomura spoke to the club about sharing the gift of Rotary and the Governor's role in the District

Dorina Timbol receives her first Paul Harris Fellow from President Herschel Berger and wife Laura



Welcome to our guests:

Laura Berger, Karli & Daryn Berger, Barbara Glodfelly, Dick Strayer, Kathy Lowry, Roger Benson, Greg Green, John Pappas, Steven Timbol, Antonia Timbol, Steve Timbol, Karen Stewart, Jack Green, John Johnson

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August is Membership Month! Give the Gift of Rotary and invite a friend to our meeting!

Membership in a Rotary Club offers a number of benefits including effecting change in a community and developing relationships with community and business leaders. See inside for more membership by Ernie Gilbert.

Happy Rotary Anniversaries



Mal Vines, 7 years—sponsored by Jim Lewis; Richard Lawrence, 16 years—sponsored by Dick Strayer and BJ Anderson 20 years—sponsored by Sid Liberman.

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Herschel Berger President 2011-2012

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August is Membership Month. President-Elect and Membership Chair Ernie Gilbert spoke today about how to give the gift of Rotary. How do you start the process of introducing someone to Rotary? It's easy, bring them to breakfast, you mark them as a "very special guest" on the guest roster, and then introduce them as a "very special guest". Our club buys breakfast when they are marked Very Special Guest. This will trigger the membership committee to contact you, provide coaching, documentation and explain what the process is. Your membership committee includes BJ Anderson, JoAnne Abruzzese, John Tolson, Len Geras and Ernie Gilbert. Our work is to help you when you find someone you want to introduce to Rotary.

GSE TEAM 2011-2012 (Group Study Exchange—GSE) Korea!

This year District 5240 will be exchanging GSE Teams with District 3690 in South Korea focused on addressing the needs of the developmentally disabled. The team from South Korea will be arriving in our district on September 25th and will stay through October 25th. We are currently recruiting members for the trip to South Korea. Team members must be non-Rotarians between the ages of 25 and 40 years who are professionally engaged in some aspect of helping persons who have autism, cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome and other specific conditions. Candidates must be employed full time and must have the approval of their employers to participate in the month-long trip. If you know a young professional — it could be a doctor, therapist, architect, teacher, social worker, etc. — who works with the developmentally disabled, please encourage them to investigate GSE by going to www.rotarydistrict5240.org and selecting International Service, then GSE.

2011-2012 District Conference—October 21–23—Will be a party!!

Governor Wade Nomura has selected his home town of Carpinteria to be the place of this year's District Conference. In order to make the event more inviting, the District has reduced the price to keep it more affordable with a total package for as little as \$125 for the three days or the one day (Sunday) event runs for \$10 which includes lunch. Plans include 40 international guests from 8 different countries representing International projects. Headliner entertainment for Saturday is Billy Vera and the Beaters! Also planned are great speakers, plenary sessions, car show, BBQ, crab fest, parade, club and vendor expo, city walking tours, greenhouse tours, Rotaract and interact activities.



Club Activities



Fellow Rotarians

For a general meeting with no program, today was incredible. The excitement was unbelievable. I was so proud to be part of The Greatest Rotary Club. The laughter was just what everyone needs during such crazy times. A place to feel comfortable, and a place to call home. Furthermore, I want to continue with that powerful emotion and continue it for next week. We have the Allocations Guests as our program. This is where we give out our Cajun money to all charities and events to make Simi Valley the best "City" in the world. I am so proud to be just one spoke in the "Rotary Wheel" of Simi Sunrise. So please, come excited next week, and please bring a guest. Thanks, Herschel Berger, President 2011-2012
Simi Sunrise
"Where Magic Happens"



Simi Sunrise Charitable Foundation Chair Doug Feco announced new Sunrise Fellow Tim Gray

Club Announcements:

- Dan Jaeger announced that there will be an International Service Committee meeting on August 25 directly following Rotary meeting.
- Dr. P announced the evening hike at the House of the Book (Brandeis) tomorrow night at 7 PM
- Jim Visage announced golf tournament is now at 80 golfers, but need more. Randy Green is handling gift bags and invited members to put coupons in for their businesses. Need 150 Stella Ortiz is still looking for auction items. Karen Thompson reported T-signs at 37 and goal is 40.
- Joanne Abruzzese announced that the GSE Team will be here on 9/25. May still need drivers.
- Dick Erbe announced Relay For Life on October 15/16. He distributed forms for those who want to advertise their business in the program book. Cost is \$100.



Club Liaison Michelle Foster reported three activities that include all the clubs in our group:

- Bolio (Polio Fundraiser) Chair is Dan Jaeger
- Special PRLS program for Group 5 is Chair Donna Timbol
- GSE Team Coordinator is Joanne Abruzzese



Magic Rotarians of the Week:

Ron Resnick
Jim Robison
Larry Silverman
Lepth Nixon
Chas Wilson
Jim Lowry
Maggie Kestly
Joe Grinstead
Dan Jaeger
With President Herschel Berger

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Club Activities

Golf Tournament



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RCSS membership committee includes: BJ Anderson, JoAnne Abruzzese, John Tolson, Len Geras and Ernie Gilbert. Their role is to help you when you find someone you want to introduce to Rotary. Don't hesitate to give them a call!

Special Thank YOUs



President Berger gave special thanks to Steve Reder, Allocations Chair; Barbara Glodfety for all her assistance with the Governor's Reception and Golf Tournament and Jim Visage, the Golf Tournament Chair.

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Recognized this week are Steve Smith, Marshall Shrage, Mike McCaffrey, Karen Thompson, Jim Visage, Deb Davila, Mike Sidelinger, Bill Fox, Tim Shannon and Jim Tokatlan.

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Club Activities



Sunrise Magic Rotarians of the Week: Jeff Newby, Dennis Barbee, George Kerr and Mel Vines with President Berger.



Stella Ortiz was recognized for her work on the Golf Tournament.



Our Program today was Captain Randy Pentis and his topic was the Cops Running For Charity.

Last year the officers ran in the Sahara Desert. It was 92 degrees and they ran 84 miles in 4 days. They have done charity runs in China, Iceland (it was snowing and 22 degrees for 9 hours) and Siberia. In November 2011 they will be running in Patagonia Argentina. Their charities include ALS, Diabetes, Cancer, and Children's Hospital.



Celebrating their Rotary Anniversaries are:
Jeff Newby, George Kerr and Paula Williams. Not pictured: Henry Fierro, Jarrod DeGonia and Gary Stewart.

Welcome Today's Guests:
William Pelano
Lesley and Gary Greenfield
Matt Nejad
John Appling
John Johnson

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Club Activities



Smiling Dentists and Gary Whitell!

Below: City Attorney, Tracy Noonan gave a city update on the General Plan Update and the Adhoc Permit Processing Task Force.



MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Ted Jorius, Gil Martinez, Henry Fierro and Jarrod DeGonia flank President Berger



Sergeant At Arms Chas Wilson will be in London for the next 6 months. Joe Kristead will fill in for Chas. We will miss you Chas!



Proposed New Members:

Barbara Goddell, Food & Beverage—sponsored by Herschel Berger
Matthew Nejad, Dentist—sponsored by Roger Coger
Mary Pasetta, Transportation—Sponsored by Paula Williams
William Playo, Event Coordinator—sponsored by Dr. P & Herschel Berger



Cajun & Blue Festival Chair, Bill Klepper thanked his committee and key volunteers

EXPERIENCE

September is
New Generations Month!



"Every Rotarian Should be an Example to Youth"

It is the responsibility of each Rotarian to prepare the New Generations - all young people up to the age of 30 - by improving their life skills to ensure a better future, while recognizing the diversity of their needs. All clubs and districts are encouraged to undertake projects that support the fundamental needs of the New Generations: health, human values, education, and self-development. The RI Structured Programs for New Generations are Interact, Rotaract, Youth Act, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange. Components of the Menu of Service Opportunities (e.g., Children at Risk, Health Care, Literacy and Numeracy) also address New Generations needs.

What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson



Hello Rotarians!

Simi Sunrise is "Cooking". We all have hobbies to keep away our daily stress. For me, whether I am golfing or playing tennis, it does not take long for me to forget everything that is going on in the world and have all my thoughts focused on a small white golf ball, or a green fuzzy tennis ball. For a small moment in time nothing else matters.

Having something to counter balance the responsibilities of life keeps me motivated and determined never to "Give Up".

Well, I have a new hobby. Our Thursday morning meetings. The laughter, the buzz that goes around the room is pure joy. To see my "Fellow Rotarians" happy and letting loose is poetic justice for everyone.

Our club has always been fantastic. Our meetings have always been loud and wild. However, it has a special "Zest" these last few weeks. We are enjoying our time together more than ever.

Whether it's an incredible program, or a spectacular Flag Salute or a "Basic Blunder", by yours truly, or just plain hysteria as represented today by our new fight song, "Just Carry On" (LOL) everyone wants to get involved - that is what our club is about!

Our club is made up of incredible individuals who care not only about Rotary but about Simi Valley. It starts with the "Club" and it will spill over to our great community.

So, please invite a friend, continue the craziness, I will keep you all guessing each and every week. But, most important, it's time to adapt our fight song, Carry On, Carry On, Carry On!

Enjoy Your Weekend,
Appreciate Being in Simi Sunrise
It's A Magical Place To Be
Herschel



MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Tom Marsh, Dan Gesell,
Pam Perry, Savi Bhim
and Steve Johnson.

Left John Bagnall an-
nounces the new Busi-
ness Mixer which will be
held on September 27 at
Sliders Restaurant.



Relay For Life

Cancer Survivor Steve Smith
spoke about his health and also
about a very dear person in his
life he lost recently to cancer.
Steve encouraged everyone to
participate in the walk October
15 & 16.

**SEPTEMBER IS
New Generations
Month**

New Generations Chair,
Wayne Snyder, introduced
the Simi Valley High School
Interact club to the club and
requested that we remember
to involve them in our
service activities.

Although
New Generations has
been in existence in
Rotary for awhile, last
year it officially be-
came the 5th Avenue
of Service. It includes
RYLA (Rotary Youth
Leadership Awards), Interact, Rotaract and
Youth Act.



Interact Club President Jessica Tran,
Secretary, Mayuri Kasaraneri and
member Kate Lee.



Cajun and Blues Chair
Tim Gray talked about
Corporate Sponsors



Chief Danee of the Young Chef's Academy demonstrated healthy
food by showing us how to make a one minute omelet in the micro-
wave. Your children and YES, Adults too can take cooking lessons!
He is in the Target Center on Sycamore Street.



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**ROTARY ANNIVERSARY: POLICE
CHIEF Mike Lewis - celebrating
four years in the club.**



YOU ARE INVITED.....

"Interested in meeting the newest
members of our Rotary Club?
Consider attending **Rotary Infor-
mation** on Monday, September
26th at 7 pm. The meeting will be
held at Ernie Gilbert's home, locat-
ed at 2829 Yurok Court, Simi
Valley, 93063. Having a good turn-
out for these meetings helps
demonstrate our club's energy for
incoming members. Take an hour
and attend if you can."





