



## Peace Through Service



The concept of peace is one that differs among people and cultures. It may mean personal tranquility, happiness in the family, and a sense of inner contentment—or it may mean a situation of safety where basic human needs are met. However we define peace, it is a goal that can be achieved through service.

In Rotary, service is much more than a sideline or an occasional pursuit. It is a way of life. It is an approach that emphasizes consideration and caring for others, and leads to harmony among people. Through embracing service in all aspects of our lives, we foster a spirit of sharing, find goodwill for others, and choose peace.

In the 2012-13 Rotary year, peace will be our focus and our goal. I will ask all Rotarians to actively work for *Peace Through Service*, beginning with every individual, family, club, district, region, and nation.

A belief in the power of service lies at the very heart of Rotary. By making service our priority, we put the needs of others above our own and transform our perspective. We empathize more deeply with the difficulties of other people; we feel a greater drive to reach out, to do what we can to help others live more happily. We become more generous with our time and resources, and more open to new ways of thinking. Instead of trying to change others, we recognize that everyone and everything has something to teach us—and every day, there are new ways for us to grow.

2012-13  
Rotary Global Peace Forums  
**Sakuji Tanaka**  
Rotary International President

Through service, we become more tolerant of our differences, and more grateful for the people in our lives. Our sense of gratitude drives us to understand others better and to see the good in everyone. Through better understanding, we learn to respect others. With mutual respect, we live with others in peace.

Our Rotary service fosters peace in many ways. In our clubs and our districts, we work to bring health, safety, and human dignity to communities around the world. As individuals, we are inspired to value cooperation over competition, and the common good over personal gain. Through self-reflection, we recognize that none of us is perfect and that each of us has something to learn from others.

The motto that is unique to Rotary, Service Above Self, describes the highest form of service. It is a path that anyone can walk—a path that Rotarians have built, and that the whole world can follow. It is a path that leads to greater kindness and contentment, tolerance and understanding. When we embrace *Peace Through Service*, we strive for a greater peace for ourselves, and for our world.

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Sakuji Tanaka  
President, Rotary International, 2012-13



## Peace Through Service

2012-13  
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**Sakuji Tanaka**  
Rotary International President

# 2012 \* 2013



## Rotary Club Of Simi Sunrise



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July 2012

Issue # 1

Ernie Gilbert

President

2012-2013

### Message from President Ernie Gilbert



This is my first opportunity to share what we have prepared for our club members for the next year. Your board and its committees are already hard at work to assure we have a productive and memorable Rotary year. By the time we start July 1st, we will have already spent a good deal of time meeting and preparing to serve the club. Your board is here to serve you and needs both your feedback and willingness to participate with your talent, time and giving.

Our theme for 2012-13 is "One for All, All for One". This is a reminder to us that we individually are Rotarians, we all make a difference as individuals. As members of our club we support the efforts of the one, helping ideas become reality—that is what makes a strong Rotary Club. It also prepares us for Future Vision, where we will learn to partner with other Rotary Clubs, other non-profits or non-government organizations to achieve sustainable life changing projects.

We have changed the publishing of the newsletter to once a month. Our goal is to tell the club what is up and coming, keep you better informed as to issues important to the club, and help you plan to participate by clearly understanding up and coming events. We will continue to issue a weekly bulletin, however it will be limited to basic club assignments with upcoming Rotary and non-Rotary events.

Our Website is getting an overhaul as well. The goal is to catch up on technology, get the club used to using the web site to address questions about upcoming events as well as work to make it easier to find information about club operations. The reason for focusing on the web site is to help improve our ability to communicate to the club, align our resources, and use it as a centralized location we all expect to find the information we need to participate and operate our club. Continued on next page



Members of the 2012-2013 Simi Sunrise Board of Directors at the Board Retreat held in June.

### Micro Credit Competitive Matching Grant

Submitted by Heather Frankle



On March 29, 2012 the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation approved a grant to provide micro credit loans to poor women in Santa Paula, California. The grant set an historical precedent because it was the first TRF financed micro credit grant to be approved in any developed nation. The Trustees and staff hope that the grant will serve as a model that can be replicated throughout the industrialized world. The grant was also the largest Matching Grant that any club in our district has been awarded—\$220,476.

On May 30, 2012 we received word that all of the cash contributions from 9 clubs in District 5240, plus \$10,000 from the Rotary Club of Mill Point (Australia), \$1,000 from the Rotary Club of Belleville (Canada) and \$2,000 from the Rotary Club of Visalia County Center had been received. The contribution from Australia was made by Rotarian Gerry McGann on behalf of his company Incremental Oil and Gas. Gerry had helped to finance a micro credit project in Turkey several years ago and was a strong supporter of our Matching Grant from the beginning. In fact, it was through his advocacy and tenacity that we received \$10,000 in District Designated Funds from District 9465 in Australia.

The Rotary districts that participated in the grant with contributions of District Designated Funds were: D-3720 (Korea) - \$24,000 DDF; D-3690 (Korea) - \$10,000 DDF; D-9465 (Australia) - \$10,000 DDF; D-4530 (Brazil) - \$5,000 DDF; D-4630 (Brazil) - \$5,000 DDF; D-3510 (Taiwan) - \$5,000 DDF; D-5230 (California) - \$2,000 DDF; D-5240 (Our District) - \$38,238 DDF.

We anticipate that the funds from The Rotary Foundation will be wired to our club's bank account with Santa Barbara Bank and Trust no later than the middle of July. That is when the action will begin!

- The subcommittees are Financial Oversight, Education and Publicity/Outreach. I am especially looking for someone who would like to help with social media. If you can help in any of these areas, please contact Heather at [hfrankle@earthlink.net](mailto:hfrankle@earthlink.net).

### Peace Through Service

"When we see the needs of others as more important than our own needs - when we focus on a shared goal that is for the good of all - this changes every thing. It changes how we relate to the world. It changes our priorities. And it changes how we understand the idea of peace"

Sakuji Tanaka,  
RI President 2012-2013

For the entire message, read the President's Message from the Rotarian, July 2012



## NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT AND FREQUENCY

PLEASE  
READ!



**MONTHLY:** The Club Newsletter will now be a monthly publication.

You will receive it via email on the fourth Thursday of each Month.

**WEEKLY:** You will receive a weekly Bulletin, with announcements, reminders and service calendar each week after the Rotary Club meeting.

This is due to the amount of work and time it takes for the newsletter editors and we thank you for your patience and understanding.

### President Ernie's Message Continued:

The web site will also interact with our Facebook page, so we will get that "social networked" thing under control.

Our board held its Club Retreat on June 9th and over the six hours of the meeting, we reviewed our ideas and different responsibilities that led to commitments from the different areas of service as well as overall club objectives:

- Complete Eight Hands-on Community Service Projects
- Sustain membership and focus on Quality versus Quantity
- Everyone in the club is expected to be involved in some way with our major fund raiser, the Cajun and Blues Festival
- Achieve our Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Objective as well as add two Major Donors and 10 Benefactors
- Host a PRLS program in Simi Valley or near-by to allow our membership access to this training program.
- Conduct 10 Fireside Chat meetings by the end of 2012.
- Provide a venue to meet the club leadership and have open discussions about Rotary.
- Each Avenue of Service will focus on mentoring more club members for future club leadership positions
- Keep the web site updated making it the go to location for club information

Hope you enjoy this newsletter. My thanks to Leigh Nixon for being our monthly editor who also designed the look and feel of this newsletter and Simi Sunset Rotarian Lynda Nickolai for helping me design the club theme graphic. Incidentally, if you want to publish a SSR club related article in the newsletter it has to be delivered to Leigh Nixon no later than the third Thursday of the month.

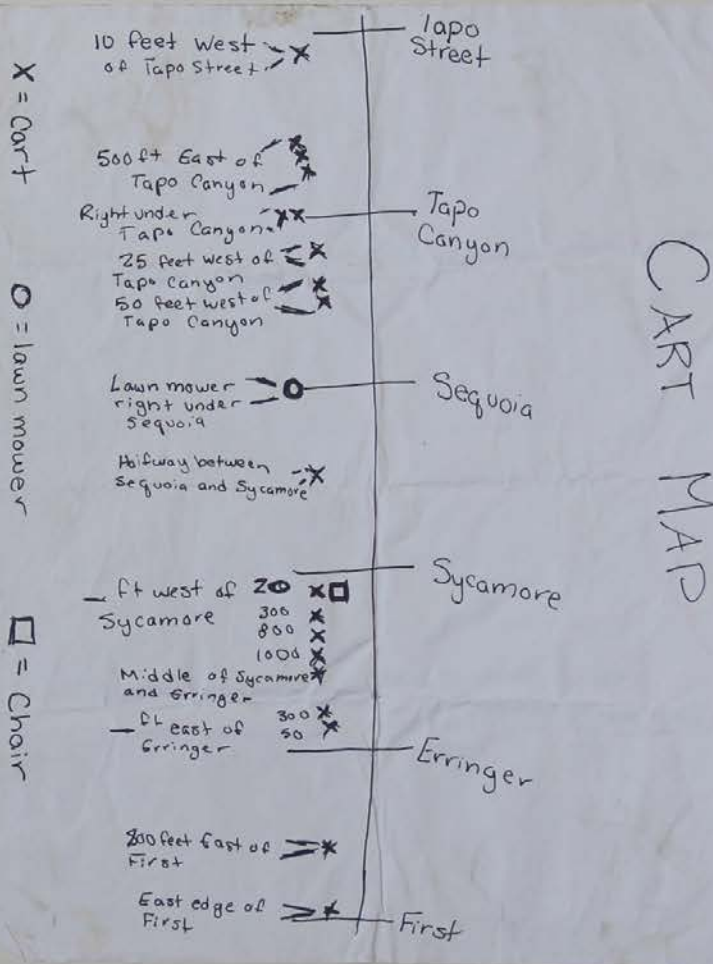
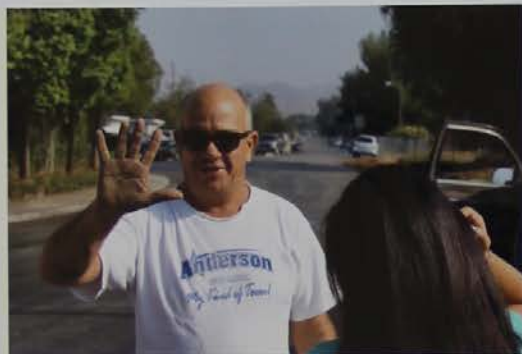
There are many other objectives such as our RYLA participation and exciting community service projects that are covered by the specific areas of service. We look forward to continuing the clubs mandate of mutual respect for the individual, giving back to our community, and building fellowship.

