



# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
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## **Meeting of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

### **Offsite Event – Commemorative Air Force Museum, Camarillo**

**Reporter: Kristin Taylor**

Fifty-five members of the club and guests attended the offsite meeting at the Commemorative Air Force Museum in Camarillo on Wednesday, August 10. Attendees enjoyed an informative program and fascinating small group tours led by docents who are experts on WWII aviation.

Docents Jim Hinkelman, John Knopp and Charlie Carr conducted tours of the museum's unique and distinctive aircraft and of the hanger where the aircraft is restored and maintained. A delicious Italian lunch was catered by Buenaventura Catering.

Following a brief business meeting led by President Lynda Girtsman, Kristin Taylor introduced Dr. John Woolley, former Vice President of Student Services at Ventura College, long-time member of the Board of Directors of the Ventura College Foundation and Executive Officer and Museum Director of the Commemorative Air Force, Southern California Wing.



Colonel John Woolley, an authority on WWII aviation, spoke briefly of the origins of the museum and its goals for the future. He

announced fundraising plans to renovate the museum entrance and gift shop, resurface the hanger floor and create a temperature controlled environment for the display items and library areas. He explained that the goal of the restoration is to provide a facility that better serves the community while preserving history and military aviation.



The Commemorative Air Force received \$415.00 in donations from club members and guests. Colonel John Woolley and his fellow docents greatly appreciated our generosity and support. The Commemorative Air Force Museum is a treasure of our county. It has one of the largest collections of flying WWII aircraft of any aviation museum. The museum's impressive collection includes: The F6F Grumman "Hellcat", single engine US naval fighter, was credited with destroying more Japanese aircraft than any other allied fighter. A6M5 Mitsubishi "Zero", single engine Imperial Japanese naval fighter is one of only three (3) flying in the world. The "Zero" is the most famous and most produced Japanese aircraft of WW II.

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## Meeting Programs & Assignments

### Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

August 17, 2011

*Floating Doctors and their connection with our club & project in Roatan*

August 24, 2011

*Ventura County Community Foundation*

August 31, 2011

*Steve Warriner – Craft Talk*

*Gillian Wenzel – Upcoming Youth Exchange to Italy*

### 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

### *Program continued*

North American P-51, single engine US Army Air Force (USAAF) fighter, is judged to be the best all-around fighter aircraft of WWII, it destroyed more German aircraft than any other US Aircraft.

Vickers-Supermarine Mk. XIVe "Spitfire", single engine British Royal Air Force (RAF) fighter, gained fame in the Battle of Britain (7/10-10/31/1940).

Curtiss C-46 "Commando", twin engine USAAF transport plane, was the largest US twin-engine transport of WW II. It gained fame for transporting supplies to China from India over the Himalayan mountains (a.k.a "The Hump").

F8F Grumman "Bearcat", single engine US Navy fighter, holds the world speed record for a piston -engine aircraft.

North American SNJ/AT-6 "Texan", single engine advanced training aircraft, was credited with training more pilots from 1939-1950 than any other aircraft.

North American PBJ/B-25 US twin-engine medium bomber was the most produced US medium bomber of WW II. It gained fame for the 4/16/42 Doolittle raid on Tokyo. This aircraft is being restored as a US Marine Corp patrol bomber.

Yak 3 Russian single engine fighter aircraft. It was the most produced fighter of WW II - 37,000.

Anyone seeking further information regarding the Commemorative Air Force Museum/CAF can go to



***Below – pictures from Back-to-School Backpack Stuffing on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who helped!***



## 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*

### August 31:

#### **Steve Warriner – Craft Talk**

**Gillian Wenzel – Upcoming Youth Exchange to Italy**

## SEPTEMBER - NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

### September 7:

#### **Dave Bianco – Elderhostel and More**

*Dave will reveal his many life lessons, his co-founding of Elderhostel and his passion for almost everything Italian*

### September 14

#### **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

*Jim Schwartz, area director, will discuss how this national organization uses volunteers to record textbooks for students who learn best through listening.*

## Membership Corner

**Jim Spencer** – the board has approved a Leave of absence from Aug. 17 to Dec. 21, 2011

**Jackie Griffin** – the board has accepted the resignation of Jackie Griffin, retroactively to June 30, 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### August 16 (Tuesday)

#### **Exchange Student arrives**

### August 18 (Thursday) – 11:45 AM

#### **Board Meeting at 71 Palm**

### August 19 (Friday)

#### **GSE Team Application deadline (South Korea)**

*Contact Heather Frankle for more info and applications [hfrankle@earthlink.net](mailto:hfrankle@earthlink.net)*

### August 26 (Friday) - 7:30 AM

#### **Newcomers Breakfast at Crowne Plaza Hotel**

*Contact Tom Naylor for more information*

### September 25 (Sunday)

#### **Group Study Exchange arrives from South Korea**

### October 20 – 23 (Thursday – Sunday)

#### **District 5240 Conference - Carpinteria**

### PRLS & MPRLS Schedule:

*Basic PRLS – Oct 8, TBA (South)*

*MPRLS 1 – Sep 17, Santa Maria*

*MPRLS 2 – Sep 24, Santa Maria*

*MPRLS 3 – Oct 29, TBA*

*MPRLS 4 – Aug 27, Santa Maria*

*MPRLS 5 – Oct 08, Santa Maria*

### A special Thanks to Kristin Taylor

For making this bulletin possible! Asked at the last minute if she could provide a summary of last week's offsite meeting (since neither your editor nor assistant editor could attend, she came through in no time at all with a great report --- that's TEAM work at its best!