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**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2011**

EXTRA!

LENDING A HAND



"This Samaritan Center allows us to have good, hot food," Nick Quackenbush said. The event is held the second Wednesday of each month by the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise at the Samaritan Center in Simi Valley. Funds raised for the community service come from the Cajun & Blues Festival.

Rotary feeding the needy

Homeless, unemployed get free pizza at Samaritan Center

By Robyn Fains
Special to The Star

All those who availed them-
selves of a meal provided by the
Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise last
Wednesday night at the Simi Val-
ley Samaritan Center agreed the
service was a lifesaver.
"If it wasn't for this program,
I'd probably starve to death,"
said Ed Hurley, 58. "I don't even
have part-time employment, just
some piecemeal employment that
comes in. I've seen the number of
people here quadruple because
of the economy, families bringing
their babies here. It's a shame."
Hurley, who is homeless, has
been going to the center for about
two years.
"I initially came some years
ago, but I stopped for quite a few
years because I felt guilty taking
advantage of it when I had money,"
he said. "Now that I'm practi-
cally broke, I have to eat."
Instead of the usual prepared
meal from the Brandeis-Hardin
Inn of American Jewish Uni-
versity in Simi Valley, the Rotary
bought pizza.
Word out there is that we



John Tolson (left) along with Herschel Berger and Alan Leon serve dinner to
Darren Navarro (right) during the Feeding the Needy program.

do for them. It's very rewarding."
The club meets at 7 a.m. Thurs-
days at the Grand Vista Hotel 13
Simi Valley. Members feed 50 to
75 people each month, usually
picking the food up at the uni-
versity.
Nick Wagner Quackenbush, 64,
said she, her husband, Dave, 52,
and their dog are homeless.
"This Samaritan Center allows
us to have good, hot food in the
morning, to take a shower and
take care of ourselves, and keep
our self-esteem up," she said. "It's
what we need to keep us going day
to day. This center is wonderful
and the people who contribute to
it, like the people this evening."
Darren S. Navarro, 40, has been
going to the Samaritan Center for
meals for 11 years off and on. "This
is one of the best ones," Navarro
said. "The home-cooked meals
are very good."
For the past year, club member
John Tolson has been bringing his
14-year-old son, Quinn, with him
to the meals.
"I want him to have the experi-
ence of helping those who need
help," Tolson said. "It has made a
big impact on him."

SIMI SUNRISE POWER RANKINGS

Jarrod DeGonia - #180

Positives - Only discernible talent
seems to be able to act his weight
in breakfast

Negatives - Only discernible talent
seems to be able to act his weight
in breakfast

SIMI SUNRISE POWER RANKINGS

Fernando Esteve - #30

Positives - Inspiring poems after
announcements puts a smile on all our
faces. Great demeanor

Negatives - Inspiring poems after
announcements puts a smile on all our
faces. Great demeanor

Guest Speaker, John Zeretzke
gave a wonderful program on Flutes Around The World

Doug Feco gave a
presentation on the
Rotary Foundation



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South Koreans visiting county

Tourists see college sights in Moorpark

By Rachel McGrath
Special to The Star

Five business professionals and a Rotarian from South Korea are visiting Ventura County this week as part of the Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange.

The group is on a four-week exchange visit with Rotary District 5240, which covers clubs in Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern counties. In the spring the district will send a group of U.S. residents to visit South Korea for a month.

The exchange "is an opportunity for young professionals who are not Rotarians to travel to another country so they can learn how their vocation works in that country and also act as goodwill ambassadors," said Heather Frankle of Thousand Oaks, the District 5240 exchange chairwoman.

The South Koreans toured Moorpark College on Monday, visiting the nursing program, child development center, and exotic animal training and management program.

Karen Choi, who teaches journalism at the college, accompanied them as a translator.

"They said they've had the opportunity to see some amazing things and it's just been a great experience overall," Choi said. "They are learning a lot about the education system and how different the child development system is in contrast to the services they have in Korea."

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the art way



Teacher at Rancho Rosal Elementary School in Camarillo, dis- art into the curriculum. "We usually overlook (standards for art) or a responsibility to expose our students to the arts," she said.

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The South Koreans include Jinny Lee, a middle school English teacher who said she was enjoying her visit to California.

"We've visited many city colleges and wineries and many rehabilitation centers that help people who have developmental disabilities," she said.

She found Moorpark College "very big" with lots of facilities.

Chuck Carmichael, a member of Rotary Club of Simi Valley Sunset, is hosting two of the South Koreans at his home.

"This is probably the fifth or sixth home hosting that I've done, and I always find it a really enriching experience," he said as the group toured the zoo at Moorpark Col-



Jinny Lee (left) walks through a classroom of the Moorpark College Child Development Center with her tour group Monday.

lege. "When they live with you, you really get to know them, and you learn about their culture, and you learn more about them as people."

Ken Kola, immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Simi Valley Nooktime, said, "One of

the things we find out is how similar people are everywhere."

During the rest of this week, the Koreans will visit California Lutheran University, CSU Channel Islands, Koreatown in Los Angeles, and Disneyland.



Welcome New Sunrise Members!!

Membership Chair and President-Elect Ernie Gilbert, introduced new member today:

Barbara Glodfely of Lost Canyons Golf Club, Sponsored by Herschel Berger; Matthew Nejad, Dentist; Sponsored by Roger Cogger; and William Pelayo with American Jewish University, Brandeis Bardeen Campus, sponsored by Herschel Berger.

Message from President Herschel Berger

Shanah Tova means happy -- a good new year, the Jewish New Year which is starting now.

It is also the start of a new school year and the Fall season, so I wish everyone well in our projects together to improve our community and the world at large

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(L) Paula Williams sponsored New Member Mary Paeta Ranked by President Herschel Berger and Membership Chair P.E. Ernie Gilbert
(R) Bill Fox celebrates his 5 year Rotary Anniversary with the club.

Dear Rotarians!

Is our club special? The emotion we are creating week in and week out is outstanding. Unbelievable to see Maggie deliver such a powerful "Thank You", and Paula being so energetic in bringing our newest member, Mary, into the club, and Bill was remarkable in sharing his Rotary moment.

The energy that is being created is special to witness. Our guest speaker, Russell, was perfect, and he knew how to handle anything thrown at him.

I am excited about Deb and George starting "The Green Team", and Wayne has us organized, all ready for next year's "RVLA". That is incredible! I can't begin to tell everyone how proud I am to see the club so engaged and making the effort to continue our excellence within our great community of Simi Valley.

I am so honored by our club, I even enjoyed our Rat Fink today, (LOL)!

Never forget, "Time is My On Side", "Carry On" "Carry On" I love my club Where Magic Happens, Herschel

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



Through the Avenue of Vocational Service, Rotarians contribute their professional expertise and skills to address societal problems and needs, promote high ethical standards in the workplace, support career planning and other vocational activities, and represent the dignity and value of their profession.

BUSINESS MIXER AT SLIDERS RESTAURANT!



Above: Mixer Chairs: John Bagnall and Al Smith, Blood Drive Chair: Jim Robison



Member Anniversaries: Arvid Krueger, Gary Stewart and Larry Bonovay

Blood Drive!



Deb Davila and George Kerr describing new Green Team Committee that is forming.



Ernie Gilbert was Rat Fink and talked about the importance of TIME (as evidenced by the clock). He also "encouraged" Paula Williams to give up her Poker crown to new Poker King and winner of the PHF, Dick Erbe.



Magic Rotarians of the Week: Membership Committee: Len Geres, Joanne Abruzzese, BJ Anderson, John Tolson, John Bagnall and Al Smith. Receiving Blue Badges (far left): Rob Hitchcock and Shaun Jones.

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October 13, 2011



Simi Sunrise Magic Rotarians of the Week

Flanking President Berger are Jim Stutzman, Dan Gesell and Bob Whalen who were recognized for all the work they do behind the scenes.

A Message from Laura Behjan

Dear Fellow Rotarians,
Words are inadequate to express how much your visits, texts, calls and emails have meant to John and me. Having your support and good wishes does so much more than medical treatment - it truly warms and heals the soul. There are others in our club who've faced far greater challenges than I; know that your expressions of caring have an incredibly positive impact - that's the power and magic of Rotary. I'll look forward to seeing you all soon. Laura. P.S. President Herschel is awesome!!



Michelle Foster speaks about new Health Concerns Committee. Police Chief Mike Lewis is retiring in December but will remain in Rotary.



Harris Shapiro is celebrating his Rotary Anniversary. Pat Abruzzese leveled some hefty fines as Rat Fink.



Maggie Kestly honored BJ Anderson in her son's memory today with a vocational scholarship check to BJ's granddaughter, Gracie, who is studying to be a Para Legal. Hankles were on the table for all and we had to use them!!



Issue 16
October 20, 2011



Simi Sunrise Member Anniversaries
Flanking President Berger are Steve Feder- 2 years, Michelle Foster- 17 years (she joined when she was 20) and Chas Wilson, 11 years, who also presented flags from England.



RELAY FOR LIFE: Simi Sunrise Members participated in the Relay For Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society.



Rat Fink Dennis Rast



Right: Relay For Life Chair Dick Erbe receives well deserved recognition!

Jarrod DeGonia explaining the 2 for 1 polo match- see inside for more details.

Issue 17
October 27, 2011



Simi Sunrise Magic Rotarians of the Week
Flanking President Berger are Pat Abruzzese, Awards Chair; Joanne Abruzzese, GSE Team; Doug Feco, The Rotary Foundation and Larry Borovay, GSE and Cajun/Blues Entertainment Chair!



District Conference Parade: WHO IS THAT MASKED MAN?? It's Mr. President Herschel Berger at the District Conference with Ed Chapins, and the Jim Lowrys. In the parade.



Happy Rotary Anniversary to Joanne Abruzzese, 7 years, sponsored by Maggie Kestly. Also having his Anniversary is Herschel Berger, 19 years, sponsored by Ivan Delman.



Rat Fink Dan Jaeger spoke about the 4 presidents since he's been in the club: Maggie is the IT Girl, Tim is funny guy, Leigh is Yes Girl and Herschel is crazy man.



The Hospital Staff that produced our wonderful breakfast and logistics



Hospital CEO & President Darwin Remboldt



Hospital Chief of Staff and physician Dr. Dingillon spoke about sleep behaviors

A really nice morning at Simi Valley Hospital for our off-site meeting. The food was delicious and the program was great. Thank you Simi Valley Hospital for sponsoring breakfast!

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Simi Valley
and the
surrounding areas
Weekend Forecast
Friday 71°/52° Saturday 72°/55° Sunday 77°/53°
October 21, 2011



BRIGHT DAY FOR SURVIVORS—Seen through a curtain of bubbles, survivors, families and supporters walk around the track set up at Rancho Simi Community Park at the Simi Valley Relay For Life on Saturday.



A walk to remember

'WE MISS YOU'—Survivors and their family left messages of hope and remembrance on the Rotary Club of Simi Valley chalkboard, displayed along the track at Rancho Simi Community Park during the Simi Valley Relay for Life on Oct. 15.