# President Elect FOR DUMMIES



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Amoy  
Clean-Up



# membership Committee



Engaging Potential Members at The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise

Please join us for breakfast



Thursday at 8am  
The Grand Vista Hotel, Simi Valley

Please present this card to our reception desk

We meet from 7:00 am to 8:30 am on Thursdays at the Grand Vista Hotel in Simi Valley, where we share breakfast, fellowship & interesting presentations & programs. While membership is by invitation only, the advantages are many. Members are provided with many opportunities for personal & professional growth, such as leadership skills, while building lifelong friendships with like minded individuals, who operate under the motto of "Service Above Self"



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The Rotary Club Of Simi Sunrise is comprised of a diverse group of community and professional leaders who share the common goal of being of service to the local and international communities. Members are provided with many opportunities for personal & professional growth, while building life long friendships with like minded individuals, who operate under the motto of "Service Above Self"

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The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise (RCSS) is a member of Rotary International and is one of 34,000 clubs in more than 200 countries worldwide.

RCSS was chartered on June 27th, 1986 with 30 business, community & professional leaders. Our membership stands at 150 today. Although the members come from diverse backgrounds, they share the common goal of being of service to the local & international communities. They achieve this through fund-raising & personal commitments of their time, talents & resources. The RCSS's signature fund-raiser is the Cajun & Blues Music Festival which is the second largest of its kind in the US. 100% of the profits raised goes to provide academic & vocational scholarships, & assistance to non-profits locally & around the world. Internationally, the club supports projects that benefit humanity such as disease prevention & treatment, water & sanitation & basic education & literacy. Rotary International has been instrumental in the eradication of polio in all but two countries in the world so far.

Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce www.SimiValleyChamber.org

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## Leadership Class 2013



Members of the Leadership Simi Valley Class of 2013 met for the first time recently. The 10-month program is designed to develop leadership potential within the community and highlight existing leadership in Simi Valley.

Class members are: (front row, from left) Patrick McInnis, Sara Martinez, Kindah Brennan, Kath King, Janel Armstrong.

Marvann Flore-Hopkins, Solina Perry and Santiago Roldan; (middle row, from left) Eliza Perry, Carol Richards, Phil Libben, Pam Perry, Stacey Huff, Caroline Gibson, Marjorie Barker, Mackenzie Tolson and Alexandra Lattari; (back row, from left) Giovanni Tacabellia, Carol Thompson, Connie Hines-Bald, Ben Hale, Timothy Munz, Tim Dickson and Lynn Hyllon.

Rotarians  
complete  
S.V.  
Leadership  
Course



MIKE JOHNSON





Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 was a wonderful day. It was a day of enjoyment, of celebration (I made it to 70), of fellowship, of seeing friends we haven't seen in sometime, and most of all, it was an evening of food, drink, camaraderie and giving on your part. Kathy and I will leave for Zambia on September 4<sup>th</sup> to visit friends, to review a few Rotary projects in which our local Rotary Clubs have invested and to return to a country we both fell in love with when we were there in 2004. During our visit we're going to present to the folks at Mission Medic-Air (MMA) \$2,200.00 in cash to be used to further their charitable work of helping the Zambian people reach a level of health and independence they deserve. Through the transporting of medical/dental professionals, engineers, technicians, educators, and critical supplies miles from any populated area, there will be fewer serious illnesses, better medical care, and faster treatments of critically ill or injured people. And you made it happen. \$2,200.00 is a windfall for them and I just know they will want to thank you personally. Kathy and I will send your love and your thoughts of good hope and cheer and upon our return give you a report on what took place. Look for us on facebook. Thank you again for your generous donation.

*Ernie & Carolyn - Thank you for your wonderful gift to MMA. Thanks too for being part of my Big 70.*  
*Jim*

"Mission Medic-Air - Ndola, Zambia"

"The primary objective of MISSION MEDIC-AIR is to improve health care in the remote rural areas of Zambia. We are a dynamic organization, manned and supported entirely by volunteers. Our medical and technical personnel, our pilots and administrators give freely of their expertise and time, often sacrificing their off-duty and holiday periods to provide the vital humanitarian support service to those in need. We get no financial support from the Government, but rely entirely on the generosity of our supporters. It costs about \$300 per hour to fly and maintain the plane, so a typical weekend clinic visit to one of the rural Mission Stations costs in excess of \$1,000. All the services, treatments and medicines are provided free at the point of need. But we cannot continue this vital work without donations from our supporters." (Mission Medic-Air brochure 2009)



*Hotel Staff  
Rachel  
&  
Johnny  
←*

## Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise unveils new board of directors

Simi Valley Acorn

July 6, 2012

The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise has announced the 2012-2013 officers, directors and avenue of service chairs. Ernest Gilbert (president), Savi Bhini (president elect), Joseph Grimaldi (secretary), Monica Barile (treasurer), Richard Ebe (measurer), Herschel Heeger (past president), Gary White (club parliamentarian), Robert Hitchcock (club service), Verita Weiskal (family of Rotary), William Klepper (community), Karen Thompson (community health), Pat Abruzzese and Arun Sharma (international), Nancy Hawthorne (New Generations), Jared DeGonia (Rotary Foundation) and Fernando Estevez (vocational). Directors at large are John Bagnall, Tim Gray, Jeffrey Newby and Maggie Kestly. The club theme this year under the presidency of Ernest Gilbert is "All for One, One for All."

Gilbert plans for the members to be more hands-on in the community and international ally—in programs dealing with disease, poverty and environmental concerns—while encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations.

The club meets weekly for breakfast and a guest speaker presentation at 7 a.m. Thursdays at the Grand Vista Hotel in Simi Valley.

The membership is comprised of business and civic leaders who support local and international causes.

Rotary International has more than 1.2 million members with 33,000 clubs worldwide.

For more information, visit [www.rotaryclubofsimisunrise.com](http://www.rotaryclubofsimisunrise.com).

## Simi Valley Chamber Networking Breakfast

"Hot Sheet" November 9, 2012



Company	Contact	Phone#	#	Company	Contact	Phone#
1 SendOutCards	Thomas Herdering	805-526-6924	36	The Law Offices of Robert O. Haber	Bob Haber	805-583-5400
2 Samaritan Center	Betsy Eskey	805-579-9166	37	Rotary Club of Simi - Nontime	Deb Holler	805-390-3244
3 WDS-Women's Information Networking	Jill Scrudato	805-501-1649	38	The Belt Group	Mickey Belt	818-468-4189
4 Party Blitz	Linda Zeller	805-857-3105	39	KyDeCo	Vince Stephens	805-815-1767
5 Tri Valley Oncology & Hematology	Stella Ortiz	805-496-0592	40	Just Trudi's Boutique	Trudi Friedman	805-823-8499
6 Simi Valley Ford	Larry Hibbler	805-583-0333	41	A&A Solar and Construction	Roger Oquist	805-390-5491
7 City of Simi Valley	Brian Gabler	805-583-6701	42	Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise	Ernie Gilbert	805-701-3243
8 LightGabler LLP	Karen Gabler	805-248-7207	43	ACN - Xoon Energy	Tony Harper	805-536-7449
9 Best Western Posada Royale	Caroline Gibson	805-584-6300	44	Simi Valley Days Foundation	Gordon Voshall	818-943-0307
10 Excel Learning Center	Mike Antonou	805-584-6222	45	ThumbPrint	Kenny Miller	805-527-9491
1 Vitality & Wellness Center	Dr. Angela Spagna	805-520-0311	46	Beigen Design	Joe Brennan	805-577-9651
1 Ecology Landscaping	George Ketr	805-527-8052	47	Welcome to the Neighborhood Magazine	Ben Gilbert	805-526-8371
1 Troop Real Estate	Pam Silverman	805-325-1405	48	Oasis Day Spa & Salon	Jamie Roark	805-582-1218
5 Tupperware	Lee Lubrano	805-582-2903	49	Dukes Financial Services	Christopher Dukes	818-326-0889
5 For The Troops	Paola / Janie	805-706-0830	50	Superior Physical Medicine	Dr. Cathy Hunter	805-520-2929
7 Jackson Hewitt Tax Service	Liz Aranda	805-522-8829	51	Pacific West Builders	Barry Becker	805-955-9158
1 Pacific Rim Grading, Inc.	Catherine Capaldi	805-534-9470	52	Scheu Development Company	Katie Palmquist	805-579-0188
9 Mr. Electric of East Ventura County	Kari Martinez	805-578-8732	53	Corporate Point Executive Suites	Gina Konell	805-915-4700
1 New Directions Event Planning	Shari Schultz	805-581-2602	54	Elite Chapter of BNI	Mario Morales	805-587-9353
1 Jackie Spencer Hypnotherapy	Jackie Spencer	805-796-5760	55	Criminal Defense & DUI Law Office	Douglas H. Rulley	805-583-4529
1 Cardio Barre	Melissa Collins	805-522-7346	56	SCORE - Free Business Counseling	Al Baker	805-526-3900
1 Simi Valley Education Foundation	Cindy Jacoby	877-746-4543	57	K & J Auto Exchange	Kelly Kolarek	805-526-5275
1 Carolyn Creation	Carolyn Gilbert	805-304-3516	58	ARDefenders	Timothy Munz	805-273-7297
5 Facey Medical Group	Karen Carroll-Kowalski	818-837-5782	59	HealthPlans4Less	John Mann	818-961-5109

