



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

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Meeting of July 27, 2011 **Reporter: Connie Young**

Introductions:

Invocation and Introduction were delivered by Larry Emrich. A special introduction and welcome was extended to our District 5240 Governor Wade Nomura and his wife Roxanne as well as Deborah Roberts, Assistant Governor for Group 7 and member of Ventura East. The patriotic song was led by RoseAnn Hill, Bob Schilken, Jim Spencer and Clyde Reynolds.

Announcements:

Please see page 2 for announcements

Rotary Moment:



Jim Deardorff shared the history of the "Happy Dollar". There were no happy dollars until 1995 when a visitor from South Africa was introduced to the Ventura club. At a meeting he shared his terrible experience in 1984 & 1985 during the apartheid in South Africa and that he was so "happy" to be alive.

His club contribution became the first Happy Dollars and the tradition was born. Since then, Happy Dollars collected by our club have contributed towards the \$8,000 raised for Shelter Boxes. Here's \$16 for 16 years of Happy Dollars!

Fining:

Steve Doll drew on the Ironman competition for his fining questions. While many were stumped and fined, a few correct answers impressed us all.

Perfect Attendance Awards:

D G Wade and President Lynda made a special presentation, recognizing the following members' many years in Rotary with perfect attendance.

Don Leach 30 years

Terry Schaeffer 31 years

Gary Wolf 35 years

Hoot Bennett 55 years



Program:

Rosa Lee Measures introduced our **District Governor, Wade Namura and his wife, Roxanne.**

Both are members and past presidents of the Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning. Married 33 years with two grown children, a third generation Japanese American and survivor of childhood polio, Wade has been on 17 Rotary mission trips and currently serves our District of 72 clubs as Governor. All of this while he manages his own landscaping business.

Wade shared some of his experiences since he joined Rotary just nine years ago. **Rotary touched his life in three special ways.**

1) When the Carpinteria Morning Club adopted a Water Project in Mexico, they needed someone with bilingual capabilities. Wade volunteered and **helped to bring safe drinking water and life to a poor village** where 80% of their children were sick from the bad water.

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Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

August 3, 2011 - OFFSITE
Visit to the Weather Station in Oxnard

August 10, 2011 - OFFSITE
Camarillo Airport – Aviation Museum

August 17, 2011
Floating Doctors and their connection with Roatan

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

2) Soon after, Wade volunteered to help on a **Polio Immunization tour** as a way to give back after beating polio at the age of 4 years.

3) He participated in a **Korean Project helping developmentally challenged people enter into mainstream society**, as the Asian culture completely shuns them and their families.

D G Wade reminded us that the Gift of Rotary is the Rotary moment – that opportunity to change lives forever. Wear your pin and be proud of your Rotary Family. Share your experiences at GetRotary.com and work with other clubs to learn each other's strengths and actions.



Each year the theme banner is inspired by the new Rotary International President. This year's theme was inspired by R I President Banerjee from India. The "Opening Heart" represents **"Reach within to embrace humanity"**

D G Wade closed his presentation with his commitment that he and the over 200 staff people in our District are here to help each Rotary club meet their chosen goals. He also invited us to the **District Conference, which will be in Carpinteria October 21-23, 2011.**

Announcements:

RoseAnn Hill announced "Backpack for Kids" is still in need of items or donations to purchase supplies. Deadline is August 10th. Questions call or email Ellyn Dembowski.

Lindsay of our Rotaract club announced their fundraiser event on August 8th at Milano's Italian Restaurant in the Ventura Harbor. 25% of sales will be donated to Rotaract of Ventura. Must have flyer for proceeds to apply.

Terry Schaeffer reminded everyone about our potluck BBQ picnic on Sunday, July 31st at Foster Park. Our offsite meeting on Aug 3rd will be at the National Weather Station in Oxnard. We will break into 3 groups for lunch, lectures and tours. Bring sunglasses, hat or sunscreen for the outside tour.

Kristin Taylor announced that our 2nd offsite meeting on August 10th will be held at the Camarillo Airport Aviation Museum. Tours are planned at 11:30 and after lunch. Lunch will consist of Italian sandwiches & salad.

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.

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August 10 (Wednesday) Noon

Offsite Meeting at Camarillo Airport – Aviation Museum

Contact Kristin Taylor for more information

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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!