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Our speaker today was Jeff DeJulius, GM of the Simi Valley Town Center mall. They are embarking on a major redevelopment plan and is currently working with the city to finalize. He shared that the Macys stores will be combining into one store and that Whole Foods is considering an anchor spot. There is a theatre in the plan and a park/grass area.



Happy Rotary Anniversary to Leigh Nixon (middle) 12 years, sponsored by Tim Shannon and Darwin Remboldt (right) 3 years, sponsored by Paul Miller, with President Herschel Berger (left).



New Paul Harris Fellows

Flanking President Berger are Verica Weikel and Dale Doria, with their first Paul Harris Fellows with Foundation Chair Jarrod DeGonia



President Berger announced the President Elect Nominee (PEN) Ed Chapin, who will be our Club President in 2013-2014. Ed has been a member since 1993 and has served in various leadership capacities which include Cajun chair, Treasurer and several Community Service area committees. Congratulations Ed

Volunteer of the Year announced

Woman honors son's memory by helping others

By John Finch
Special to The Star

When Maggie Kestly's 17-year-old son, Leonard Coppola, was killed in an accidental shooting in 1997, she didn't think she'd survive.

The single mother who'd lost her only child knew her pain could transform her into a bitter, angry person. Or she could use it to help others. She chose the latter.

"You do have a choice to say, 'Do I want to let this define who I am, or do I want to do something in mem-



Maggie Kestly poses in one of the examination rooms at the Simi Free Clinic. She has been named the Volunteer of the Year for Ventura County.

ry of my son that honors him?" said Kestly, 50, of Simi Valley.

On Tuesday, Kestly's efforts in the past 14 years, mainly for the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise and the Simi Valley Free Clinic, were acknowledged when she received a

KESTLY from 1B

member of the clinic, where Kestly is board president. He also nominated her for the award with the fundraising association.

"When I see that we had the opportunity to nominate someone, I thought Maggie would be the perfect choice because of all of the work she does around here," he said.

In her day job, Kestly works for Mid Valley Properties, where she is a manager for industrial property owners. Her expertise in negotiation, contracts, construction and permits serves her well as the clinic's board president, said board member Keith Jakko.

"She's on the precipice of this organization, growing it from something very special into something extraordinary," he said. "She's brought a lot of business experience, in particular."

Both buildings used by the clinic have continual maintenance and upkeep needs, Jakko said.

"She's someone who knows what goes along with all of that, but with her Rotary involvement, she can also bring in volunteers to help," he said.

Kestly has skillfully led the clinic through what could have been tough financial years and still works to expand and improve the clinic and its services, Jakko added.

"The last couple of years have been the hardest to be involved in the clinic. More people are unemployed or uninsured, and no one is donating to the clinic," he said. "It's been the most challeng-

ing for us, but at the same time, we're doing absolutely fine. She has been involved totally in driving us to the future."

Kestly joined Simi Sunrise about three months before her son's death. Since then, she's served as club president and helped organize charity efforts.

"Rotary really did become a vehicle for helping me to stay involved," she said. "Rotary and my Rotary family really were the salvation for me."

One of the more personal Rotary projects Kestly started was the Leonard Coppola Vocational Scholarship Fund. Coppola was a special education student who struggled through school. Only when he discovered his mechanical talents through vocational education did he start planning a future, Kestly said.

The fund offers small scholarships for Simi Valley Adult School students. Since 2007, it's awarded more than 100.

"I know they are not large, but we've had students and adults come and speak at the Rotary Club about the difference it's made in their lives," she said.

"It's very touching to think about an adult in this economy. There are a lot of young adults struggling in their lives."

In January, Kestly adds another role to her community service roster: She's accepted a board seat for the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"Giving back has given me a way to be OK," Kestly said. "I didn't think I would survive. My passion for giving back comes from that."

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November 10, 2011



New Member Charlotte Scott

Flanking President Berger are new member, Charlotte Scott, with Sponsor John Tolson and Membership Chair & President-Elect Ernie Gilbert. Charlotte is the Special Leasing Director at the Simi Town Center Mall and has been in the retail commercial leasing industry for many years. WELCOME CHARLOTTE!



Club Anniversaries: Darina Timbol 4 Years and Deb Davila, 6 Years



Santa Anita—Day At The Races held last week-end was fun for all 65 people who attended. And the group had a treat with the visit by Jay Cohen, Racetrack Bugler.



PDG Deepa Willingham surprised Past President Leigh Nixon with the 100% PHF banner and announced that our club won one of the three RI designations as a Model Vocational Service Project



Golf Stats: Golf Tournament Chair Jim Visage reported the results of the tournament: 93 Golfers, 12 sponsors, 41 Tee Signs and introduced his Committee. The tournament benefits the Police Foundation's K-9 program (each dog costs around \$20,000). Gross income was \$31,300 and after expenses the tournament netted \$23,335 in which \$10,000 goes straight to the K9 program and the Police Foundation and Rotary will split the rest. Our portion is earmarked for our annual Scholarship Program.



Magic Rotarians of the Week: Jerry Shaffer for his work on the Santa Anita Event and Patti Friedman for rounding up pies for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Club Activities



Club Anniversaries: L to R: President Berger, Donal Schudi, one year, sponsored by Savi Bhim; Andy Keowen, 7 years, sponsored by BJ Anderson and Doug Feco, 9 years, sponsored by Don Webber.



ROTARY RECOGNIZED AT HOSPITAL

The three Simi and Moorpark Rotary Clubs were honored at a Hospital Dedication for the donation of over \$30,000 from Rotary to help build the new tower at Simi Valley Hospital. The plaque is displayed outside the Family Waiting Room in the Main Lobby of the Hospital.

Lobby Family Waiting Room

A Gift From:
Simi Sunrise Rotary
Rotary Club of Simi Valley
Rotary Club of Simi Sunset
Rotary Club of Moorpark

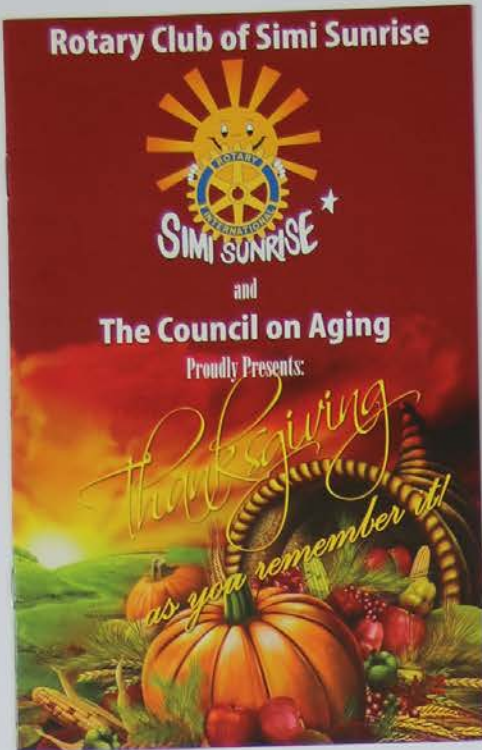


New Simi Sunrise Fellows: Joanne Abruzzese for donating a vehicle worth more than \$500 and Andy Keowen for his donation of \$500 to become a Simi Sunrise Fellow. Seen here with Doug Feco, Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise Foundation Director.



Simi Valley Hospital
Nov. 16, 2011





Nov. 23, 2011
Senior Center
Thanksgiving





Club Activities

Thanks for Thanksgiving Dinner!

Dinner Chair Henry Fierro reported that we fed over 480 Seniors; there were 81 volunteers and Steve Reder cooked more than 40 turkeys.

Thanksgiving Dinner Committee:

Ray Cruz- MC; Tim Gray- Scout Volunteers; Steve Smith- clean-up; Pam Perry-decorations; Wayne Snyder-Interact Volunteers; Cindy Jacoby-Publicity; Larry Silverman-Buffer & program; Doug Faco and his carving team; Pia Queen- Patti Friedman; BJ Anderson- Gravy Queen; Matt Nejad and William Pelayo-Greeters and Captains; Jerry Shaffner- transportation; Jim & Kathy Lowry- Cooks along with Co-Chair Stella Ortiz (pictured right) and special thanks to Ray Meyerson-Manager; Savi Blum for the program book and Sergio from the Grand Vista who fixed the mashed potatoes. Congratulations on a GREAT event!



President Elect Ernie Gilbert announced the 2012-13 Board of Directors

Back row L to R:
Tim Gray, 2012 Cajun & Blues Festival Chair
Ed Chapin, President- Elect Nominee (2013-14)
Herschel Berger- Past President
Dick Erbe, Treasurer
Gary White, Parliamentarian
Rob Hitchcock, Club Service
Ernie Gilbert, President 2012-13
Bill Klepper, Community Service
Arun Sharma, International Service
Jarrod DeGonia, Rotary Foundation
Jeff Newby, Director At Large
Fernando Estevez, Vocational Service
Front Row L to R:
John Bagnell, 2013 Cajun & Blues Chair
Maggie Kestly, Director at Large
Monica Berlin, Secretary
Verica Weikal, Family of Rotary
Karen Thompson, Health Concerns
Nancy Hawthorne, New Generations
- not pictured



Issue 22

December 8, 2011

December is Family of Rotary Month

Family Month celebrates the family of Rotary, which, in addition to individual Rotarians, includes all of those who are involved in Rotary's work from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs in thousands of communities around the world.



Spouses and children of Rotarians play a vital role in Rotary too. Rotary clubs benefit immensely when they strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families, enhancing home lives and family interactions.



Club Anniversaries: L to R: President Berger, Joel Rothman, seven years, sponsored by Harvey Mahler; Jim Robison, 4 years, sponsored by Wayne Snyder and Jim Visage, 8 years, sponsored by Rodney Skidmore.



Sunrise Magic Rotarians: Darwin Remboldt for hosting Rotary at Simi Valley Hospital, Ray Cruz as the MC for the Thanksgiving Dinner and Henry Fierro for Chairing the Thanksgiving Dinner.



Chef Dani-Part Two: Chef Dani once again gave a cooking demonstration for food that can be done quickly—as evidenced by Fernando Estevez and Carolyn Gilbert.

Issue 23

December 15, 2011



Happy Rotary Anniversary! With President Berger, celebrating their Anniversaries: Stella Ortiz, celebrating 2 years, sponsored by Mike McCaffrey; John Shannahan, 16 years, sponsored by Melinda Karch; David Hart, 14 years, sponsored by Roger Cogger; Steve Sojka, one year (25 as Rotarian) sponsored by Bill Klepper and Harry VanDyck, 5 years, sponsored by Daryl Kleintob.



Thanksgiving Dinner: Many Rotarians were on hand to help with the Thanksgiving Dinner this year. The members fed over 400 seniors and



Target Shopping: Chair Nancy Hoffman gets a big Thank You from President Berger. The children and their parents were so appreciative.



Special Announcements: Joanne Abruzzese gave an update on Rachel Mayfo (Exchange student that was in the Metrolink accident) will be permanently moving to Simi Valley. Pat Abruzzese announced Chamber of Commerce honors to Sunrise Rotarians: Business of the Year: Lost Canyon—Barbara Glodfelly Lifetime Achievement: Tim Shannon Legacy Award: Paul Miller They will all be honored on January 27.



