



# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
Weekly Bulletin*

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## Meeting of April 20, 2011

Reporter: **Betsy Chess**

### Introductions:

Connie Young made the introductions and we sang My Country 'tis of Thee, led by Roseanne Hill, Bob Schilken and Clyde Reynolds. Bob later shared a Rotary Moment.

### Announcements:

- President Hutch reminded us to **bring canned foods next week**
- Don't forget next week is the **annual Rotary Work Day – April 30th at the Serra Cross from 8 – 1.**
- Don Leach still needs seven **volunteers for the Relay for Life coming up May 14th and 15th.**

We had an **exchange of Club flags from a Brazilian Club** and also several presented by **Amy McVicker who has recently returned from a Group Study Exchange in Melbourne, Australia.** A teacher from



Oxnard, she was one of five young adults sponsored by the Rotary Foundation (and our local clubs) from Camarillo, Santa Barbara, Goleta and Paso Robles. District 9810 near Melbourne hosted them and the focus of their month-long stay was "Fire, Drought and Emergency Response."

Steve Doll wrapped up a **successful Ride for Literacy** **thanking those who worked hard to make it happen** including Santa Barbara Bank & Trust (goody bags), Ken Cooper, Kristin Taylor, Bob Schilken, Sally Crain and Ed McCombs. He also thanked Carol and Paula of the literacy program.



Prez Hutch remembered that The Ride had been in danger of being discontinued had Steve Doll not stepped up and taken it over. **Steve was honored with a well-deserved Paul Harris Fellowship.**

### Fining

Randy Hinton chose Star Trek as his subject - Live long and prosper!

### Happy Dollars

Many occasions to mark with happy, and not so happy dollars – David Shea and Albert McCartney for presenting a program about the Roatan clinic at R C Ventura East; Neal Andrews reminding us about National Mental Illness Day and a special walk planned for April 30th; Mark Sauer (and probably every other accountant in the Club) for the Emancipation Day holiday which extended the tax deadline to April 18th; Joyce Frenette for another attempted break-in of her home; in memory of Rotarian Otto Austel and many other occasions.

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## Meeting Programs & Assignments

### Programs

Program Chair: PP Larry Emrich

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*Riverhaven Update*

Clyde Reynolds

May 4, 2011

*Interact Bake Sale*

VHS Interact Students

### Introductions

Chair: Chris Brashears

April 27 – Ken Cooper

### Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

April 27 – Dave Loe

May 4 – Curtis Cormane

May 11 – Juan Soto

### Fining

Chair: Todd Binkley

April 27 – Cathy Scroggs

## 2010-11 Officers and Directors

### Officers

President .....	Hutch Hutchinson
President Elect .....	Lynda Girtsman
Secretary .....	Jim Deardoff
Recording Secretary * .....	Larry Emrich
Treasurer .....	Jim Newton
Assistant Treasurer * .....	Mark Sauer
Immediate Past President .....	Larry Emrich

\*Non-Voting Position

### Avenue of Service Directors

Club Service .....	Maria Berntson
Community Service .....	Dennis LaRochele
International Service .....	Albert McCartney
Vocational Service .....	Scott Patterson

### Elected Directors

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 2009-11:

Ellyn Dembowski  
Erik Feingold  
Sonny Shah  
Juan Soto

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Year 2010-12:

Barbara Asbell  
Dale Jaedtke  
Kristin Taylor  
John Williams

### Program

Bob Cheatham presented a talk about the Devil Pups, a program begun in 1954 that provides teens from 14 – 17 an experience to test themselves beyond what they think they can do. Our own Larry Emrich is a past graduate.



*The program was begun in 1954 by Duncan Shaw, Sr., a Marine who saw some boys burning an American flag and decided to create a program that would help kids on the wrong path turn their lives around.*

He partnered with the Marines at Camp Pendleton to send kids there to a two-week Boot Camp. The program is a non-profit and uses no government funds. The name comes from a World War I name for Marines – the Devil Dogs. It is not a recruiting tool, however. **Since 1954, 50,000 boys and girls have gone through the program.** Its logo features Pluto, the famous Disney cartoon dog, and was given to the program by Walt Disney, himself.

The program is very motivational and seeks to push kids beyond what they think they can do, both physically and emotionally. They learn that respect is earned, not given. Tests include jumping into the pool from a 35 ft. platform and pre-dawn runs; it culminates with a climb up Old Smokey, a steep, gravel trail with an inspirational sunset finish. **600 kids participate in two sessions each summer, staffed by real Marines who mean business!** Bob stressed that this is not a program for really troubled youths; none can have a police record, for instance.

The cost per participant is \$451 for a two-week session, but all attend “on scholarship”, and the money is raised through private fundraising. **Local tryouts for the Devil Pups will be Sunday, May 15th from 3-4 PM at the Ventura Community Park.** Please speak to Bob Cheatham for more details about this excellent program.



Rotarian Eliane Alabe visiting from Brazil, with Hoot Bennett and PE Lynda.Girtsman.



Fine Master Randy Hinton challenging members with Star Trek Trivia.



Don Leach rounding up volunteers for the upcoming ACS Relay for Life.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 27, 2011**  
**(Wednesday)**

**Monthly Canned  
Food Drive**

***Please continue  
to support this  
much-***

***needed effort to  
help feed the  
hungry in our  
community  
(canned food or  
money/fine slips  
are welcome)***