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## The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise

is presented a certificate of appreciation for its financial support of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. Together, we will fulfill our promise to the children of the world and eradicate polio.

Dear Ernie,

Thank you for your membership in the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce.

We appreciate your support and involvement with the business community.

Please try to join us at one of our upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

*Mike Nolan*

Simi Valley Chamber Board Member



*Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees*

*President, Rotary International*

2012-2013 Board  
as of Dec 2011

**Left to Right**  
**Back Row**  
Tim Gray  
Ed Chapin  
Herschel Berger  
Dick Erbe  
Gary White  
Rob Hitchcock  
Ernie Gilbert  
Bill Klepper  
Arun Sharma  
Jarrod DeGonia  
Jeff Newby  
Fernando Estevez

**Front Row**  
John Bagnall  
Maggie Kestly  
Monica Berlin  
Verica Weikal  
Karen Thompson  
Savi Bhim



2012-2013  
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# Certificate of Appreciation

The City of Simi Valley is Pleased to Recognize

**Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise**

and offers sincere thanks for service to  
the youth of your community and support of the  
Youth Employment Service Advisory Board

December 6, 2012

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*Laura Behjan*  
Laura Behjan, City Manager



## Simi pet doctor deserves thanks

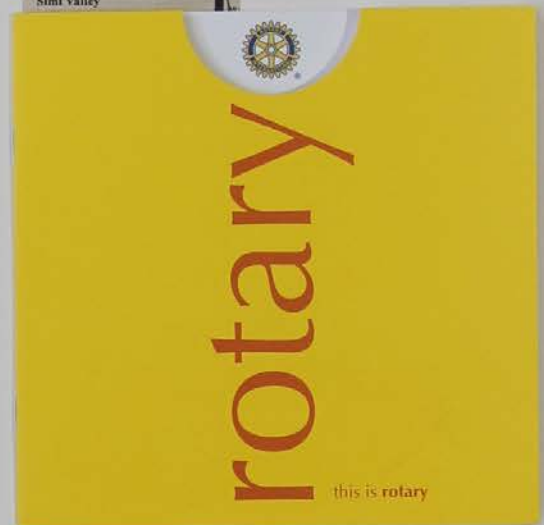
My small dog picked a fight with two much larger dogs and she was very badly hurt. Her wounds were so severe I thought for sure we were going to have to have her put down.

I took her to Dr. Ron's Animal Hospital and Dr. Ron was able to stitch her wounds and prescribe a plan to get her healed.

I would like to thank Dr. Ron for saving my dog, Dr. Yaron Shmueli for his advice, and Gabby for the weekly wound care she has provided. Everyone at the hospital is very patient and caring and I would like to thank them all for their help.  
John Burns  
Simi Valley

Simi Valley  
Resident &  
Rotarian.

Simi Valley Area  
April 26, 2013



"Dick" Erbe



"Harry"  
VonDyck



"Tom"  
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E-club  
chartered  
May 2012



### Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise CLUB CHARTER CELEBRATION Rotary e-club of One World

The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise is honored to be the sponsoring club for the recently chartered Rotary e-club of One World. Joining the celebration will be District Governor Frank Ortiz and Past District Governor Wade Nomura. They will officially deliver the Club Charter and speak on behalf of the district.

An e-Club provides an alternative way to participate in Rotary because the club is hosted on the Internet allowing e-club membership from both within the district and outside of the district. The club members are asked to align themselves with a Rotary Club where they can attend once a quarter and potentially work on projects with that club or partner with e-Club to create projects.

The e-club concept is attractive because it is has lower monthly costs and offers flexible meeting times, both proven to be important considerations as alternatives to the normal Brick and Mortar Rotary Club.

The e-club supports itself by providing an alternative way to make-up meetings for Rotarians in and outside of District 5240. When you make-up a meeting you have the option to donate to the club and this donation can be less than what a meal would cost as well as it can be done anytime. On top of that, it's possible to pick from a variety of topics that may be of interest to a Rotarian.

The celebration will be held at the home of Dick Strayer, the charter President for the new club. The formal presentation of the Charter will be done at 4pm. This celebration is informal, dress is casual. Spouses and children are welcome.

When: Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3pm to 6pm.

Where: 1786 Restful Court, Simi Valley, CA

Please RSVP: By July 20<sup>th</sup>

Contact: Ernie Gilbert, President of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise:

Email: [ernestgilbert@gmail.com](mailto:ernestgilbert@gmail.com)

Phone: 805-701-3243

e-Club Web Site: <http://www.oneworldrotary.org/>



July  
2012  
e-club  
charter  
party

E-club meeting  
Online.

## Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise's microcredit loan program aims to help poor entrepreneurs

By Tony (Saadoti)

Thursday, February 21, 2013

Heather Frankle went to Honduras in 2009 with Rotary International to work on microcredit, or small loans to poor people to help them start businesses.

After she returned to Thousand Oaks in May 2010, she read articles in The Star about poverty in Ventura County. One in particular struck her, about an avocado picker in Santa Paula who wanted to open a butcher shop but knew he'd never be able to save enough money.

"I thought: If we can do these kinds of life-changing grants in the developing world, why can't we do them in the United States?" Frankle said in a recent interview.

So she did just that. This month, The Rotary Foundation announced it had awarded a \$240,476 grant to Frankle's group, the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, for its microcredit program.

A little more than half the money will go directly to loans to poor people with plans to start their own businesses. Latinas will be the target recipients, in keeping with the microcredit principle that women in poor communities have great untapped economic potential. The outreach will be focused on Santa Paula and Fillmore, but people in other parts of west Ventura County will also be eligible.

The rest of the grant will pay for administration of the program, outreach and training for loan recipients. Women's Economic Ventures, a nonprofit that offers loans and training to female entrepreneurs in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, will screen applicants, conduct business classes for recipients, and administer the loans. The Rotary Club of Santa Paula will also help recruit borrowers.

"This will enable us to do much more targeted outreach in the Spanish-speaking and Latino community," said Marsha Bailey, the CEO of Women's Economic Ventures. "That's something we've only been able to do periodically until now."

The loans can be as large as \$25,000. Bailey said she expects most of them to be \$2,500 to \$10,000.

"I think most of them will be service businesses," she said. "Women look at the skills

they already have and go from there. We get lots of specialty food businesses, catering, child care."

Bailey said her group evaluates applicants not on credit history — many people in the new program won't have any — but on their business plans and likely ability to repay. That approach has worked for Women's Economic Ventures, she said.

"These are old-fashioned character loans, like banks used to make," Bailey said. "Our clients are highly motivated to pay us back, and they do."

The Rotary grant will start a revolving fund: When borrowers repay the money, it will be lent out to new entrepreneurs.

Recipients must be legally allowed to work in the United States. Outreach for the program hasn't started, but loans are available now. Applications can be obtained at <http://www.wevonline.org> or by calling Women's Economic Ventures at 667-8004.



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### Real Women. Real Business.

"I came to WEV's SET class as an amateur, and finished as an entrepreneur!"