Member Anniversary: John Tolson, One Year, sponsored by Mike Altman

Annual Bike Project



Club Meeting



Bike Project Chairs: With President Berger, Ted Jeres and Andy Keowen. Rotarians built over 240 bikes in an hour and 1/2. They will go to needy children. The project was joint with the Simi Valley Noon Time and Simi Sunset clubs.



"Just So" Stories. Our speaker today, Heather Frankie talked about the largest District Grant and how our club is involved. The Micro lending story in Honduras is underway and the Ventura County project in Santa Paula is coming. Both will be success stories in the future and they will have happened "Just



Our Wonderful Servers at the Grand Vista were thanked by the club with a gift as we thank them for all they do for us every Thursday Morning!



Rotary International

Recognizes, with appreciation, a

Model Vocational Service Project

Completed by the Rotary Club of

Simi Sunrise

General Secretary, Rotary International

District Governor



Leigh Nixon
President & CEO

December 9, 2011

Thanks Herschel,

We recently received your renewal of your membership investment and wanted to extend our thanks. We are thrilled that you are continuing with the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce. Please check in with us frequently.

In these challenging times, chambers of commerce and their allied civic and corporation businesses are more important than ever. This has the potential to be a rewarding year. Let's work together to make our community, members and economies thrive.

With appreciation,

Wow
10 years!!
Thank
you
Rotary!
Happy
Anniversary

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10 Year Member
Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise

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with the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Simi Valley/Moorpark

Friday, December 16, 2011



William Pelayo, a member of the Simi Sunrise Rotary Club, works on assembling a bike Wednesday evening. After the bikes were assembled, a team pumped up the tires. Another team, led by Gina Virzi, owner of All Pro Bike Shop in Simi Valley, helped double-check to make sure the bikes were assembled correctly.

Nuts and bolts of bike work

Volunteers assemble gifts for kids in need

By Michele Miller-Alred
Special to The Star

Three Rotary Clubs based in Simi Valley were given a holiday goal Wednesday night of assembling more than 200 children's bicycles.

With almost 100 volunteers helping during a bike assembly party, they assembled more than 240 in just a few hours.

The bikes will be distributed to children in the city whose families otherwise may not be able to afford them.

"What better thing can

you do than give a kid a bike for Christmas?" said Steve Smith, who suggested the project to the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, to which he belongs.

Smith borrowed the idea of a bicycle assembly party from the Chula Vista Rotary Club.

The project has grown over the years with the help of volunteers from the Rotary Club of Simi Valley and the Rotary Club of Simi Sunset.

Other local groups also have been involved, including the Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and YMCA, Smith said.

The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise bought the Huffy bikes from a distributor for a discounted price of \$9,000.

The project is one effort for which the group raises money through the annual Calum & Blues Music Festival on Memorial Day weekend in Simi Valley.

Many of the volunteers, who gathered Wednesday in the Mid Valley Properties building on Industrial Street, already had participated and knew how to assemble a bike.

Bill Klepper has participated with his daughter, Sophie, 16, for eight years. They spent about 10 minutes putting together a bike.

"After those many years, we're professionals," joked Klepper, who put the finishing touches on a pink and white bike for a girl.

"We're excited to be

See BIKES, 2B



Volunteer Eric Reynoso of Simi Valley puts training wheels on a bike Wednesday evening. The bikes will go to families in need that were selected by several churches, synagogues and other organizations.



Dylan Perini of Simi Valley helps arrange assembled bikes Wednesday evening.



Steve Smith of Oxnard, a member of the Simi Sunrise Rotary Club, puts helmets with assembled bikes Wednesday evening.

BIKES from 1B

learning how to build a bike. We were a little bit worried, but it's a bit easier than I thought," said Lynda McKnight, who came to the event for the first time with her 14-year-old daughter, Jennifer. Maher, Jennifer belongs to the Royal High School Interact Club, one of several community groups

that helped out. After the bikes were assembled, a team pumped up the tires.

Another team, led by Gina Virzi, owner of All Pro Bike Shop in Simi Valley, helped double-check to make sure the bikes were assembled correctly.

The bicycles then were lined up, ready to be picked up by the organizations that will distribute them. The bikes have no identification that



Rob Sherman, a member of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunset, makes final adjustments to a bike Wednesday evening. Volunteers at the annual bike assembly party put together 240 bikes that will be donated to area children.

they were made by Rotary volunteers, so the children who get them will think they got them as gifts from their parents.

Andy Keown and Ted Jeries of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise coordinated the party, which included pizza for volunteers.

Keown said he was an avid bike rider as a child and that a bike was a source of exercise and fun.

Jim Tokatlian, com-

munity services chairman for the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, said seeing many families come out to help others was worthwhile.

The bikes will go to families in need that were selected by churches, synagogues and charitable groups.

"It's just a good feeling for all of us to have this opportunity to make a child happy with their first bike," Tokatlian said.

Simi Valley Acorn

Rotarians help kids roll



WELCOME WHEELS—Rotary Club members from three clubs, Simi Sunrise, Simi Valley and Simi Sunset, families and friends gathered in a warehouse in Simi Valley to unbox and put together more than 240 bikes that will be distributed to local families who cannot afford them. WENDY PIERRO/Acorn Newspapers

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December 22, 2011

ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNRISE



Where Magic Happens

Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



Welcome New Member! Phil Ibelli (second to left), owner of Simi Buick GMC dealership, was inducted today- Congratulations! Shown with President Berger, sponsor John Tolson and President-Elect and Membership Chair Ernie Gilbert.

Next Week's Meeting Dark December 29

PROGRAM JANUARY 5

Dorina Timbol and Troupe

Will be featuring a few performers from our Cajun Kids Area! These performers have gone on to do amazing things since they performed in our show. A 6 year old Opera singer, A Broadway performer and A Special dance performance from Bobbies School of Performing arts.

January 5 Meeting

Greeter:
Roy Parle
Greeter:
Dennis Barbee
Attendance:
Bob Purdum
Invocation:
Doug Feco
Flag Salute:
Dorina Timbol
Guest List:
Steve Rader



Annual Bike Project

Club Meeting



EWASTE and SHRED event is scheduled for January 7th in the chamber parking lot. This event is being donated by our Rotary Green Team.

SANTA FINK AND HIS HALF BROTHER: How do two good Jewish boys become Santa Finks??? Well they did and they had targets!

- Ernie Gilbert got a book for President-Elect for dummies
- Mike Alterman received a USC Certificate
- Savi Bhim got the Top Ten Paramount Speaker Award
- Mike McCaffrey got a "proud to be a Giant" Fan
- Dorina received the Happy Wife Happy Life Book
- Joe Grinstead received an etiquette book on Maintaining Corporate Success from Cell Phones
- Patti Friedman got a book on Pie Crust History
- Fernando Estevez heard the shortest poem ever written and a book of poems and proverbs



Santa Fink & Half Brother - Bill Fox and Harry Vandyck. The Elf handed out Dradles and named Steve Smith an honorary Jew.



After a "revised" version of "We Are The Champions" Don Schadt introduced the Royal High School Jazz Ensemble. They treated us to their rendition of Deck the Halls and was the crowd favorite re-mix. The highlight was the song of the Twelve Days AFTER Christmas! The students are on holiday break and got up this morning to entertain us- they were amazing and earned a standing ovation from the members! Thank you Don Schadt for bringing them to us!



Simi Sunrise Rotary Fellow: President Berger received recognition and plaque from Foundation President Doug Feco. Congratulations Herschel!



Magic Rotarians of the Week
Ted Jeries and Nancy Hawthorne



Celebrating her 6th Rotary Anniversary, Nancy Hawthorne was sponsored by Len Geres

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January 5, 2012

ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNRISE



Where Magic Happens

Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



Happy New Year Simi Sunrise
There was incredible energy today at our meeting. The laughter, the banter and the good will that was created this morning was amazing. It truly is a blessing to be around so many people who want to make a difference. That is what is so dynamic about our club. We are not going through the motions, we are creating history. Our past is awesome our future is secured but the present is truly entertaining and engaging. Everyone is making an impact! A special "Thank You" to Dorina and the talent she has discovered over the last few years at the Cajun & Blues Festival.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and I hope everyone can share the "Gift" of Rotary with someone new in our community.
Happy New Year,
Herschel



Happy Anniversary to Mitch Green, January 8, celebrating three years, sponsored by Eric Little.

Next Week's Meeting 1-12-12 BOARD MEETING

January 12 Meeting

Greeter:
Ted Mackel
Greeter:
Fernando Estevez
Attendance:
Randy Greene
Invocation:
Len Geres
Flag Salute:
Kathy Sroggin
Guest List:
Ernie Gilbert



Club Meeting



John Tolson receive the first second annual perpetual award from Green Team Chair, George Kerr. The event netted 27,149 pounds of electronic waste which equated to \$2,110 to Simi Sunrise Rotary! Great job Green Team! The picture on the right is the award in John's office (not sure how long his boss will let it stay there!)

WE KNOW WHERE IT COMES FROM BUT WHERE DOES IT GO?
Treasurer Paula Williams



Paula gave a great overview of the club's finances and the 5 burning questions members have about them. Also look to the web site to find check request forms for both club operations and the Cajun & Blues Festival. And remember if you don't do it correctly you may not get paid!!



Foundation Chair Jarrod DeGonia explained the Polio Funds which were submitted to RI. In addition, there will be a Gala at the Ronald Reagan Library to celebrate and announce that Polio has been eradicated in India! The are table sponsorships available. The event will be held on February 26 from 3 to 8 P.M. Please let Jarrod know

Paul Harris Drawing Winners



Al Smith drew the names of Arvid Krueger and Stella Ortiz for the \$30 quarterly Paul Harris Fund.



Cajun & Blues Festival Executive Team: Marshall Shrago, Operations; Leigh Nixon, Sales & Marketing; Larry Silverman, Finance; John Bagnall, 2013 Chair and not pictured is Tim Gray 2012 Chair.



2012 Rotary Foundation Board Members: Chair: Doug Feco, Mike McCaffrey, Paula Williams, Mel Vines, Stella Ortiz and Tom Marsh. President Berger thanked them for their hard work in the sustaining member and endowment area.

Club Meeting

Magic Rotarians of the Week



President Herschel Berger thanked Randy Green and John Bagnall for reaching out.



Above: President Berger thanked Gil Martinez for chairing the Boys & Girls Club Kids Gift Exchange.
Below Mike McCaffrey was Rat Fink. One person he did not fine was Joanne Abruzzese for betting \$100 on the Vikings against Joe Grinstead. She did not get fined because she had to pay Joe the \$100.....



CAJUN FESTIVAL PRODUCES STARS

Cajun Kids Area Talent Contest winners Christina Van Horst (7 years old) and Rachel Albrecht (10) provided us amazing Entertainment this morning. They have gone on to perform in live stage musicals and plays. Both of them got their start in Simi Sunrise's Cajun Festival with Rachel winning the contest the first year, followed by Christina. We are so proud to be able to launch careers of these amazing young girls. Pictured below with Dorina Timbol, Kids Area Chair.



