



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

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Meeting August 4, 2010

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A wonderful welcome to all attendees was given at the **Poinsettia Pavilion** entrance by greeters Christina Rust and Jim Newton. Ed Campbell led us in the flag salute by first bringing to the podium Jim Spencer who demonstrated the "right" way to give the salute in what he described as it's original and intended cadence in once sentence. It was new to most, and an effort to keep up.

This Land is Your Land was the patriotic song of the day. Our band of merry songsters were on hand with Rosanne, Clyde, and Jim (pictured above). A paper slip with the words of the song was left at everyone's table setting. Many enjoyed the unusually full sound of the song with everyone's participation.



A special presentation, and beautifully framed award, was made under the banner of the new Julius Guis award, to honor a fellow member. So far this new award has only been received by three club members, first Hoot Bennet, second Lynda Girtsman, third Leo Tauber, and now today, thanks to the generosity of a \$1,000 donation by Harald Wulff, the newest awardee, immediate past Club president, Larry Emrich (see picture next column).



A number of **announcements** were made, including that help was still needed with the backpack project (Ellyn Dembowski), a reminder to bring canned/non-perishable foods the 3rd week of each month (Chris Brashears), and a reminder to wear (and buy if we don't have one) our "End Polio Now" red t-shirts (PP Larry Emrich) when we are out-and-about, at events etc.. A special announcement was presented by Lawrence Thompson of the Montecito Rotary Club. He shared with us about the Uvira Ushindi Project to empower the women of Congo. He advised that 1,700 people were helped last year at a cost of \$65/per person to turn a life around. (cont'd p.2)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 11, 2010:** Offsite Meeting, Salvation Army, 155 S. Oak Street; see attached parking directions
Aug. 14, 2010; Backpack assembly – see Ellyn D.
Aug. 18, 2010: Monthly Food Drive. Please bring cans/non-perishable food items.
Aug. 19, 2010: Newcomers Mtg., 7:30AM, Pierpont Inn
Board Mtg., 11:45AM, 71 Palm Rest.

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Club Meetings and Events

Programs

Program Chair: Hank Chandler

August 11, 2010

Offsite: Salvation Army
The Salvation Army

August 18, 2010

Craft Talks: Mario de la Piedra & Betsy Chess

August 25, 2010

Life Event Networks (David Lantrip)

September 1, 2010

Health Care Reform Legislation (Ed McClements)

Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

August 11 – Terry Schaeffer & Roz Warner

August 18 – RoseAnn Hill

Introductions

Chair: Indy Batra

Aug. 11 – Jim Spencer Aug. 18 – Melody Namikas

Aug. 25 – Todd Binkley Sep. 01 – Sally Crain

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

TBA

Fining

Chair: Michele Olsen

Aug. 11 – Todd Binkley Aug. 18 – Brenda Allison

Aug. 25 – Neal Andrews

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 LaRochelle
International Service Albert McCartney
Vocational Service Scott Patterson

Elected Directors

2nd Year 2009-11:

Ellyn Dembowski

Erik Feingold

Sonny Shah

Juan Soto

1st Year 2010-12:

Barbara Asbell

Dale Jaedtko

Kristin Taylor

John Williams

Guests included Gary Young, soon to be the proud bearer of a red badge, and Albert Harris, the long-time better half of Rosalie Measures, who joined us for the second time in a row.

An early fine slip was presented to Prez Hutch because he forgot to tell PP Larry of the meeting location change (causing Larry to first go to the Derby Club); and Hutch graciously accepted the admonition.