Nicole Schultz & Lianne Clifford  
Owners, Happy Little Hippo  
Santa Barbara, EST. 2009

READ THE FULL SUCCESS STORY AT [WWW.WEVLONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.WEVLONLINE.ORG)

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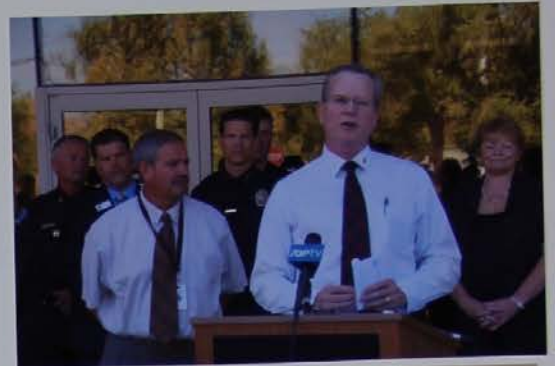
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In sincere appreciation to  
**ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNRISE**  
 for your generous sponsorship of  
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 benefiting our "Save-A-Life" Program.

DATED THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF October, 2012

*Mitch McCann*  
 Mitch McCann  
 Chief of Police

*Jim Tokatlian*  
 Jim Tokatlian  
 Chair, Save-A-Life Program



## Certificate of Recognition

May it be known that this  
 Certificate of Recognition has been presented to

*Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise*

*Ernie Gilbert, President*

*for sponsoring an Automated External Defibrillator Unit  
 for use by the Simi Valley Police Department in rendering  
 life-saving assistance to our community*

November 26, 2012

Date

*[Signature]*  
 Mayor

Police Chief Mitch McCann (right) makes some remarks during a news conference announcing the Simi Valley Police Foundation had purchased 21 defibrillators for police cars and motorcycles.

## Police foundation puts 'Save a Life' in motion

### 21 defibrillators received for squad vehicles

By Cindy Von Quaden  
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The Simi Valley Police Department on Wednesday received 21 defibrillators for its squad cars and motorcycles from the police foundation.

The Simi Valley Police Foundation in June approved the "Save a Life" program, which aims to put an automated external defibrillator in every police vehicle.

The donation of the first 21 devices, which help during potentially life-threatening heart issues,

was announced during a news conference Wednesday at the police station.

Police Chief Mitch McCann said it is important for officers to have lifesaving tools because they often are the first on scene.

He said his father died of a heart attack this year and might have been saved if officers had been equipped with defibrillators.

"The wisdom of our police foundation and the generosity of our community are providing us with this valuable equipment, so in the future when we respond to calls of people

not breathing, our officers will have another tool," he said.

The foundation set a goal to raise nearly \$50,000 for defibrillators. Nearly \$27,500 has been raised so far, with more donations coming in Wednesday.

Six of the 21 defibrillators will be used by police on motorcycles, said Lt. Stephanie Shannon, a spokeswoman for the department. The devices were custom-made to fit the vehicles, she said.

"This is another contribution to make Simi Valley a great place to live," said Jim Tokatlian, a represen-



Pam Silverman (left) of the Simi Valley Police Foundation is shown an automated external defibrillator by officer Chris Coulter.

tative of the foundation. He said the idea originally came from Ted Weiner, owner of TRC Medical, a medical supply company based in Thousand Oaks.

"I can't think of a better way to contribute after I'm gone, after you're all gone, to saving more lives," Weiner said. "That's what health care is supposed to be about."

Anyone interested in donating to the "Save a Life" program can contact Tokatlian at 501-2460.

4 SIMI VALLEY / MOORPARK EXTRA! THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

## Your Community

2012





Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise



August 29, 2012

Jim Tokatlian, Chair  
Simi Valley Police Foundation  
P.O. Box 715  
Simi Valley, CA 93062-0715

Dear Jim,

Our Rotary club recognized immediately the benefit the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will have for Simi Valley by adding this capability to our police departments patrol vehicles. It will significantly improve the potential to save a life that may have otherwise been lost due to a cardiac arrest. It's great that the Police Foundation has taken up this important idea and made it into a reality.

Our Rotary club continues to be an avid supporter of the Simi Valley Police Foundation as it works to improve the capabilities of the Simi Valley Police Department. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, our membership is pleased to donate \$1300 towards the acquisition of an AED.

It's quite possible the life an AED saves could be one of ours. It's personally gratifying to see our community work together like this and it is one more thing that makes Simi Valley an amazing place to live.

Simi Valley Police Foundation  
Annual Banquet



February 16, 2013

Everyone at Simi Sunrise,

Thank you so much for your deepest support and condolences. Thank you for the helping hand with planning the funeral and reception. The Padmos family genuinely appreciates it as we know Tom does! ☺

Thank you and  
God Bless

With Sincere Thanks,

The Padmos  
Family



Caught  
Volunteering

ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNSET-

The family of Sam Tawfik would like to express its heart felt thanks for all of the friendship and support from your club. As many of you who considered friends by Sam, he enjoyed spending time with everyone in the club. The donation for his memorial is truly appreciated. Rotary is truly a family - Phyllis Tawfik



The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise invites you to a  
**Multi-club Reception for  
 District Governor Frank Ortiz**



This is an invitation to all Group 5 Clubs, Rotary Club of Moorpark, Rotary Club of Simi Valley, Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, Rotary Club of Simi Valley Sunset – Morning Edition, Rotary Club of Moorpark Morning, and our newest club, the Rotary e-Club of One World to enjoy an evening of fellowship with our District Governor. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the evening. We will enjoy a Potluck format that will be perfectly coordinated by your Club's leadership assuring food for all (and we will be selling swap property too!)

Date: September 13, 2012

Time: 6:00 To 9:00

Location: Home of Stella Ortiz  
 53 Humboldt St. Simi Valley, 93065

Format: Pot Luck Dinner

## District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - September 16, 2012



### District Governor Visits

We started this past week of visits on Wednesday with the RC of Westlake Village (Edwin Velarde). We learned about their many local projects that support children, the needy, and military families. Their two great fundraisers, the Community Street Festival in April and the Oakhout Country Music Festival are noteworthy. Thanks Edwin, Christina, and Club members for the great evening social on Westlake Lake and dinner at Boccaccio; indeed a memorable experience! Thanks to Andy and Joy Lapanow & family for the tour. Thursday morning found us with the largest breakfast club in our District, the RC of Simi Sunrise (Ernie Gilbert). This is also an active Club. The Cajun Blues Festival is a great community fundraiser that supports the bulk of their projects. They are very involved in their community, and are committed to developing partnerships for service. The Group 5 Clubs welcomed Scottie and I at the home of Simi Sunrise Rotarian Stella Ortiz for a social and fellowship. Thanks Ernie, Stella, and Verika for spearheading this event; and to Simi Valley, Simi Sunrise, Simi Sunrise, Moorpark, Moorpark Morning, and E-Club One World Rotarians for making this a fun and special evening. This was again, another great week of Rotary fellowship.

### Also This Past Week

Scottie and I joined the Rotary Group 4 Clubs at the Thousand Oaks City Council Meeting on Tuesday, where the clubs received a proclamation recognizing their community work last year on Rotary Work Day. Thousand Oaks, Thousand Oaks Sunrise, Conejo Valley, Westlake Village, and Westlake Village Sunrise were recognized. We found ourselves in Longue on Saturday, to help the RC of Longue (Rob Klug) and RC of Vandenberg Village (Pat Grivola) dedicate a community mural (Ocean Ave. and I Street) that depicts community service in Longue. Lastly, on Sunday we enjoyed a day of touring distinguished homes sponsored by the RC of San Luis Obispo. SLO President Deb Linden and Bill Turner hosted us to all of the venues. A very nice way to end the week.

**Rotary International  
 District 5240**  
**FRANK ORTIZ**  
 District Governor 2012-2013  
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 Rotary Club of Santa Maria Breakfast



### District Conference Notes

General Conference Schedule can be found on the main page of the District website at:  
[www.rotarydistrict5240.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5240.org)

**LISTEN UP!** Many of you have indicated that you want to display your PROJECTS or PROGRAMS at the Conference, BUT YOU NEED TO SIGN UP NOW! Contact Valerie Moser at cell: 805-243-0228 or email at [valerie@rotarydistrict5240.org](mailto:valerie@rotarydistrict5240.org)

**NOTE:** Please ask your NID ALUMNI to wear their YELLOW JACKET to the SUNDAY morning plenary session!

The annual business meeting of the district will be held on September 28, 2012 on board the Queen Mary. THE MEETING TIME HAS BEEN MOVED UP TO 3:00PM. Information regarding Voting Credentials and other pertinent information can be found on the District's website main page "2012 Annual Meeting" tab. REMEMBER, voting credentials must include a signature of the Club President AND Club Secretary.

At 1:30-5:00pm, there will be a Question & Answer Forum regarding the Future Vision Transition to the TRF new grant model.

For general conference information, contact our chair, Ralph Kloerneyer [ralph5240@gmail.com](mailto:ralph5240@gmail.com).