Cajun
Here we
come ~ We love
music & kids

Club Meeting

"UP YOUR ALLEY" TEAM GETS READY FOR BOLIO!



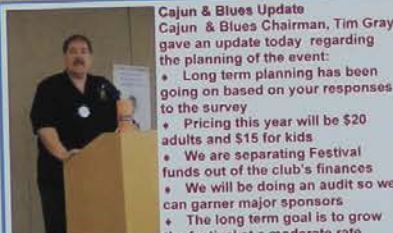
Yeah that's right, there is a challenge going on.... We are going to make the most money for BOLIO!! Catch us if you can!!! We're Number ONE! Who's next?? Jarrod?? Stella???



Rotary Anniversaries: Harvey Mahler, 29 years and Jim Stutzman 17 years!



Rotarians of the week: William Pelayo and Doug Wieben were thanked for their contributions to the club, with President Berger. Below, speaker Michael Berlin and Dr. Moeses spoke about Autism.



Cajun & Blues Update
Cajun & Blues Chairman, Tim Gray gave an update today regarding the planning of the event:
• Long term planning has been going on based on your responses to the survey
• Pricing this year will be \$20 adults and \$15 for kids
• We are separating Festival funds out of the club's finances
• We will be doing an audit so we can garner major sponsors
• The long term goal is to grow the festival at a moderate rate
• We will be brining on professional services in areas that require more than volunteers can deliver
• Billing for the Festival tickets have increased to \$135 due to RI raising their amount for the polio fund.

JIM ROBISON, CESAR ZAMBRANO, ARVID KRUEGER, NANCY SHEPPARD AND VERICA WEIKEL!!!!

The above 5 Rotarians stepped forward today to donate \$500 toward a PHF which will specifically go to scholarships! Thank you and congratulations!

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January 26, 2012

ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNRISE

Where Magic Happens
Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



Next Week's Meeting 2-2-2012 Surviving the holocaust

Sidonia Lax is a survivor of the holocaust, who has been nicknamed the "thriller." Born in Poland, she came to the United States and settled in Los Angeles. A 56 year resident of Sherman Oaks, she has been an active participant in many civil causes and philanthropic projects. She has unlimited energy when she is passionate about something and prides herself on using her astute common sense to problem solve.

February 2 Meeting

Greeter:
Karen Thompson
Greeter:
Dan Gesell
Attendance:
Charlotte Casale
Invocation:
Dr. P
Flag Salute:
Ron Hyrchuk
Guest List:
Steve Smith


NEW MEMBER: John Reed was inducted today, sponsored by John Tolson. Mr. Reid will be opening a Sub Zero ice cream store in the new Target center which is now under construction. Welcome John!!



Issue 27
January 19, 2012

**ROTARY CLUB OF
SIMI SUNRISE**

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Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



**Next Week's Meeting
1-26-2012**
Michael Berlin
**The Treatment of
Kids With Autism**

January 26 Meeting
Greeter:
Ted Mackel
Greeter:
Sid Liberman
Attendance:
Ed Chapin
Invocation:
BJ Anderson
Flag Salute:
Monica Berlin
Guest List:
Marshall Shrago

Bolio
Ken Crossman spoke today about his Dad who contracted Polio and then later in life has Post Polio Syndrome. Ken is heading up BOLIO this year which raises funds to end polio. FEBRUARY 12, 8:30-11:00 at Brunswick Bowl. We have seven teams so far, get on one!!



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Club Meeting



John Tolson receive the first second annual perpetual award from Green Team Chair, George Kerr. The event netted 27,149 pounds of electronic waste which equated to \$2,110 to Simi Sunrise Rotary! Great job Green Team! The picture on the right is the award in John's office (not sure how long his boss will let it stay there!!)



Paul Harris Drawing Winners
Al Smith drew the names of Arvid Krueger and Stella Ortiz for the \$30 quarterly Paul Harris Fund.



Cajun & Blues Festival Executive Team: Marshall Shrago, Operations; Leigh Nixon, Sales & Marketing; Larry Silverman, Finance; John Bagnall, 2013 Chair and not pictured is Tim Gray 2012 Chair.



2012 Rotary Foundation Board Members: Chair: Doug Foca, Mike McCaffrey, Paula Williams, Mel Vines, Stella Ortiz and Tim Marsh. President Berger thanked them for their hard work in the sustaining member and endowment area.

WE KNOW WHERE IT COMES FROM BUT WHERE DOES IT GO?
Treasurer Paula Williams



Paula gave a great overview of the club's finances and the 5 burning questions members have about them. Also look to the web site to find check request forms for both club operations and the Cajun & Blues Festival. And remember if you don't do it correctly you may not get paid!!



Foundation Chair Jarrod DeGonia explained the Polio Funds which were submitted to RI. In addition, there will be a Gala at the Ronald Reagan Library to celebrate and announce that Polio has been eradicated in India! The are table sponsorships available. The event will be held on February 26 from 3 to 8 P.M. Please let Jarrod know

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February 2, 2012

**ROTARY CLUB OF
SIMI SUNRISE**

Where Magic Happens
Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



**Next Week's Meeting
2-9-2012**
Board Meeting

February 9 Meeting
Greeter:
Don Schadt
Greeter:
Kurt Fredrickson
Attendance:
Pat Abruzzese
Invocation:
Hal Reniger
Flag Salute:
Marshall Shrago
Guest List:
Michelle Foster

Member Anniversaries: Shawn Jones, 1 Year sponsored by Heather Frankle and Ron Resnick, 9 years, sponsored by Herschel Berger.


Thank you from Ernie Gilbert: On behalf of all of the team traveling to Honduras this week, we want to thank the club for their generosity and support of the team and the work they are doing on behalf of our club. We will report back to the club in the next few weeks as to the results of our clubs efforts. Thanks to Foundation and International Service Chairs for support over the last few weeks. Honduras Travelers; Heather & Nick Frankle, Tom Marsh, Stella Ortiz and Ernie Gilbert.




Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Club Meeting

April 19 - 22, 2012
VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE
RYLA 2012 NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
as Counselors, During Registration & Clean-up
Be a part of this incredible, life changing experience and register today!
Please Help us Spread The Word to all Rotarians in Our District
<http://www.ryla5240.org/volsgroup.php>
All Rotarians volunteering for RYLA must Register Online
and acknowledge that they will attend a training day.
Not everyone who volunteers is guaranteed to be called upon.



Jack Scroggin, Magic Rotarian of the week



William Pelayo introducing Sidonia
Our speaker today was Sidonia Lax who is a survivor of the holocaust. Born in Poland, she came to the United States and settled in Los Angeles. She has been an active participant in many civil causes and philanthropic projects. She gave an overview of her life in the compounds and the tragedies of losing her parents at an early age. This was a very moving program and we thank her so much for sharing herself with us!

Cajun & Blues Update
Cajun & Blues Chairman, Tim Gray gave an update today regarding the planning of the event:
• Entertainment is fully booked
• An audit will be performed to garner larger corporate sponsors
• Jeff Newby will assist a paid publicist and marketing person
• Delta Groove Productions will be doing heavy marketing which will cost \$5,000
• The sponsor recruiter will work on non-Rotarian sponsors
• Send questions to Tim so he can respond in the newsletter next week.

Bolio
FEBRUARY 12
9-11 am
Brunswick Bowl
Bowling, Raffle
Fun, Fellowship

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February 23, 2012

Where Magic Happens

Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES: Flanking President Berger are Dale Doria, one year; Mike Slidinger, one year; Elaine Freeman, 24 years and Hal Reniger, 14 years.



March 1 Meeting

Greeter:
Mel Vines
Greeter:
Roger Coger
Attendance:
John Reid
Invocation:
Eric Little
Flag Salute
Leigh Nixon
Guest List:
Bill Klepper

Next Week's Meeting
3-1-12

CAJUN & BLUES KICK-OFF!



Club Meeting



Foundation Chairs Jarrod DeGonia and Doug Feco raised \$2,500 today for 50/50 matching PHF for Polio Plus and education grants. Thank you Doug Wieben, Maggie Kestly, Jim Robinson, Jim Lowry and Chas Wilson



The program today was presented by two of our members, Randy Greene and Deb Davila who happen to be champion golfers and low handicappers! They gave us tips on golfing and really great golfing quotes.



Cindy Jacoby and Patti Friedman get swinging instructions



Herschel Berger and Mike McCaffrey get tips from Randy Greene

Jim Lowry spoke today about his trip to Zambia, Africa which was a friendship mission. They worked on a water well and water distribution project and they are going again in September. He also noted that members who have an opportunity to travel on an international travel grant or go to an international convention should jump on it!

RAT FINK!

Today's Rat Fink was Mike Alterman who rattled on member's past occupations and showed picture of what they looked like THEN (not!) Pretty funny stuff Mike!



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Where Magic Happens

Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



Chris Seto presents a check from the electronic waste day to the club for \$2,100, pictured with George Kerr, Deb Davila and John Tolson



ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES: Scott Booth, 4 years, sponsored by Craig Foster and John Bagnall, 2 years, sponsored by Herschel Berger

Next Week's Meeting
3-8-12

PICTURE DAY!!! BOARD MEETING

CAJUN & BLUES ALL HANDS MEETING:
MARCH 12
Simi Valley
High School
Library
6:30 PM

March 8 Meeting

Greeter:
Ted Jerjes
Greeter:
Wayne Snyder
Attendance:
Phil Isbell
Invocation:
Dick Erbe
Flag Salute
Richard Perrini
Guest List:
Gil Martinez

Club Meeting

CAJUN & BLUES KICK-OFF!



Club Members shared stories about past Cajun Festival "moments." The stories will be shared during the club meetings leading up to the event



Foundation Gala at the Reagan Library: Herschel & Laura Berger, Heather & Nick Frankie; Jim & Kathy Lowry; Ernie & Carolyn Gilbert, Stella Ortiz; Don Schadt; Roger Coger and Pat & Joanne Abruzzese attended the event

Rotary Mixer © The Junkyard



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March 8, 2012



Where Magic Happens

Herschel Berger President 2011-2012

Don't Forget time change Sunday
March 10- Spring Forward one hour



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY: Gary White is celebrating 25 years on March 12, he was sponsored by Dave McCormick

CAJUN & BLUES

ALL HANDS MEETING

MARCH 12
Simi Valley High
School Library
6:30 PM

New Member Proposal

Name:
Vince Dulcich

Classification:
Aerospace Retired

Sponsor:
Dick Erbe

Next Week's Meeting

3-15-12

Joint Meeting Ed Asner/Matthew Asner AUTISM SPEAKS

Matthew Asner is the new Executive Director for Southern California for Autism Speaks. For 20 years he has been a producer and director of film and television, with a successful career working with many film studios and networks.

When his brother (now 24) was 8 years old he was diagnosed with autism. 10 years later his son was diagnosed with autism. After his son's diagnosis he made a decision to do whatever he could for the cause. After searching for an organization that matched with his enormous desire to help families he has embraced over the past 5 years, Autism Speaks, which has been his family's charity. They have done everything they could for because they believe in the mission. Seeing the organization's dedication to spreading hope now reaching across generations is very important to the Asner Family.

