



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

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Meeting of April 18, 2012

Big Things in Little Saticoy

Reporter: Betsy Chess



Don Leach handled Invocation and Introductions and **Clyde Reynolds** led us in *This Land is Your Land*. **Fred Bysshe** attended and introduced Judge Harry Walsh who is the one judge running a contended race in the upcoming elections.

Presentations and Announcements

Indy Batra inducted **Dave Wellik** who is in Commercial Lending with Rabobank. His wife, Blake, a pediatric nurse at VCMC and new mother, joined him. **Dale Jaedtke** introduced Poonam Meuwani, a Rotaract member who went to India for the NID thanks to our support. She extended her sincere thanks and appreciation.

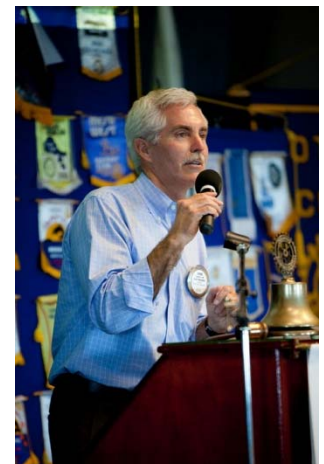
- **Sheila Fatterelli** announced the next Fireside Chat will be April 26th at **Rob van Nieuwberg's** from 6 – 8:30.
- **Curtis Cormane** spoke about the Gold Coast Ride on April 28th. Volunteers needed for Dennison Grade and Rose Valley locations.
- **Prez Lynda** thanked **Steve Kipp** for his successful Placemat Project - \$6800 was raised!
- **Scott Patterson** reminded that the 28th is also Rotary Work Day at EP Foster School.

Happy Dollars

Our candidates need you and so do our non-profits! More good family news from **Kitty Lynn** and **Dan Homes**. **Eliane Deblauw's** new business is becoming established.

Fining

Dave Bianco asked taxing questions in honor of the season.



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Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

Today, April 25, 2012

**Craft Talks with SusAnne Lee Chung
And Connie Young**

Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

April 25- Ginger Lynch

May 2- Kitty Lynn

Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

April 25- Mario de la Piedra

May 2- Todd Binkley

Fining

Chair: Ron Bamieh

April 25- Hoot Bennett

May 2- Nanci Cone



Program

Ed Summers introduced **Diane Koranda** (CEO) and **Curtis Cormane**, board member, who spoke about the Boys and Girls Club of Ventura. B & G Clubs serve 4 million kids across the nation. There are five clubs in Ventura area: Oak View, three in Ventura and one in Saticoy. The real costs per child for an annual program is \$600, but a child only pays \$25.

The Saticoy location is really our Club's project: **Curtis, Dale Jaedtke** and **Saurabh Bajaj** of have been deeply involved, as have other Rotarians who serve on the Board.

Victor Flores, an 18-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department and who has served five years in Saticoy, spoke about what a great thing the Saticoy Center has been for the community. He spoke about administering a program to 75 kids in a doublewide trailer that is really crowded! The Club has had to deal with the influence of both the Cabrillo Village and Saticoy gangs. Although there are only 15 active gang members, others come in and cause problems. Victor introduced the Explorer Program— designed by the Sheriff's Dept.— to Saticoy. Victor said it is a great partnership! The new facility will double the kids served.

Curtis said that because of gang problems, the Hit the Deck Drill is an unfortunate reality. He gave some background about Saticoy that for most of us, is a place we drive through. The Oak Grove people settled there 3,000 years ago, predating the Chumash in Ventura. Tribes from around the Chumash nation gathered around a permanent spring in the area. Under Mexican rule the area became Rancho Saticoy y Santa Paula. Saticoy is Chumash for 'sheltered from the wind'.

Today it consists of 1,000 people living within half a square mile. Saticoy is in the County, stuck in a state of isolation. There is a fierce pride and homogeneity among residents. When the B&G Club came in early 1990's, it first had to win their trust and slowly build a relationship. There are 3,600 kids aged 5-19 who live within ½ mile of club, so serving kids in the east end is very important.

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2011-12 Officers and Directors

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Assistant Director Ed McCombs

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Assistant Ken Cooper

Vocational Service

Director Bill Finley
Assistant Todd Binkley



UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting

71 Palm Restaurant
Apr 26, 2012 11:45 AM

Fireside Chat

Rob vanNieuwburg's house
Apr 26, 2012 05:00 PM

Newcomers Meeting

Crowne Plaza
Apr 27, 2012 07:30 AM

Gold Coast Ride for Literacy

Apr 28, 2012 06:00 AM

Rotarians At Work Day- **NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

E. P. Foster School
Apr 28, 2012 09:00 AM

Club BBQ and Picnic

Foster Park
May 12, 2012 12:30 PM

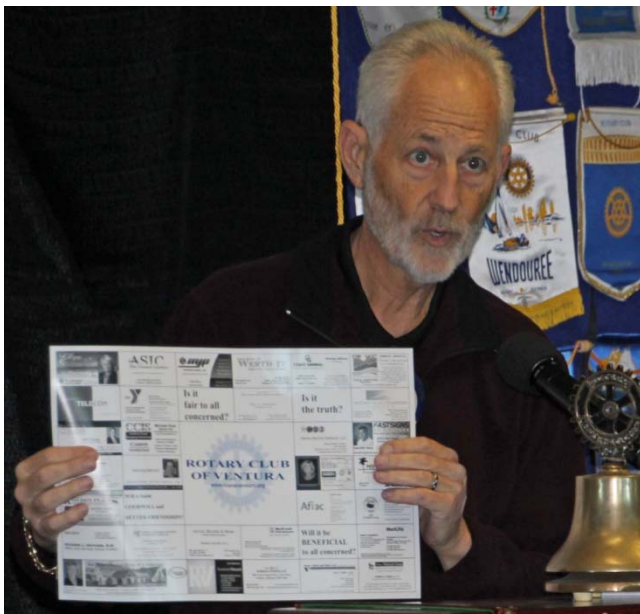
President's Stepdown Dinner

Crowne Plaza
June 19, 2012 5:00 PM



PRESIDENT LYNDA'S STEPDOWN DINNER

Tuesday, June 19, 2012
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Reception at 5:00 p.m.
Buffet Dinner at 6:00 p.m.



Program Cont'd

Fifteen years ago the club moved into doublewide trailer in Saticoy Park. They started the new Saticoy project one and a half years ago, raising about \$1 million to build. E.J. Harrison family is the primary private sponsor. There is still a need to raise another \$400,000.

Curtis said the club is built of very durable materials! Other features of the new facility:

- Sited with help of the Sheriff's Department in light of security concerns.
- Clerestory windows all around for light and ventilation.
- A spacious, separate teen room is very important since before there were 28 teens in 120 square feet!
- The Game Room and Community Room are also available to serve the greater Saticoy area.