### A Note About Grants

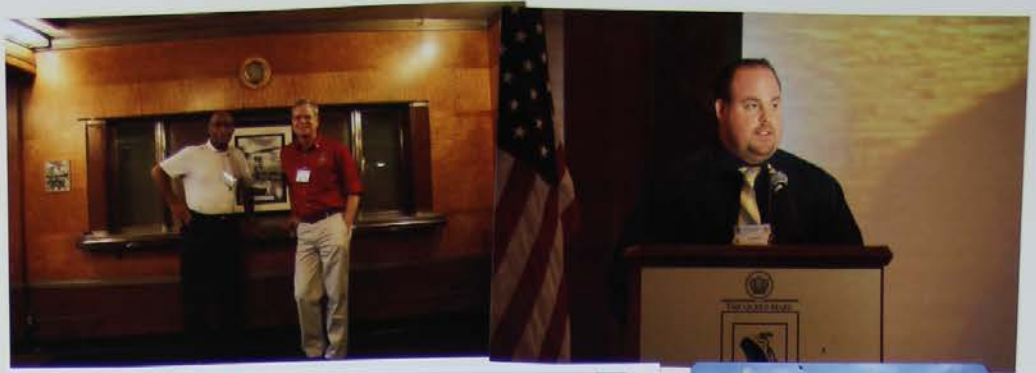
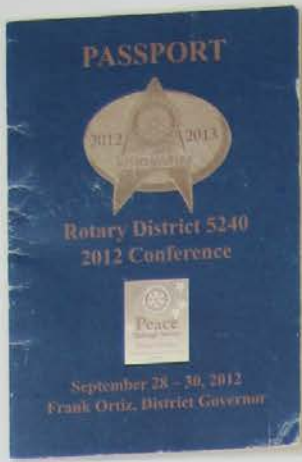
Your Club Allocation for DDF will expire by the end of the day on September 30. This means that you need to get your Matching Grants submitted by this date to guarantee your DDF match. If you are allocating DDF to another Club, you need to get the DDF allocation form submitted prior to this date as well. (Copy to the Club and copy to Grant Chair Dan). After this date, all unused DDF will be available on a first come basis within the guidelines established. Please contact Grants Chair Dan Giordano if you have any questions at: [dan@danlebak.com](mailto:dan@danlebak.com)

Dear Ernie,  
 Thank you so much for the hospitality at your club and more. Wow! For a morning club you are sure a lovely bunch! And at how many things you accomplish and the impact that you have. What a great setting, perfect that was perfect setting, perfect weather, perfect group. We had a great time, first time. Last but not least, I will look forward to seeing you again. Sincerely, Frank and Scottie



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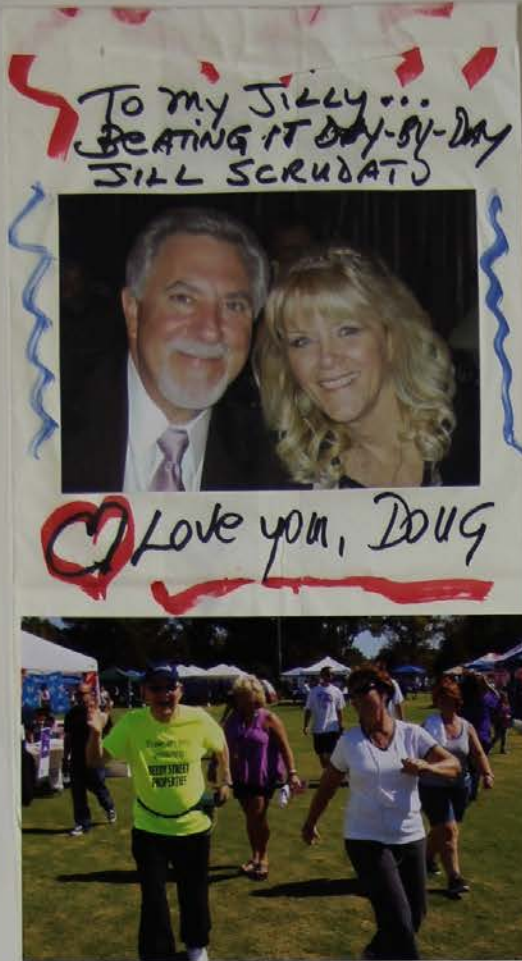


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## HELP SUPPORT RELAY FOR LIFE SIMI VALLEY - OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

Rotary Simi Sunrise is supporting Relay for Life at Santa Susana Park on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.

We are asking companies to please help us by sponsoring to American Cancer Society. We will have kids walk on your company's behalf wearing a T-Shirt with your company's information and show that you are supporting this great cause. T-Shirt will read:

Front T-Shirt: **It's awesome being sponsored by Company Name!**

Back T-Shirt: **Thank you for supporting Relay for Life!**

COMPANY NAME  
Web site /Tel. #

If you are interested please fill out the information below and forward to  
[mpaseta@pegasustransit.com](mailto:mpaseta@pegasustransit.com)

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Day Advertisement: \$200.00 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Half Day Walk: \$100.00

Please we need your help to make this fundraiser a success!!!!

# Allocations ~ Doing Good Work ♥

Community Pregnancy Clinic of Simi Valley  
2050 Jones Way #31  
Simi Valley, CA 93065  
805-583-3568

### Donation Statement

Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise  
P.O. Box 11  
Simi Valley, CA 93062-0011

2012 was a record-breaking year for the CPC! We saw 1,458 clients, providing counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams, sexual health education, STD testing/treatment and a myriad of resources and practical help. We also saved 154 babies, who would have otherwise been aborted had it not been for the services provided by the Simi Valley and Mobile Clinics. Even donations were up, so thank you for your generous support in 2012 - it made all the difference in the world!

I am very excited about what God is doing in and through the CPC, and I am excited that He is doing it through friends like you. Because you believe in what we do, I know that 2013 will surpass even the record-breaking year we just had. Thank you for your support, and I pray that God will continue to bless your generosity and faithfulness, because our confidence is in Him!

Blessings for Life,

Pastor Dave

*Thanks So Much!*  
*Dave*

Date	Gift ID	Event	Comment	Check#	Type	Amount Received	Tax-deductible Amount
10/11/2012	10905	Donation		10646	Check	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Giving for Period 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012:						\$500.00	\$500.00

Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise  
P.O. Box 11  
Simi Valley, CA 93062-0011

Please return this portion with your gift.

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Community Pregnancy Clinic of Simi Valley  
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Simi Valley, CA 93065



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July 30, 2012

Mr. Ernest Gilbert, President  
Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise  
Post Office Box 11  
Simi Valley, California 93063

Dear Mr. Gilbert,

It is an honor for me to write this letter of congratulations recognizing the twenty fifth anniversary of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise and to also congratulate you on your recent selection as this year's president for the Club.

I have heard of the excellent work that the Simi Sunrise Club has done in the City of Simi Valley. You've come a long way from the 25 charter members to 129 today and...22 Cajun Music Festivals! Your Club continues to serve this community proudly.

Congratulations also on your selection as president and best wishes to you and your Club for many more years of success and service.

Sincerely,

*Peter C. Foy*  
PETER C. FOY  
Supervisor, Fourth District



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

October 10, 2012

Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise  
P.O. Box 11  
Simi Valley, CA 93062

Dear Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$3,500.00 to the Simi Valley Family YMCA 2013 Annual Campaign.

Over 50 volunteers will participate in this year's campaign by seeking support for our vital programs. The Annual Campaign goal for 2013 is to raise \$88,000. Your contribution has brought us closer to that goal.

Financial assistance keeps the Y available for kids and families who need us most. We count on the generosity of our members and community to help people of all ages and from all walks of life be more healthy, confident, connected and secure. When you give to the Y, your gift will have a meaningful, enduring impact right in your own neighborhood of Simi Valley.

At the Y, strengthening community is our cause. We believe that lasting personal and social change can only come about when we all work together to invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors. Every day, we work side by side with our neighbors in our community to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and hundreds of men, women, children, and families who utilize our programs and facility, thank you for helping to make that possible.

Sincerely,

Dan Jaeger  
Executive Director

SIMI VALLEY FAMILY YMCA  
a branch of the Southeast Ventura County YMCA  
3200 Cordova St., Simi Valley, CA 93065  
P 805.583.5336 F 805.583.5476  
www.yymca.org



November 13, 2012

Robert Rosenberg  
Simi Valley Police Explorer Post 2910  
3901 Alamo St.  
Simi Valley, CA 93063

Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise  
PO Box 11  
Simi Valley, CA 93062

Dear Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise:

On behalf of the Simi Valley Police Department, and our Post, I would like to personally thank you for your generous donation of \$2,000.

As you know, our program allows youth aged 14-20 the opportunity to "explore" the dynamic and varied fields involved with law enforcement. With nearly forty explorers, and over 15 officer advisors, our Post continues to donate thousands of hours each year to our great community at events like that of your annual Cajun Festival. In the 3 years that I have assisted in overseeing this program, the Cajun Festival has always, and will continue to be an event that our Explorers look forward to volunteering at.

Your donation will provide needed equipment for uniforms, and to send our competition team representing Simi Valley to State and National Explorer Conferences. Competitions like these give a very holistic experience that helps our youth learn more about the career which better themselves as leaders.

As a developing leader and current explorer myself, I truly appreciate organizations like the Rotary Club who makes investments towards today's youth, who will become tomorrow's leaders.

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support. If our Post can be of assistance in the future, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Sincerely,

Robert Rosenberg  
Explorer Captain  
805.583.6292



January 24, 2013

Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise  
PO Box 11  
Simi Valley, CA 93062-0011

Dear Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise:

Thank you for your generous gifts totaling \$7,178.00 in 2012 to the Free Clinic of Simi Valley. Your commitment to helping provide medical, legal, counseling and dental services is appreciated by the over 165 volunteer professionals and, most importantly, by those who benefit from their services.