Club Activities

Dictionary Project



Above: President Berger with third graders participating in the Dictionary project: Top right Jerry Shaffner is flanked by his class and below he gives an animated talk to the students



PETER CICCARI is the Magic Rotarian of the Week



Tom Marsh and Herschel Berger working the Rotary Plot at the Community Gardens

Arun Sharma

Arun gave an overview of the ambulance project our club is involved in near New Delhi, India. The service Area is 144 Villages, which There may be 1500 to 10,000 In any village. The Hospital has 60 Beds,



The ambulance has the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, District 5240 painted on it.

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March 15, 2012



ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNRISE

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Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



President Berger and Larry Borovay flank guest speaker Ed Asner. Larry was our contact to bring Ed to the Group 5 event. Below: Group 5 Presidents, Ed and Matthew Asner with District Governor Wade Nomura and wife Sue.



Next Week's Meeting

3-22-12

DANCE CREATIONS

Simi Valley's Dance Creations will showcase the talents of some of its students. Dance Creations was started in 1995 and offers its over 400 students dancing as an art form in the best tradition of music theatre, contemporary & tap. Their aim is to take young people off the couch & offer them a skill while having fun at the same time. Do not miss the opportunity to see the talents of our young children performing!

March 22 Meeting

Greeter:
Larry Borovay
Greeter:
Doug Wieben
Attendance:
Harris Shapiro
Invocation:
Rodney Skidmore
Flag Salute
Jeff Whipp
Guest List:
Steve Johnson

Club Activities

Joint Meeting



Members enjoyed the program by Matthew Asner regarding "Autism Speaks" and Actor Ed Asner, above. Below, Simi Sunrise President and Moorpark Morning President present a check to Matthew Asner for Autism Speaks



ROTARY MIXER

Members mixed it up at the Junkyard Café for the Vocational Mixer last Wednesday Night



A good time was had by all!



Ed Asner, son talk about autism with Rotary clubs

By Robyn Flann

Originally published 05:19 p.m., March 15, 2012
Updated 07:04 p.m., March 15, 2012

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"Typically, we will have a very special guest," said Terry Marvin, president of the Rotary Club of Simi Valley.

Seven-time Emmy winner Ed Asner and his son Matthew were the distinguished guests and spoke about autism to members of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, Rotary Club of Simi Valley, Rotary Club of Simi Sunset — Morning Edition, Rotary Club of Moorpark, Morning and Rotary Club of Moorpark.

Asner has a 24-year-old son with a high-function autism. Matthew Asner's 9-year-old son also is autistic.

Before broaching the topic, the actor, best known for his roles on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and its spinoff "Lou Grant," spoke about his beginnings. He was raised above a junkyard in Kansas City, Kan., until the second grade. In high school, he "became a clown," played football and worked on the school newspaper his senior year. He got into theater at the University of Chicago.

After dropping out of college, Asner sold shoes and encyclopedias, worked at a Buick plant and a steel mill, drove a cab and got his first appreciation of unions at a Ford plant. He later was president of the Screen Actors Guild.

Then he spoke about autism.

"Autism is a very meaningful topic to us," he said. "More and more people are being diagnosed with it, and we don't know any more about what it is and what causes it. It's important not to create outlaws out of those afflicted by it, and we must maintain pressure on the state and government to keep the funds coming."

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"Autism Speaks is the largest autism advocacy and awareness organization in the world," he said. "I want people to know today that autism is a growing issue, and it is the most underfunded disorder by the federal government. We're in great need, and

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"It gave me hope," he said.

In the next 10 years, 800,000 children with autism will reach adulthood, Matthew Asner said, which is why research is so important.

"It is like a locked door, and we have to find the key," he said. "Being a parent of a child with autism, hope is all you have. Hope is everything. You have to take every little victory you get. Hopefully, someday we will find that key."



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March 22, 2012

**ROTARY CLUB OF
SIMI SUNRISE**

Where Magic Happens

Herschel Berger President 2011-2012

President Berger with Rotarians celebrating their anniversaries: Heather Frankie, 6 years, sponsored by Jack Scroggins and Pat Abruzzese, 7 years, sponsored by Maggie Kestly.

**Next Week's Meeting
3-29-12
YOUR VEHICLE INSIDE OUT**

Two of the world's best automotive experts join forces to educate us on the do's and don'ts of taking care of your vehicle.

You won't want to miss this informative and fun presentation by automotive's plastic surgeon Dr. Gary White from City Auto Body and automotive's general practitioner Dr. Jerry Shaffner of JBS Auto.

Rotarian of the Week: Ray Meyerson for being such a good mentor to club Rotarians who have taken over positions and are learning from him.

March 29 Meeting

Greeter:
Tom Marsh

Greeter:
Al Smith

Attendance:
Barbra Glodfelty

Invocation:
Rob Hitchcock

Flag Salute
William Pelayo9

Guest List:
Patti Friedman

Club Activities

Meeting/Activities

ROTARY MIXER was a great success at the Junkyard Café. Al Smith and John Bagnall were the Chairs and President Berger gave a way a PHF, drawn by John's daughter. The winner was: Jeff Newby!!

RAT FINK Arun Sharma got the hook from past Chief Mike Lewis and Jim Lowry— his plea was guilty—for daunting the club Past Presidents with Presidential trivia

Today's Program: Dance Creations

Yogi Zeeble, 5th Grade and Mackenzie, 10th Grade perform. Below: Scott rap danced for us, he is a Freshman at Simi Valley High School. Mackenzie did a fun number and Sammy dazzled us as well and she is a Freshman at Simi Valley High School.

New Member Proposals

Name:
Vince Dulcich
Classification:
Aerospace Retired
Sponsor:
Dick Erbe

Name:
Bob Bibb
Classification:
Marketing-Film
Sponsor:
Pat Abruzzese

Name:
Shabby Tavakoli
Classification:
Restaurateur
Sponsor:
Charlotte Casale

Actor Asner, son talk about autism

Five groups of Rotarians got together

By Robyn Flans

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See ASNER, 2B

ASNER from 1B

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Great Music
at ASCENSION
Don't miss the 2012
SPRING TOUR PREVIEW
California Lutheran University Choir

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March 29, 2012

ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNRISE



Where Magic Happens Herschel Berger President 2011-2012

Next Week's Meeting

4-5-12

America's Favorite Past-time

Baseball is an integral part of the life of our presenter Ray Cruz. He attended his first pro-game in 1958 at the Polo-grounds in New York City to watch the NY Giants. He started playing the game in 1962 until 1986.

At 16 years old, Ray was drafted as a catcher for the N.Y. Yankees but due to a throwing shoulder injury he could not continue to play at that level.

Since 1986, he has worked with the Dodgers to host many special events & has stage managed three shows with Tommy Lasorda. He is an avid baseball memorabilia collector and will be showcasing some of his collection.



April 5, Meeting

Greeter:

Nancy Hawthorne

Greeter:

Al Smith

Attendance:

John Tolson

Invocation:

Rob Hitchcock

Flag Salute

Harry VanDyck

Guest List:

Arvid Krueger

President Berger with Rotarians celebrating their anniversaries: Emile Gilbert, 12 years, sponsored by Steve Smith and Wayne Snyder, 8 years, sponsored by Herschel Berger.



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April 5, 2012

ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNRISE



Where Magic Happens Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: With Membership Chair/President Elect Emile Gilbert (L to R) are new members Vince Dulcich with sponsor Dick Erbe and new member Bob Bibb with sponsor Pat Abruzzese and President Berger



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
ROGER COGER

Celebrating his Rotary Anniversary, Dr. Roger Coger has been in the club for 15 years and was sponsored by Ivan Delman



Next Week:

4-12-12

Board

Meeting

April 12, Meeting

Greeter:

Heather Frankle

Greeter:

Bob Whalen

Attendance:

Gil Martinez

Invocation:

Steve Smith

Flag Salute

Jocko Arledge

Guest List:

Jim Robinson

Club Activities

Meeting/Activities



INTERACT STUDENTS Attending RYLA this week-end RYLA is the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy and is a week-end leadership camp. Our club sponsors five students to attend every year.



Don, founder of Free The Wheel Chair Mission awarded Dick Strayer for conceiving the wheel chair matching grant idea in 2003 and making it happen. We are currently partnering with RC Santa Barbara to ship to India.



Program: Your Vehicle Inside and Out
Left: Gary White and Jerry Shafter were the program speaking about car care, one inside (Denny) and one outside (Gary).



Dumbest Crooks of Simi Valley:
Right: Former Police Chief Mike Lewis sat linked on Simi Valley criminals who did really stupid things and ended up busted. What great

Birthdays- March/April

Rotary Anniversaries

3/26-Joe Grinstead, 14 years,

3/30-Ernie Gilbert, 12 years

4/4-Ed Chapin, 19 years

New Member Proposals

Name: Vince Dulcich

Classification: Aerospace Rtrd.

PHF 30/30 drawing winners (right: Arvid Krueger, Stella Ortiz and Dennis Rast with Foundation Chair Jarrod Degonia. Dick Erbe won the Poker Tournament to get his 2nd PHF



ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK
DENNIS RAST



Baseball Fanatic
Program: Ray Cruz talks about his baseball days with the New York Yankees and shared his amazing collection.



RAT FINK Jim Visage demonstrated instruments used to absorb his kidney stones and the stone is displayed by Kathy Scroggin and Deb Davila

HEATHER SHARES GREAT NEWS!

The Rotary Foundation Trustees has announced that we have been awarded the first ever Micro Credit Grant. This is the largest grant ever received at \$240,476 which will be used to help people get out of poverty by granting loans, get training and start their own business.

Other Grants:

Jim Lowry is involved in Zambia with a 150 foot water well, pump and tower. Needs \$10,000, has raised \$6,000 from the club already.

Grant matches: Heather still needs \$5,000 to match and Jim still needs \$4,000 to complete his grant. Doug Feco offered 50/50 PHF points. Joanne Abruzzese, Tim Gray, Elaine Freeman, Gregg Hartman and Karen Thompson will donate to match the grant requests.

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April 12, 2012

ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNRISE



Where Magic Happens

Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



President Berger with Rotarians celebrating their anniversary:

Doug Weiben - April 16
25 Yrs
Howard Pompei

Michael McCaffrey - April 6
12 Yrs
Tim Shannon



April 19 Meeting

Greeter:

Wayne Snyder

Greeter:

Rich Lawrence

Attendance:

John Reid

Invocation:

Deb Davila

Flag Salute

Paula Williams

Guest List:

Next Week's Meeting

4-19-12

COMEDY CENTRAL SIMI SUNRISE STYLE

The Master of Ceremonies
James S. Lowry



Presenting 3 of
the best standup
comedians
in the world!!

"Mr. Funny"

Eric Little

"Mr. Hilarious"

Greg Gonzales

"Mr. Clydesales"

Marshall Shargo

CLUB HAPPENINGS



Jarrod DeGonia honored Don Schadt for purchasing his first with a Paul Harris within his first two months of being a member of our club!



