



ROTARY SPOKES

The Rotary Club of Ventura

Weekly Bulletin

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Meeting of August 3rd, 2011

Offsite Event – National Weather Service Station

Reporter: Jim Spencer

INTRODUCTION.

As our normal Derby Club venue is unavailable due to the County Fair, Club Service Director Terry Schaeffer arranged for an offsite lunch-tour-lecture at the National Weather Service office in Oxnard.

NO FORMAL PROGRAM.

To avoid overwhelming the facility, our flock of 72 Rotarians (including a few guests) split into three groups. No formal Rotary business was conducted. The groups rotated through three educational sessions presented by Meteorologist-In-Charge Mark Jackson, Operations Manager Dave Sweet, and Warning Coordination Meteorologist Eric Boldt.

SCOPE.

While members enjoyed a catered box lunch in the conference room, Meteorologist-In-Charge Mark Jackson explained the broad scope of the facility's operations.

The NWS Oxnard office is one of 122 district offices across the nation. It provides a broad range of services relating to forecasting and tracking weather for the four county area of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles.

The 27 staff professionals provide 24-hour per day forecasts, programs and services, including climate services, aviation weather information forecasts, general public weather forecasting, marine weather forecasting, weather radio broadcasts, collection of data and the issuance of warnings regarding water, flood watches, marine warnings and the like.

OPERATIONS.

From his bank of screens at the Aviation and Marine Desk, Operations Manager Dave Sweet shared real time insights into the local operation. It is charged with providing the official forecasts for aviation conditions at eleven (11) public airports in the four county area, including LAX. Additionally, the office forecasts marine weather extending out 60 nautical miles.

Forecasts are updated throughout the day to provide information for flight planning, pilot reports, terminal forecasts and advisories regarding wind, weather and a host of information for boaters and ocean-going ships.

OUTBACK.

Weather forecasts and warnings are sent to most television, radio and other media outlets in the area. These releases often constitute the primary source of data for the weather segments in on-air public broadcasts.

In addition to his other duties coordinating the issuance of weather warnings, Eric Boldt is the media contact for the office when the news media or the public seek additional weather information, including interviews.

Eric guided guests through a show-in-tell tour of sample instruments and equipment set-up for public information in a park-like attraction at the rear of the NWS property. Rotarians learned how the NWS measures ocean swells and the depth of snow pack, the visibility ceiling at airports, as well as how rain fall is measured and data is collected from various sources.

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Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

August 10, 2011 - OFFSITE
Camarillo Airport – Aviation Museum

August 17, 2011
Floating Doctors and their connection with our club & project in Roatan

August 24, 2011
Ventura County Community Foundation

Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

Aug 17 – Curtis Cormane
Aug 24 – Ed McCombs Aug 31 – Barbara Asbell

Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

Aug 17 – Indy Batra
Aug 24 – Ken Cooper Aug 31 – Doug Wood

Fining

Chair: Ron Bamieh

Aug 17 - Neal Andrews
Aug 24 – Bill Finley Aug 31 – Chris Brashears

2011-12 Officers and Directors

Officers

President Lynda Girtsman
President Elect Indy Batra
Secretary Jim Deardoff
Recording Secretary * Larry Emrich
Treasurer Christine Tonello
Assistant Treasurer * Mark Sauer
Immediate Past President Hutch Hutchinson
•Non-Voting Position

Avenues of Service

Club Service

Director Terry Schaeffer
Assistant Director Dan Holmes

Community Service

Director Curtis Cormane
Assistant Director Nanci Cone

International Service

Director Mario de la Piedra
Assistant Director Ed McCombs

New Generations

Director Ellyn Dembowski
Assistant Ken Cooper

Vocational Service

Director Bill Finley
Assistant Todd Binkley

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 10 (Wednesday) Noon

Offsite Meeting at Camarillo Airport – Aviation Museum

Contact Kristin Taylor for more information

August 13 (Saturday) – 9 AM

Stuff Backpacks at Westpark Community Center

Contact Ellyn Dembowski for more information

August 18 (Thursday) – 11:45 AM

Board Meeting at 71 Palm

August 26 (Friday) - 7:30 AM

Newcomers Breakfast at Crowne Plaza Hotel

Contact Tom Naylor for more information



Pictures from the Ventura County Fair Parade – courtesy of Jim Deardorff.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 17:

Floating Doctors – Dr. LaBrot

Highlights of the work the Floating Doctors do and their connection with our club and our project in Roatan.

August 24:

Ventura County Community Foundation

Hugh Ralston, President and CEO will discuss VCCF's mission and impact on our community

Membership Corner

August Birthdays

01 - Wayne Bruce
05 - Kristin Taylor
08 - Bill Finley
18 - Saurabh Bajaj
19 - David Loeley
20 - Melvin & Sylvia Cheatham
23 - Erik Feingold
24 - Dan Holmes
31 - Andrew Soter

August Anniversaries

13 - Ron & Jennifer Bamieh
14 - Ron & Janis Calkins
17 - Bill & Tolani Finley
18 - Nanci Cone & Fred Kastel
20 - Rosa Lee Measures & Albert Harris
21 - Brenda & Charles Allison

Congratulations to ALL!

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3 (Wednesday) Noon

Offsite Meeting at National Weather Service in Oxnard

Contact Terry Schaeffer for more information

August 6 (Saturday) 9 AM

Fair Parade – Downtown Ventura

Contact President Lynda Girtsman for more information

August 8 (Monday)

Rotaract Fundraiser at Milano's Restaurant in the Harbor.

25% of sales will be donated to Rotaract orf Ventura; must have flyer

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August 10:

Offsite – Camarillo Airport Aviation Museum

Speaker: Dr. John Woolley, CAF Executive Officer/Museum Director

He is the former Dean of Students at Ventura College and is on the board of directors of the Ventura College Foundation. He is an expert on WWII aircraft and is often called Colonel John Woolley.

After Dr. Woolley's presentations, small groups will be led through the museum and aircraft by guides, who are mostly WWII veterans.



A big Thank You to all who attended and helped with the picnic to welcome D G Wade and his wife Roxanne to our club!