Thanks to donors like you, in 2012, the Free Clinic of Simi Valley provided services to over 15,000 children and adults that can not afford these basic services. In 2012, two young boys, Billy and Danny, were both referred to us by their elementary school because they were having difficulty in school and they did not qualify for private or government services. They were both having difficulty concentrating, unable to follow direction and doing poorly in most of their school work. Thanks to Free Clinic volunteer physician, Dan Takeda, both boys were diagnosed with ADHD and were given a treatment plan involving diet, exercise and medication. Over the last six months their scores are improving, and they no longer are a disruption or disciplinary problem to their classroom environment. The parents report that they are better behaved at home as well and do not seem as anxious.

We invite you to take a tour of our program and meet some of our dedicated staff and volunteer physicians, dentists, attorneys and therapists. We are always proud to show off our facility and have our supporters see their donations put to use. I am always available to set up a tour for you, or to answer any questions you may have. Don't hesitate to call me at 805-522-3733, or email me at [fred@freeclinicav.com](mailto:fred@freeclinicav.com).

Please log on to our website at [www.freeclinicav.com](http://www.freeclinicav.com) and sign-up for our newsletter and we will keep you updated on the latest news about our programs and services for kids like Billy and Danny.

Again, thank you for your gift.

Sincerely,

Fred Bauermeister  
Executive Director

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## Lincoln Elementary School Fluoride Program



# ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI

## CHARTER NIGHT

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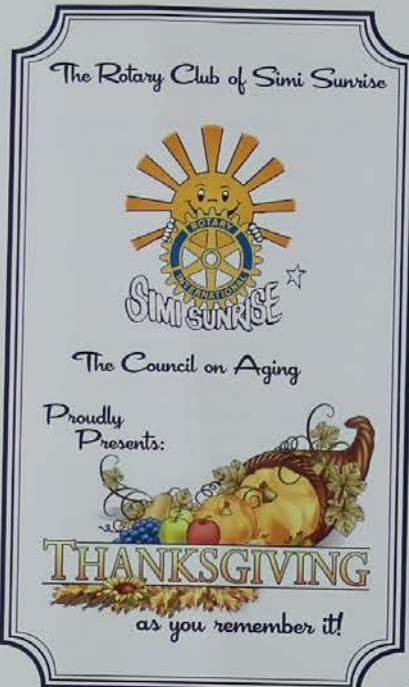


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50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
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## Building bikes for Simi tykes



**SANTA'S HELPERS**—Mel Vines, assistant principal at Simi Valley Adult School, and Meli Sprout, counselor at Apollo High School, put together a child's bicycle during the 2012 Holiday Children's Bike Assembly Party held by the Rotary Clubs of Simi Valley on Dec. 12, 2012.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012

## Your Community

"I feel so blessed to be doing this. We're going to be putting a smile on a lot of kids' faces."

Gina Virzi, owner, All Pro Bike Shop

## Assembling holiday cheer

Volunteers piece together bikes for kids

By Michele Willer-Alfred

Special to The Star

Doug Feco held a small bike upright as his 8-year-old grandson, Jaden Scudato, helped tighten a screw to secure a handlebar on it.

Feco was not only teaching his grandson to put together a bike but also an important lesson about helping give to others who are less fortunate.

The duo joined about 75 volunteers during a bike assembly party coordinated by three Rotary Clubs last Wednesday night in Simi Valley.

In just a few hours, the volunteers working inside an industrial building on Runway Street assembled more than 250 bikes. The bikes will be distributed to children in the city whose families otherwise may not be able to afford them.

The event was co-chaired by Andy Keown and Ted Jeris. Steve Smith suggested the project several years ago to the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, to which he belongs.

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

Other local groups that have been involved include the Kiwanis, Boy Scouts and YMCA.

The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise purchased the boys and girls Huff' bikes from a distributor for a discounted price.



Ariella Hirsch gets a push on a newly assembled bicycle by Ernie Gilbert at the assembly party.



party for several years. He assembled bikes with his son Nick, 12. It took them about 10 minutes to assemble a bike.

"Once you get the hang of it, it's easy," Mike Judge said.

This was the third year for sisters Cara and Tessa Pew, both 17, to volunteer at the event.

"They were able to assemble eight bikes together last year, and hoped to do more this time."

"It's fun to be part of this huge room of people working together to help others," Cara Pew said.

Gina Virzi, owner of All Pro Bike Shop in Simi Valley, worked with a team to make sure the bikes were assembled correctly and the air pressure was just right on the tires.

"I feel so blessed to be doing this," Virzi said. "We're going to be putting a smile on a lot of kids' faces."

During a break, the bike assembly team members were treated to pizza from the Junkyard Cafe.

The finished bicycles were picked up by organizations that

will distribute them, including the Salvation Army, the Boys & Girls Club, a women's shelter in Ventura and the St. Rose of Lima Church in Simi Valley.

Joe Grinstead, of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, helped coordinate the finished bikes.

"The bikes have no identification that they were made by Rotary volunteers."

"We won't see the children when they receive their bikes on Christmas," Grinstead said, "but we just know that they will be smiling."

**ABOVE:** Liza Vogel is happy to be with her friend Sally Tominczak as they work on assembling bicycles last Wednesday in Simi Valley. Volunteers put together 225 bicycles for needy children.

Brian Davies, volunteering from All Pro Bicycles, assembles a bike at the party in Simi Valley hosted by Rotary members.



# Tickled pink



**SO MANY CHOICES**—Nine-year-old Toni Hernandez walks through the toy aisles at Target with Rotary of Simi Sunrise member Karen Thompson, wondering how to use her \$200 from Rotary and her \$20 Target gift card during the club's annual Holiday Shopping Spree for children in need on Dec. 6.

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Local Simi Valley  
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## Know Your Money



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PERHAPS YOU HAVE HEARD THIS STORY...

*While walking along the beach, a man saw someone in the distance leaning down, picking something up and throwing it in the ocean.  
As he came closer he saw thousands of starfish the tide had thrown onto the beach. Unable to return to the ocean during low tide, the starfish were dying. He observed a young boy picking up the starfish one by one and throwing them back into the ocean.  
After watching the seemingly futile effort, the observer said, "There must be thousands of starfish on this beach. It would be impossible for you to save all of them. There are simply too many. You can't possibly save enough to make a difference."  
The young boy smiled as he picked up another starfish and tossed it back into the ocean.  
"It made a difference to that one," he replied.*


2/4/13

TO: Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise

Enclosed please find my check for \$100 as a donation for the wonderful work you just finished, giving Simi Valley back the SMILE to greet us when we travel to Simi, coming down the hill and smiling at the wonderful Smile we see again.

My son In Law, George Kerr, helped prepare this after I badgered him more than once that I really missed the SMILE when it deteriorated and almost disappeared. So he told me the Rotary Club was thinking of redoing it and I am delighted, so nice to see the SMILE and it automatically makes me smile.

Thank you so much.

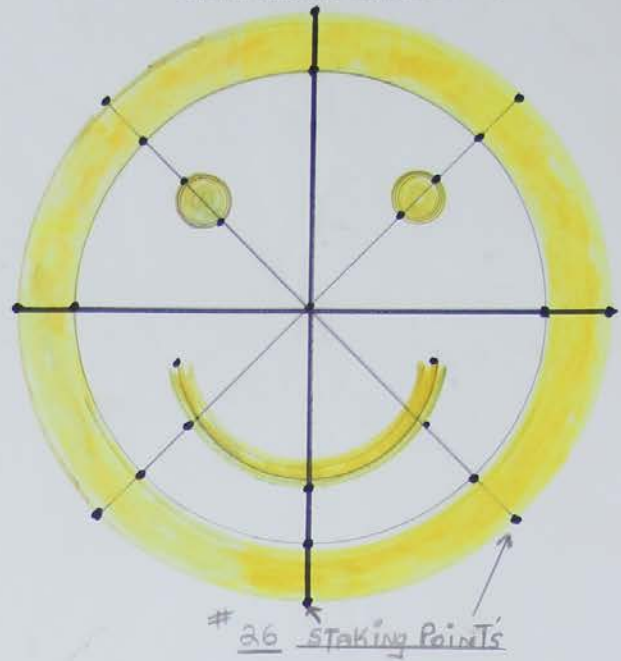
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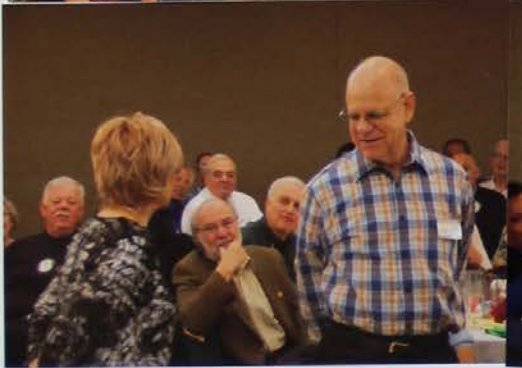


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Dear Ernie,  
3-11-2013  
Thank you so much for  
driving Interact students to the  
ethics conference. Your support  
of this program is appreciated.  
Our youth are our future; your  
actions speak louder than words.  
Thank you, Nancy Hauke



Apollo High School  
Interact

Simi Valley High School  
Interact


Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise  
2829 York Ct  
Simi Valley, CA 93065  
Date: 4/4/2013



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp 2013 • Ojai, California

Dear President Gilbert,

Thank you so much, not only taking me up to RYLA, but also for sponsoring me. When I first found out I got into RYLA, I was excited and nervous. I thought it was going to be different because I didn't think I would be invited, but as soon as I came, I met so many people. This retreat has taught me the power of teamwork, confidence, and just trying new things. Being one of the only seniors at RYLA, it was interesting seeing how understand men related with each other. I developed close relationships with so many people, that I forgot I'm older than them. What really helped me, was the rope course. My team and I became so close with each other, that I'll be sad to leave them. I am so thankful for this Rotary because now I know that Rotary isn't just community service. It is the chance to open up new horizons for anyone and not so many new people around the world. Thanks to Rotary, I am more confident in myself and feel comfortable leaving my college next school year. I would love to come to Rotary meetings and share my experience at RYLA.