Jarrod DeGonia presented Harris Shapiro and Shaun Jones with their first Paul Harris.



Jim Lowry talked about "How to bring in a Special Guest":

1. Invite your friend, neighbor or business associate to visit a club meeting. (We prefer "quality" over "quantity" when it comes to bringing in new members..)
2. Introduce them as a "special guest" and let other members know that they are thinking about joining.
3. Propose them at a board meeting
4. Their name is published for two weeks in our bulletin
5. They attend a Rotary Information night
6. A committee meets with them to discuss joining
7. They are invited to join and are inducted

Savi Bhim was nominated and approved as the President Elect for the 2013-2014 Rotary

Tim Gray, Dorina Timbol and Mary Paseta talked about promoting our Cajun Festival at the Town Center this past weekend on Radio Disney.

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April 19, 2012

ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNRISE



Where Magic Happens

Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



President Berger with Rotarians celebrating their anniversary:

Dennis Rast
14 years

Randy Greene
10 years

Steve Smith
18 years



April 26, Meeting

Greeter: Larry Borovay

Greeter: Heather Frankle

Attendance: Matt Nejad

Invocation: Pam Perry

Flag Salute: Steve Sojka

Guest List: Mitch Green

Next Week's Meeting

4-26-12

Breaking Through The Glass

Presented by Joe LaSalle

Joe La Salle's life isn't just another "rise from the ashes" story. This is the chronicle about a man with a purpose. At the age of 14, the young athlete lost the use of his legs after a surgery on both knees when tragically awry. He found himself confined to a wheelchair, which he now calls his self-expression. He tackled all opportunities through a series of goals that helped to rebuild both his self-confidence and learning as much as he could and refusing to let the wheelchair limit him in any way.

Joe has served as a keynote speaker for various organizations and his prudent, yet uncomplicated motivational talks, clearly have a transforming effect on a broad range of audiences. He delivers enlightening speeches to churches, high schools, adult education programs, rotary clubs and service and corporate organizations.

CLUB HAPPENINGS



Tom Marsh reminded everyone that this Sunday, April 22 will be the ribbon cutting event at our plot at Simi at the Garden. There will be booths and other fun entertainment that day! Plan on attending.

Michelle Foster reminded everyone to participate in the upcoming restaurant night at Limon Latin Grill. The flyer is in this bulletin — print it out and bring it with you next week.

Great food... great time... for a great cause!

LIMON

Simi Sunrise Rotary

LIMON LATIN GRILL
1715 Sims Creek Center, apt 107

20% off net sales will go towards our mission

ALL DAY
APRIL 24, 2012

RAISING MONEY FOR A DAY WITH THE DENTIST
For children in need of dental care

Must present this flyer!
4/24/12/12



Dan Jaeger updated our club on the international grant that was awarded to a Calcutta hospital for two neo-natal ventilators.

Dick Strayer discussed a new E-Club that is being formed — we are the mother club.

Bill Klepper said to keep on bringing in corporate sponsors and that we need members to volunteer at our Street Fair Booth on May 12th. Bill Fox asked for more banners!



Mitch Green was our Rat Fink this morning.

PROGRAM: Three VERY Funny Guys!



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April 26, 2012

ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNRISE



Where Magic Happens

Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



Celebrating their Rotary Anniversaries are Ken Crossman, 2 years and Jack Scroggins, 8 years with Guest President BJ.



Don Schadt being awarded a Simi Sunrise Fellow by Foundation Chair Doug Feco- Congratulations Don!

Next Week's Meeting

5-3-12

Cajun & Blues Festival

Corporate Sponsors Appreciation Breakfast



May 3rd Meeting

Greeter:

Cal Youel

Greeter:

Mike Mutal

Attendance:

John Bagnall

Invocation:

Gary White

Flag Salute

Ron Resnick

Guest List:

Ron Myrchuk

Cajun & Blues Music Festival Sponsor Recognition Breakfast



Part of the program today was to show the corporate sponsors they types of programs their funds go towards: Top Left: Eleven year old Abbey Ward was one of the performers on the Kid's Stage and the funds raised through the festival helps promote young talent in Simi Valley.

Top Right: Jarrod DeGonia introduced the students that got to attend RYLA this year. They are Taylor, Tessa, Cara, Kate and Mayuri. They spoke about their experience and all of them noted that attending RYLA was life changing for them. Festival funds sponsor them into the program.

CORPORATE SPONSORS WERE INTRODUCED:



\$1,000 Sponsors



\$2,500 Sponsors



\$2,500 In Kinds Sponsors



\$5,000 Sponsors



\$10,000 Sponsors

THANK YOU ALL!!

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May 3, 2012

ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNRISE



Where Magic Happens

Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



Celebrating their Rotary Anniversaries are Ray Meyer-son, above with guest President Jim Lowry and below Tim Gray, both celebrating ten years with the club..



Next Week's Meeting

5-10-12

BOARD MEETING



May 10 Meeting

Greeter:

Doug Wieben

Greeter:

Joel Rothman

Attendance:

Dan Jaeger

Invocation:

Savi Bhim

Flag Salute

Harvey Mahler

Guest List:

Eric Little

Club Activities

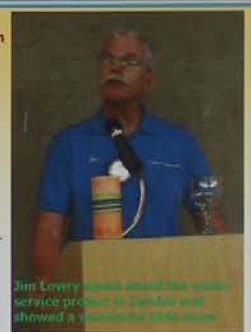


Rotary at the Gardens

Top Left: Simi At The Gardens, Rotary Plot in name of Rachel Moyra at the gardens grand opening

Bottom Left: Our program today was by a very inspirational guy, Joe LaSalle who gave us a great presentation on his defining moment!

Below: Joanne Abruzzese and Bill Fox are signing up for duty at the Cajun/Blues Festival



Jim Lowry speaks about the water service project in Tanzania and showed a video to the club.



I got the beer booth first!

No, I did!



CAJUN AND BLUES FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Corporate Sponsors: The sponsors will be wearing a lanyard stating they are "official sponsors." When you see one of these during the festival, please acknowledge them and say thank you!
- Street Fair Booth May 12- See Dr. P to sign up
- Banner Bill (The Banner Fox) mentioned that if you get a banner, you can also have a direct link from Cajun site to your web sit
- Next week is the Corporate Sponsor Appreciation Breakfast
- Marketing: Jeff Newby gave us ways to help promote the event:
 - Yard Signs
 - Window Signs
 - Car Magnets
 - Post Cards
- Entertainment: Steve Smith (Cajun Stage) Gary Steward (Blues Stage) and Larry Borovay- Entertainment Chair gave out Cajun & Blues CDs and announced some great talent





Where Magic Happens

Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



Celebrating their Rotary Anniversaries are Lora Simonsgaard—12 years, sponsored by Kurt Fredrickson and Cal Youel 25—sponsored by Ivan Delman



Magic Rotarians of the Week: Jim Lowry, BJ Anderson and Cesar Zambrano with President Berger

Next Week's Meeting 5-17-12

ERNIE GILBERT CLUB ASSEMBLY



May 17 Meeting

Greeter:
Greg Gonzales
Greeter:
Ron Coons
Attendance:
Bob Bibb
Invocation:
Tim Shannon
Flag Salute
Don Schadt
Guest List:
Dale Doria

Club Meeting

AND AT THE PODIUM TODAY:



Cesar Zambrano spoke about his Rotary trip to Panama where they are involved in a medical clinic project. He reported that Panama has 3 1/2 million people and they are building a new channel to accommodate larger ships. The project is referred to as Panama Plus.



Harry VanDyck announced that the May 24 Rotary meeting will be dark but we will meet the next night May 25 at the Cajun Festival Grounds and enjoy the IN N OUT Burger truck.



Larry Silverman was the Rat Fink and he used his time to talk about line items in the Cajun Budget.

More Cajun & Blues:

- **Street Fair:** Cajun booth at Street Fair this Saturday— they could still use more help.
- **People Power:** Need Rotarians in some of the booths
- **Extra Shirts:** If you have extra Rotary event shirts, please bring them to Deb Davila
- **Beer Managers:** Looking for a few more beer managers, please contact Jarrod DeGonia
- **Banners:** The Banner committee is working hard and special thanks to Karen Thompson and Louis Kruglove. Banner Committee: Ray Meyerson, Bob Whalen, Dennis Rast, BJ Anderson, John Tolson

Special dental event held at Abraham Lincoln School in Simi Valley

By Michele Witter-Alfred
Friday, May 11, 2012

Eight-year-old Alexis Vargas opened his mouth wide for a special dental checkup at his school Friday afternoon at Abraham Lincoln Elementary in Simi Valley.

Dental hygienist Noel Kelsch peered into his mouth and gave him and mom Maribel Vargas some helpful advice on how to prevent cavities in the future.

The checkups given to about 20 children were part of a special dental education event sponsored by the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise in partnership with the Free Clinic of Simi Valley.

Michelle Foster, who serves on the board of directors for the Rotary Club, wanted to create a project to do something to improve the health in the community.

Foster, the director of marketing and communications at Simi Valley Hospital, said the hospital does a community needs assessment every three years.

"We looked at (the assessment) and we found that there is a population in Simi Valley that is underserved related to dental health. We thought that was a project we thought we could do," Foster said.

The Rotary Club partnered with the Free Clinic, which has a program that provides fluoride treatment for students.

At the free event on Friday, there were several dental stations where the students could be educated in brushing, flossing, and eating well.

While her brother Alexis was getting his teeth checked, 5-year-old Perla Vargas used a large plastic model of teeth to learn how to brush properly.

"Brushing teeth is fun," Perla said.

The children also received fluoride treatments and were given information about any follow-up that's necessary.

Herschel Berger, the president of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, is also a dentist and

was on hand to give additional information and offered his dental services at his office to those that needed additional care.

"We hope to continue this, and maybe it will grow into something we can do throughout the entire community," Foster said.

Brenda Montaine, the principal of Abraham Lincoln Elementary, said she thought it was wonderful that children at the school were helped at the event through the community partnership.

Marcia Schneider, a nurse who works at Abraham Lincoln and other elementary schools in Simi Valley, said the schools have held a dental night every year for many years to offer education. But, she said that Friday's event was a great way to promote prevention and identify kids with severe problems to get them care they need.

"Even if you have health insurance, it's really likely that it doesn't cover dental. And if you don't have health insurance, it's even harder. Every opportunity to promote good self care and connect kids who need it to the services that exist is really important," Schneider said.

Kelsch, a dental hygienist in alternative practice and a volunteer with the Free Clinic, saw a significant amount of decay and saw two children with abscesses in their mouths. One child had most of her teeth extracted and hardly has teeth to eat with.

"They are going to school and they are in pain. It's unacceptable to do as a community when we have all these people to make a difference here," Kelsch said. "We're not in a Third World country, but Ventura County is reflecting the same amount of decay in children as a Third World country."