The official **fining session**, by Jerry Beckerman, treated Club members to much more than the challenge to the riddles of the fining questions and brought us an opportunity to stop and consider what is important in this life. He focused on some of the highest wisdom mankind has produced, from Socrates to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hank Chandler introduced our **program** presenters from the **Brain Injury Center of Ventura County**, led by its president David Wilk. David described the outstanding



work of the Center and offered a view into how many more people than we might imagine suffer from some form of brain injury. He noted that 16,000 people in Ventura County have a brain injury. John Davies, who

experienced a severe brain injury, shared with us his heartfelt path to recovery, and the distance still to go as was evident to us all. John was very competent in describing his path and evoking from us the genuine emotions as he described how the doctor initially told him that he may never speak or walk again. John explained how difficult it is to learn where to fit into society with this disability. A brain injury can happen in one second, but it lasts a lifetime. It's not like a broken arm -- a brain injury does not heal. New brain cells do not grow back to replace damaged ones. A brain injury can happen in a car accident, a sports collision, by falling off a horse or a ladder...or just by falling and hitting your head. It can come as the result of a high fever, heart attack or an infectious disease; every stroke is a brain injury. We were advised to take a number of Safety Measures to protect ourselves from brain injury and to take any brain injury seriously - see a doctor!

The Four Way Test – of the things we think, say and do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

**Will it build GOODWILL and better
FRIENDSHIPS?**

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Day/Time	Club	Location
<u>Monday</u>		
Noon	Santa Paula	Logsdon Restaurant
Noon	Ventura South	Wedgewood Banquet Ctr.
<u>Tuesday</u>		
6:45 AM	Fillmore Sunrise	El Pescador Restaurant
7:00 AM	Camarillo Brkfst.	Spanish Hills Country Club
7:00 AM	Ojai West	SoulePark Golf Course
Noon	Simi Valley	Simi Valley Cultural Arts Ctr
12:10 PM	Montecito	Montecito Country Club
12:10 PM	Oxnard	Courtyard by Marriott
6:00 PM	Simi Sunset	Grand Vista Hotel
<u>Wednesday</u>		
7:00 AM	Carpinteria Morning	Carpinteria Women's Club
Noon	Camarillo	Camarillo Center for Spiritual Living
<u>Thursday</u>		
7:00 AM	Simi Sunrise	Grand Vista Hotel
7:30 AM	Oxnard Sunrise	Tomas Café
11:45 AM	Carpinteria	Carpinteria Community Bldg
Noon	Fillmore	Fillmore Western Dining Car (adjacent to Museum)
Noon	Ventura East	Poinsettia Pavilion
<u>Friday</u>		
Noon	Ojai	Soule Park Golf Course

• For additional District 5240 Make-Up locations and directions to the above, go to rotarydistrict5240.org and click on link "When and where clubs meet"

• To make up on-line via the world wide web, go to rotaryclubone.org

• To make up anywhere around the world, go to rotary.org and use the Club Locator

Items still needed for Backpacks:

- 8-pack Markers (on sale for \$1 a box)
- Single subject Notebooks (on sale for \$.25 each)
- Calculators (on sale now for \$1 each)
- 3-Ring Binders and college rule paper packs
- Volunteers who can help with purchases before Saturday

Membership Corner

August is Membership Month

Membership Chair, President Elect Lynda Girtsman, is excited about welcoming two new members to our club in the first month of this Rotary Year. She will soon unveil new plans to keep our members involved and celebrate being part of "the friendliest club in Rotary". Stay tuned ...

Membership Publication

Gary Young, proposed by Rose Ann Hill, was approved for membership with the classification "Mortgage-Residential". If any club member has an objection to Gary's membership, please contact the Club Secretary (Jim Deardorff), in writing, within 10 days from this publication



Hutch practicing his "presidential wave" in the Fair parade last Saturday. Looks like Melody is giving moral support, but who is driving???

Membership Know-How

- ✓ 10% of Rotarians (worldwide) are under 40 years old. In our club the number is 8%, so we are quite close.
- ✓ In 2001, 8.7% of Rotarians (worldwide) were women, in 2009 the number was 15.9%. In our club the number is 26.9% (based on 7/1/10 membership)
- ✓ The five countries with the largest Rotary membership are:

United States	360,790 members
India	111,843 members
Japan	91,986 members
Korea	61,053 members
Brazil	53,757 members