Sincerely,  
Mr.   
Marcus A. Petan



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp 2013 • Ojai, California

Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise  
Simi Valley, California 93065

April 20, 2013

Dear Mr. Gilbert,

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to attend RYLA. This experience has truly changed my life. It has helped me gain confidence and step out of my comfort zone. I have met people that I will never forget and have made friendships that I hope will last a lifetime. I did not expect to meet so many wonderful people but the minute I walked in, that preconception completely changed. This retreat has truly made me feel comfortable in myself. I learned public speaking skills, ethics lessons, and partnership skills. I've always suffered from anxiety and I hope that this camp provided me with some skills to believe in myself and overcome these obstacles. I look forward to getting involved in Rotaract and Rotary in the future. I hope that every student gets this opportunity someday. Thank you once again. I have forever been changed by this experience.

God bless,  
Madison Jordan



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp 2013 • Ojai, California

Dear Mr. Gilbert,

I want to thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity. The friends I made and experiences we shared was absolutely priceless. In the beginning of the trip I ~~believed~~ was unsure of what to expect. The counselors were understanding and very conscious of everything going on. In particular Yiannoula and Joani were great cabin counselors, especially for their first time. I learned leadership skills that I will definitely use in my interact club. The retreat has opened my eyes to a range of different people and cultures. The international students were particularly intriguing. Rotary is

Before attending RYLA I was slightly skeptical as to regarding Simi Sunrise. I was confused as to the effectiveness and dedication, but not anymore. The dedication I saw over the weekend was extraordinary. I wish that I could stay at camp forever. These upcoming days are going to be filled with sadness and fond memories. This was an experience of a lifetime. Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,  
Markie Joseph



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp 2013 • Ojai, California

Rotarians of Simi Sunrise,

I'd like to start off by just thanking you for this wonderful experience. The experiences I have ~~learned~~ gained here are similar to a PhD in leadership. In all honesty, I was not sure what I was about to experience, given the vague explanations by others. These few days have inspired me to be a better person and an eager leader of the community. Not only that, I have also learned to deal and cooperate with other leaders I will have to work with.

The experiences at RYLA were completely top-notch. The food was amazing, the utilities highly satisfactory, and the staff truly inspiring. Knowing that these were rotarians giving their time to us, it has shown me that Rotary is such a generous and supportive community. The thoughts and personality RYLA has helped me develop make me eager to tackle the world. If you wish, I would be honored to share my experiences with you all at a meeting.



Thank you once again,  
Kevin Chang

Dear Mr. Gilbert,

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to go to RYLA. There are so many life lessons to learn at RYLA and I feel like I have accomplished so much in these past couple of days. Leadership skills are essential in all the plans that could account for my and I would like to thank you for assisting me with my future endeavors. Every workshop was known to help make clearer the characteristics of a leader. Of all of them, the lesson I know I will carry with me for the rest of my life is that it takes courage, a good attitude, and straightforward goals to be successful. With determination and perseverance I know that I will be able to accomplish anything. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,  
Helen Si drak



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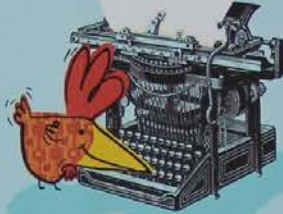


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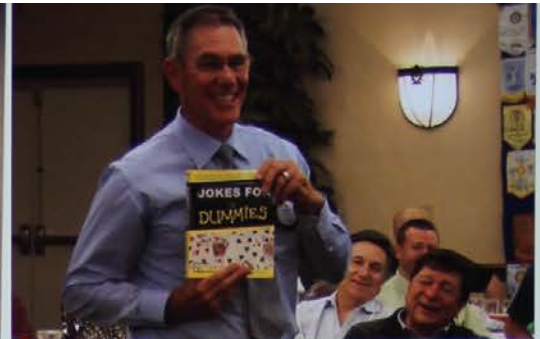


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## Supporting Noon Time club



### Rotary Club of Simi Valley



Re: Box City Fund Raiser for the Samaritan Center

Dear Simi Sunrise Rotarians,

I wish I could make it to your meeting today to personally thank you from the Simi Noon Club for your help with Box City.

I was overwhelmed with the sponsorships and volunteers from your Club. It was one of those experiences that made me proud to be a Rotarian and warmed my heart with the out pouring of kindness and assistance from so many in your Club. In fact, so many of you stepped up that I ended up declining a few volunteers since I didn't want to waste valuable volunteer time!

I was completely in awe with one simple announcement at your Club the following sponsors stepped up:

Maggie Kestly-Mid Valley Properties  
Michelle Foster-Simi Valley Hospital  
Leigh Nixon-Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Gary White-City Auto Body  
Stella Ortiz  
Cindy Jacoby  
Karen Thompson  
Monica and Joe Berlin  
Dick and Marion Erbe

I would like to thank the following volunteers for stepping up to make the event a success and keep our participants safe throughout the long cold night:

Ernie Gilbert  
Tim Gray, his family, and Scouts  
Jim Lowry  
Mike Alterman

Anrid Kruger  
Rick Ladd  
Roger Cogor  
Jarrod Degonia

The Simi Sunrise Club took on the jobs I could not get others to take on, allowed me to plug holes in the schedule and know that the kids out there sleeping overnight would remain safe. Again, I thank you personally and from the Noon Time Club for your generosity and assistance!!

I sure hope I have not failed to mention anyone, but if so know I am thankful to each and every one of you! We could not have done it without you!

Very gratefully yours,  
Deb Haller  
Event Chair





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John Bagnall  
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Ernie Gilbert – Club President

John Bagnall – Cajun/Blues  
Festival Chairman 2013

Did you know that your recent banner purchase will help build over 200 bicycles at Christmas time so non-profits right here in Simi Valley can give those bikes to kids who wouldn't otherwise have a bright Christmas? Did you know that the Cajun Funds raised over the two day event have helped an entire village in Honduras virtually eliminate all water borne diseases from that village? Or were you aware that your banner purchase will help feed over 400 needy seniors and homeless on Thanksgiving right here at our own Senior Center? Did we mention too that we give scholarships to graduating seniors from our local high schools? Or that we send young juniors in high school to leadership development camps? These and other community service projects that often fly under the radar are funded by the Cajun/Blues Music Festival proceeds, and you help every time our Rotary Club helps someone or a non-profit group, and you should be proud of that fact. So thank you for being a part, a big part, of our festival. Very frankly we couldn't do it without you. Wow, how's that for a fact!



Sure hope to see you add another year to the banner in 2014 so we can continue to show the thousands of people who come to our event that you're there for the people who are helping others live better and cope with some of today's toughest trials and tribulations. If you're in a position to possibly become a Corporate Sponsor of the Event, let us know now so we can include you in the planning for next year.

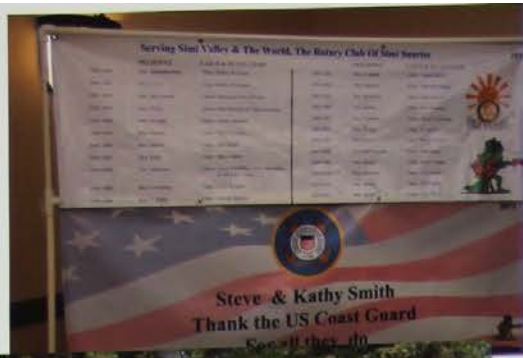
Thanks again from your friends at the Simi Sunrise Rotary Club's Cajun & Blues Festival. See you next year at our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – our Silver Anniversary to be exact. That is truly a remarkable accomplishment!

We will keep and maintain your banner and have it ready for you at next year's even better Music Festival. Tell a friend, encourage others to help us help those who need help the most.