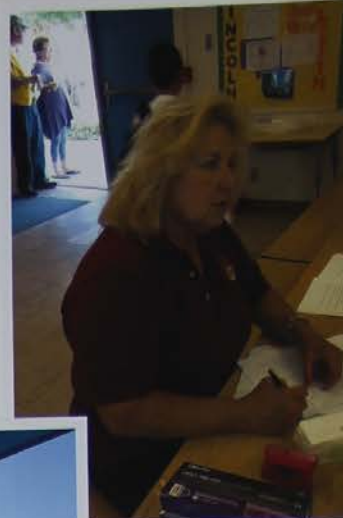
The fluoride varnish provided to the children strengthened the enamel for up to six months and releases fluoride and calcium to protect the teeth.

"It's a simple thing and inexpensive. If you're on medical, you can get that free at the pediatrician, a dentist that supplies that service, or the Free Clinic," Kelsch said.

Kelsch said there is long waiting list at the Simi Valley Free Clinic, but that emergencies can be treated at a hospital emergency room.



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**ROTARY CLUB OF
SIMI SUNRISE**

Where Magic Happens
Herschel Berger President 2011-2012

Celebrating their Rotary Anniversaries is Fernando Estevez, 4 years, sponsored by Paula Williams

Magic Rotarians of the Week: Michelle Foster and Scott Blough

Next Week's Meeting
DARK ON THURSDAY
MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
CAJUN SITE-5:00 pm
**Friday Night
May 25**
In N Out Burgers to be served

May 31 Meeting
Greeter:
Karen Thompson
Greeter:
Len Geres
Attendance:
Vince Dulchi
Invocation:
Ernie Gilbert
Flag Salute
Dan Jaeger
Guest List:
Mike McCaffrey

Club Meeting

Club Assembly: PE Ernie Gilbert

Club Assembly: PE Ernie Gilbert led the Club Assembly in 5 categories: Fellowship, Fund-raising, Large projects, small projects and club goals. ERNIE THANKS EACH AND EVERY-ONE OF YOU THAT PARTICIPATED TODAY!!

More Cajun & Blues:

- People Power: Still need help in the afternoon hours
- Shirts: Wear your blue Cajun shirts from last year
- Banners: The banner Fox needs help on Monday, 21st to help hang banners- contact Bill if you can help
- Signs- Jeff Newby has magnets and yard signs for those that still do not have theirs. They will also collect them at the event so don't think they have been stolen.
- Parking passes were distributed, park in the lot behind Albertsons and put the pass on your car windshield
- George Kerr needs help Friday morning at 8 am to set up plant materials and also Monday the 28th to help take down



Davin Manago, of San Diego, dances with Elijah Gibbs on Saturday during the 23rd annual Simi Valley Cajun & Blues Music Festival at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park.



Cajun, blues fest brings Louisiana flavor to Simi

■ Rotary event provides funds for charities

By Robyn Flans
Special to The Star

The weather was cool, and so was the music Saturday at the 23rd annual Simi Valley Cajun & Blues Music Festival at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise.

Festivalgoers were all smiles. Some came for the music; some came for the shopping, and some came for the food.

Hilary Matthews, of Burbank, husband John and 12-year-old daughter Ashlyn came for all of it, but particularly the guitar.

It was Hilary Matthews' fourth year at the festival and John and Ashlyn's eighth.

"The first thing we did was head over to the food area for the gator on a stick and calamari," Hilary Matthews said.

"I'm going to have a tub of crawfish," John said.

"The music is great, too. Everybody loves zydeco," Hilary said.

"The weather is perfect, too. It's usually really hot when we come, so this is really nice. And I've made a lot of purchases: a great pair of retro sunglasses, a dress, some jewelry, fairies, which I always buy from a lady here."

Ashlyn said: "I have on a white tiger hat that has paws that you can stick your hands in. I love the music, too."

Marnie Holohan, of Simi Valley, was doing so much shopping that her 15-year-old son Houston had to drag her away.

"I was doing serious



Jayden Stout, 10, is at the idea of trying a spicy crawfish offered by Kendall Noonan.

damage," she said.

Houston said: "I'm enjoying the day. But I'm glad she finally left the stove. I'm here for the food. I like the music, too."

Bill Elrod, of Camarillo, was dancing up a storm to tunes from Billy Lee & the Swamp Critters.

"I really like Cajun music," Elrod said. "I went to New Orleans about five years ago for Mardi Gras. I'm pacing myself with the dancing, though, because this is an all-day thing."

Not only was the music authentic, but so was the food, which included blackened catfish, jambalaya, gumbo, Louisiana crabcakes, Cajun stew, red beans and rice, alligator and Cajun boiled crawfish.

Frank Tomlinson, of Ocean Fresh Seafood in Simi Valley, was teaching people how to eat the crawfish at the Slap Ya Mama Boiled Crawfish stand.

"You pinch the tail and get the meat out, then suck the head to get the juice out, and that's all part of being at the Simi Valley Cajun Festival without having to go to New Orleans," Tomlinson said.

Lisa Long and her boyfriend drove down from Roseburg, Ore., for the festival. It was their first

time to eat crawfish.

"We drove 14 hours to get here," Long said. "Excellent entertainment and excellent food."

There was a lot to do for the kids, as well, including a few bouncers, a rock climbing wall and a craft area.

Members of the Hout family — Tracy, Greg and 7-year-old Murphy — have been coming to the festival from Ojai for eight years.

"We brought Murphy here when he was 4 weeks old the first time," Greg Hout said.

"We spend most of the time at the bouncer," Tracy Hout said.

"But luckily we hear the great music while we're doing it."

Herschel Berger, president of Rotary of Simi Sunrise, was pleased with attendance Saturday.

The festival is the group's biggest fundraiser of the year, benefiting many local organizations, including the Free Clinic of Simi Valley, Meals on Wheels, Many Mansions, the Samaritan Center.

"Our online and pre-sale ticket sales were the highest ever," Berger said.

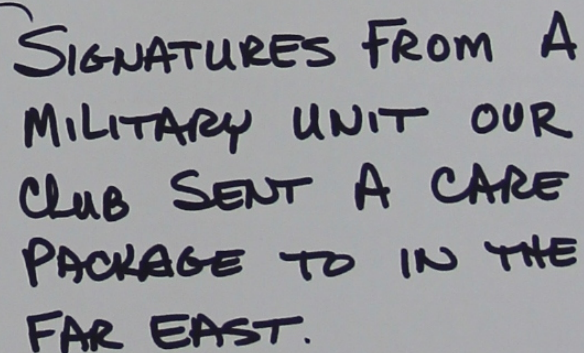
"By the middle of Sunday, it's going to be rockin'. We're happy because it's for such a good cause. We work all year for this. We're very blessed."

Sunday May 27th
Ventura Star









SIGNATURES FROM A MILITARY UNIT OUR CLUB SENT A CARE PACKAGE TO IN THE FAR EAST.



Where Magic Happens

Herschel Berger President 2011-2012



Hello Fellow Rotarians!
Wow, the year has come to an end... I would like to thank the Board and all the Members of the Club for their hard work and dedication.

I hope this year was enjoyable. I believe everyone will have memorable moments and can realize how special Simi Sunrise is to our great community. I look forward to supporting next year's Board and I am excited to serve under Ernie, and be involved in another incredible year.

To the Board and all our Members, it has been a honor and privilege to represent the best organization I know, The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise! Where Magic Happens! Herschel.



Celebrating their Rotary Anniversaries with President Berger are Marshall Shrager, 18 years; Cindy Jacoby, 7 years; Jim Tokatlian, 3 years. Happy Anniversaries!

JUNE PROGRAMS

June 21: Herschel's Farewell Mtg

June 22: Demotion

June 28: DARK

July 5: Dark

July 12: Ernie's First Meeting

June 21 Meeting

Greeter:

Cindy Jacoby

Greeter:

Tom Marsh

Attendance:

Bob Bibb

Invocation:

Len Geres

Flag Salute

Ron Hyrchuk

Guest List:

Monica Berlin



Club Meeting



Rotary Travel

Heather Franks (right) talked about trips to Honduras and Bangkok. In Honduras they give out scholarships. She presented President Berger with a Certificate of Appreciation from the organization that sponsors the scholarships.

The headdresses Ernie and Heather are wearing are from Bangkok Aka Tribe. Heather's headdress signifies that of a woman leader and Ernie's is the mark of a male leader.

Left: Jim Lowry does a Rotarian Magazine Review and Rat Fink all wrapped up in one.

New Member Proposal:

Name: Ben Hale
Classification: Financial Planner
Sponsor: Harry VanDyck



If you have an objection to this proposal, please contact Membership Chair, Ernie Gilbert.

District Governor's Step Down:

Event: Let the Good Times Roll, Again - A Celebration

Date: Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 11:30 am - 3:30 pm

Fee: \$42.00 per person

Location: Moorpark Country Club [\[View Map\]](#)

11800 Championship Drive
Moorpark, CA, 93021

Details: District 2011-12 Awards Presentation, 2011-12 Governor Step Down, and 2012-13 Governor Installation. This will be a celebration of another year of hard work by the Rotary Clubs of District 5240 and the transition of DG Wade Namura to DG Frank Ortiz. [Click here for more information](#) and driving details. [Click here for on-line registration](#).



Where Magic Happens LAST ISSUE OF BERGER REIGN!



President Herschel and Past Presidents passes Bell, Pin & badge on to President Elect Ernie Gilbert who takes office July 1



JUNE PROGRAMS

June 22: Demotion

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July 12: Ernie's First Meeting

JULY 12 Meeting

Greeter:

John Tolson

Greeter:

Bill Klepper

Attendance:

Jim Anglin

Invocation:

Ron Hyrchuk

Flag Salute

Rob Hitchcock

Guest List:

Craig Foster



Meeting

New Simi Sunrise Fellows: Cesar Zambrano, Craig Foster and Nancy Hawthorne



District Governor Wade and wife Roxanne Namura who were presented with Cajun Tee Shirts



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Elaine Freeman and Dennis Barbee Complete their six year terms on the Simi Sunrise Rotary Foundation Board

SERVICE CALENDAR

DARK ON JUNE 28 & JULY 5

**JUNE
28**

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**JULY
5**

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July 12

Greeter:

John Tolson

Greeter:

Bill Klepper

Attendance:

James Anglin

Invocation:

Ron Hyrchuk

Flag Salute

Rob Hitchcock

Guest List:

Craig Foster

Rat Fink

Herschel Berger

July 19

Greeter:

Arun Sharma

Greeter:

Cesar Zambrano

Attendance:

Al Smith

Invocation:

Rodney Skidmore

Flag Salute

Richard Lawrence

Guest List:

Maggie Kestly

Rat Fink

Eric Little

July 26

Greeter:

Mel Vines

Greeter:

BJ Anderson

Attendance:

Dan Gesell

Invocation:

Len Geres

Flag Salute

Dan Jaeger

Guest List:

George Kerr

Rat Fink

Gary Stewart

2011-12
Presidential
Citation



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Kalyan Banerjee
Kalyan Banerjee
PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



President Herschel's Demotion
2011 - 2012 "where magic Happens"
... "with that said..."







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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Rotary International District 5240

The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise

has been awarded the

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*in recognition of your exceptional accomplishments
and outstanding achievements in
furthering the principles and ideals of Rotary*



Wade Nomura
Wade Nomura
District Governor, 2011-2012