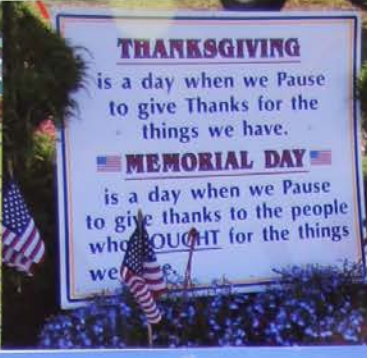
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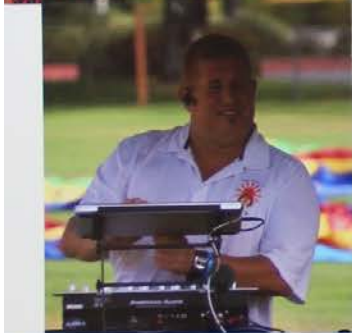


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Saturday



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12:00pm Delta Groove Harp Blast, featuring Al Blake, Mitch Kashmar, Big Pete  
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3:30pm Andy T - Nick Nixon Band with special guest Anson Funderburgh  
4:50pm Sugar Ray & The Bluetones featuring Monster Mike Welch  
6:20pm A Tribute to Fats Domino with Elvin Bishop featuring Curtis Salgado, Todd Andersen, Rick Estrin & Andy Santana

#### CAJUN-ZYDECO STAGE

12:00pm Teresa Russell  
1:30pm Lisa Haley & The Zydecats  
3:05pm Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys  
4:20pm Mardi Gras Parade  
4:50pm Leroy Thomas & The Zydeco Roadrunners  
6:25pm David Sousa & Zydeco Mudbugs  
Plus special feature - AJ Gibbs teaching Cajun & Zydeco dancing during the breaks

### SUNDAY MAY 26th

#### BLUES STAGE

12:00pm Smokin' Joe Kubek & Bnois King with special guests Bob Corritore, Randy Chortkoff & Big Pete  
1:05pm Nathan James & The Rhythm Scratchers  
2:55pm The Mannish Boys with special guests Curtis Salgado, Kevin Selfe, Peter Dammann, Otis Grand, Audrey Turner  
4:25pm Rick Estrin & The Nightcats  
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## Steve's Court



# Cajon event spices up weekend



Lisa Haley and the Zydecats, with members Gigi Rabe (left) and Lisa Haley, headlined the 23rd annual Simi Valley Cajun & Blues Music Festival on Saturday at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park.

By Alicia Doyle  
Special to The Star

Drawn by live entertainment, Cajun sausages and a chance to give back to their community, Debby and Bobby James have attended the annual Simi Valley Cajun & Blues Music Festival every year since 1995.

"It started out as this little, itty, bitty thing; now it's huge," recalled Debby James, of Simi Valley, as she and her husband strolled through the festival grounds on Saturday at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park.

"We come for the music, the sausages and the beer," she said.

"Plus it's all for a good cause. This gives us a chance to help support the people who are worse off than we are."

She and her husband were among hundreds who gathered for the 24th annual festival presented by the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise.

Proceeds from the event, which also was held Sunday, will benefit more than 30 local and regional charities, as well as various Rotary International projects.

"Over the past 23 years, we have raised and distributed approximately \$1.5 million," said Jeff Newby, of Simi Valley, an at-large member of the board of directors for the Rotary group.

Since the festival's inception, proceeds have put wheelchairs in Third World countries and helped support the eradication of polio in India.

On a local level, funds have supported the Boys & Girls Club, Boy Scouts of America, YMCA, Simi Valley Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, Simi Valley Council on Aging and American Cancer Society.

Other charitable efforts that benefit include Care and Share, the Coalition to End Family Violence, the Free Clinic of Simi Valley, the Samaritan Center of Simi Valley, the Simi Valley Education

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Cajun food was everywhere at the festival on Saturday in Simi Valley.



PHOTO BY CARLOS CHAVEZ/STAFF FOR THE STAR

Mia Stover and Lauren Ritter (right) dressed for the occasion Saturday, the 23rd annual Simi Valley Cajun & Blues Music Festival on Saturday at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park.

## CAJUN from 1

Barbie Yabian gets a photo of her alligator on a stick and of husband Kevin, on Saturday during the Simi Valley Cajun and Blues Music Festival at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park.



## Foundation and For the Troops.

"Our goal is to provide a unique community event that will generate money we can put back into the community," said Ernie Gilbert, president of the Rotary group.

"It's a way to have a great time at a reasonable price."

This year's festival wouldn't be possible without more than 500 volunteers who helped with numerous tasks, such as selling Mardi Gras beads, taking tickets and serving food, according to Arvid Krueger, the festival's volunteer coordinator.

"If all these little jobs didn't get done, this whole event would go sideways," Krueger said.

This year's event combines the equivalent of an international music festival with a neighborhood clam bake.

"We have world-class performers on two giant stages, each with its own dance floor," said Newby, adding that entertainers include current and previous Grammy winners, a variety of current blues nominees and

## winners from the recent Blues Music Awards.

"Then there's some cross-pollination with Lisa Haley from the Cajun Zydeco stage introducing the various percussion instruments used in her band to the kids," Newby said. And Holmer Harmonica is sponsoring a harmonica workshop... where everybody will learn to play a blues song."

Activities for children included hula hoop contests, mask making and a rock-climbing wall. There also were more than 100 craft and merchandise booths, and more than three dozen food booths... everything from traditional barbecue to Cajun and Creole delights.

"This is our fifth year, and we've always had a fun time," said Theresa Diaz, of Simi Valley, who attended with her 6-year-old son Diego and 3-year-old niece Lilla.

"This is especially nice for kids because there's a lot of activities for them. — Everything the kids want to do, we can do. You don't have to say no."



PHOTO BY CARLOS CHAVEZ/STAFF FOR THE STAR

A crowd enjoys the dance floor Saturday at the 23rd annual Simi Valley and Blues Music Festival at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park.



## Cajun and blues festival holding talent auditions

The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise's annual Cajun and Blues Music Festival, set for Memorial Day weekend, on May 25 and 26 at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park, will once again present a talent show featuring children ages 17 and under.

This year, instead of a live audition, interested performers must send a YouTube video link to [talent@simicajun.org](mailto:talent@simicajun.org). Videos must be received by April 7.

For more information about the auditions, call Devina Timbol at (805) 501-6761 or Mary Pamela at (805) 210-6420.

The Cajun & Blues Music Festival, now in its 24th year, presents live Cajun, zydeco and blues entertainment on multiple stages and attracts around 15,000 attendees. One hundred percent of all festival profits are donated to charitable, educational and humanitarian causes.

That has resulted in total charitable donations of more than \$1 million.

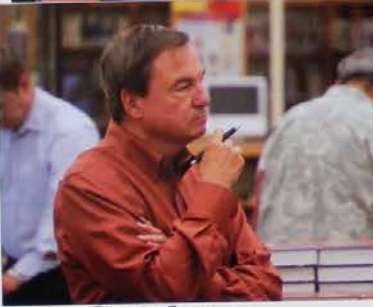
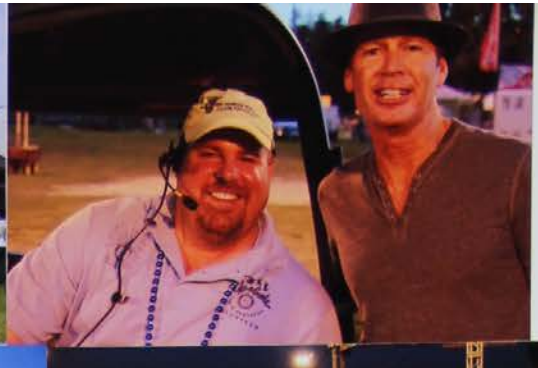
For more about the festival, visit [www.simicajun.org](http://www.simicajun.org).



Sunday







B-4 Cajun

John Bagnall  
24th Annual Cajun chair

During Cajun

AFTER  
→





Dear Ernie,  
 Congratulations on  
 a wonderful year!  
 It was such a  
 pleasure working  
 with you & getting  
 to know you better!  
 All more I know,  
 you the more I admire  
 you! Thank you  
 for your hard work &  
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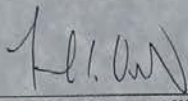
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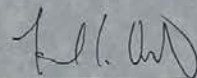
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## Simi Sunrise Rotary Demotion Celebration



Lost Canyons Golf Club  
June 14, 2013

### First Course

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### Entrée Selection

#### Beef Tenderloin

Sliced beef tenderloin with garlic mashed potatoes and green beans

#### Chicken Roulade

Chicken stuffed with Spinach, Roasted Peppers & Mozzarella served  
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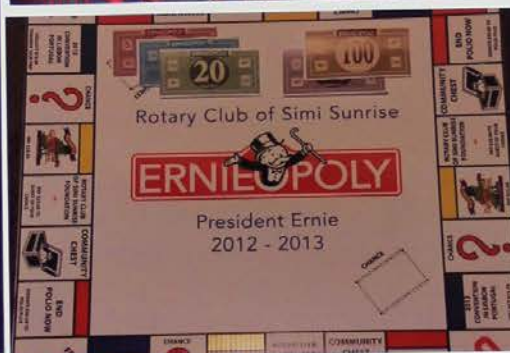
#### Vegetable & Goat Cheese Ravioli

Ravioli filled with Grilled Asparagus, Zucchini, Bell Peppers, Onions,  
Roasted Tomatoes and Goat Cheese topped with Tomato Basil  
Sauce

### Dessert

# ERNIEOPOLY

Cake



Rotary International  
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## Ernie

Ernie Gilbert  
Simi Sunrise  
Past President

