



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

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Meeting July 28, 2010 District Governor Deepa Willingham's Visit Reporter: Maria Berntson

District 5240 Governor Deepa Willingham's visit to our club started Tuesday night with a lovely reception at the newly re-opened Museum of Ventura County. The Gov arrived in her special "Stop Polio Now" car and spent most of her time meeting and greeting club



members and guests, including several Rotaractors. Thanks to the efforts of co-chairs Rosa Lee Measures and Tim Schiffer, everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner, a variety of beverages and great fellowship. Governor Deepa, who is known for her share of unorthodox "firsts", added yet another one for D. 5240 by performing the first induction of a new member at a Governor's reception. Ken Cooper, a "local boy" was pinned and received his "red badge of courage" from the Governor, with President Hutch happy to assist as Ken's sponsor.



Governor Deepa's passion for educating girls in impoverished countries to help families and communities improve their lives was underscored in her brief talk which was accompanied by a poignant video clip. Tim presented the Governor with a book on Santa Clara Valley/Ventura County.

Wednesday's club meeting opened with flag salute, invocation and introductions by Doug Halter and a rousing God Bless America led by the song meister trio of Tim Spencer, Clyde Reynolds and RoseAnn Hill.



Announcements included Ellyn Dembowski asking for support of the backpack project, Larry Emrich modeling the new End Polio shirts and Prez Hutch pleading for members to ride in the Ventura County Fair Parade with him.

Governor Deepa assisted President Hutch in inducting another new member into our club (see picture above). She is Kathy Wertheim, sponsored by Steve Kipp. Gov. Deepa told Kathy that the club welcomed her as a member of Rotary "but only you can become a Rotarian".

Executive Assistant Governor Terry Schaeffer, also known as D. 5240 "water boy", formally introduced

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District 5240 www.rotarydistrict5240.org – R.I. www.rotary.org

Club Meetings and Events

Programs

Program Chair: Hank Chandler

August 4, 2010

Offsite: Poinsettia Pavilion

Life after Brain Surgery

August 11, 2010

Offsite: Salvation Army

The Salvation Army

August 18, 2010

Craft Talks: Mario de la Piedra & Betsy Chess

Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

August 4 – Ellyn Dembowski & Christina Rust

August 11 – Terry Schaeffer

Introductions

Chair: Indy Batra

Aug. 4 – Ed Campbell Aug. 11 – Jim Spencer

Aug. 18 – Melody Namikas Aug. 25 – Todd Binkley

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

TBA

Fining

Chair: Michele Olsen

Aug. 4 – Jerry Beckerman Aug. 11 – Brenda Allison

Aug. 18 – Todd Binkley Aug. 25 – Neal Andrews

2010-11 Officers and Directors

Officers

PresidentHutch Hutchinson

President ElectLynda Girtsman

Secretary Jim Deardoff

Recording Secretary *Larry Emrich

TreasurerJim Newton

Assistant Treasurer *Mark Sauer

Immediate Past PresidentLarry Emrich

•Non-Voting Position

Avenue of Service Directors

Club ServiceMaria Berntson

Community ServiceDennis LaRochelle

International ServiceAlbert 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

District Governor Deepa. He briefly touched on her upbringing in India, where she was a pupil of Mother Teresa's, the values imparted to her by her family ("no human being is below you"), her many awards and accomplishments and her passion for educating young women with the goal of eradicating poverty. Governor Deepa followed this with her self-introduction as "one crazy Indian woman with a hole in her head" (referring to her recent surgery). Before she embarked on her speech, she made a special presentation to Mario de la Piedra, who was selected by the club to receive a Paul Harris Fellow award as outstanding new member.



Governor Deepa's message emphasized that Rotary has been humanity's problem solver for the past 100+ years and that our planet's future well-being will be in the hands of Rotary. She reminded us that half the world's population earns less than \$2 a day and that 600 Mill. children live in such poverty; one half of the world's population is illiterate and 2/3 of them are women. These people, living in extreme poverty, have no voice or control over their lives, and no hope to sustain life. Even in our own country, currently 700,000 children go to bed hungry every night, which is a 50% increase over the prior four years. Gov. Deepa reminded us again that we cannot relent in our humanitarian efforts of "building communities and bridging continents" (R I President Klinginsmith' theme). Governor Deepa called on Barbara Asbell and Ed Campbell to share what Rotary means to them. She concluded her remarks by asking us to continue "operating from the heart" and charged us to become more visible in the community by doing more hands-on, high profile projects.

Please see page 4 for more pictures of Governor Deepa's visit to our club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 11, 2010: Offsite Meeting, Salvation Army, 155 S. Oak Street in down- town Ventura

Aug. 25, 2010: Monthly Food Drive. Please bring non-perishable food items to help the needy in our community.

Aug. 26, 2010: Newcomers Mtg., 7:30AM, Pierpont Inn

Member Celebrations

August Birthdays:

Saurabh Bajaj	18 th	Dave Loe	19 th
Eric Baucom	5 th	Elizabeth Mayer	24 th
Bruce Wayne	1 st	Everett Millais	8 th
Sylvia Cheatham	30 th	Andy Soter	31 st
Erik Feingold	23 rd	Kristin Taylor	5 th
Bill Finley	8 th	Dave Wallace	16 th
Jackie Griffin	27 th	Harald Wulff	15 th
Dan Holmes	24 th		

August Wedding Anniversaries:

Brenda & Charles Allison	21 st
Ron & Jennifer Bamieh	13 th
Ron & Janis Calkins	14 th
Bill & Tolani Finley	17 th
Kitty & Bob Lynn	11 th
Rosa Lee & Al Measures	20 th
Michele & Andy Olsen	24 th
Terry & Mary Schaeffer	15 th
John & Cindy Williams	26 th

August Club Anniversaries:

Neal Andrews	9 yrs	Diane Koranda	8 yrs
Hoot Bennett	32 yrs	Scott Patterson	2 yrs
Robin Calote	5 yrs	Tony Sabatino	1 yr
Roger Case Jr.	33 yrs	*Terry Schaeffer	8 yrs
Bill Finley	2 yrs	Sherry Scott	10 yrs
B J Fitzgerald	7 yrs	Sonny Shah	6 yrs
John Johnson	21 yrs	Harald Wulff	5 yrs
Greg Kinkaid	9 yrs		

Congratulations to all!!!

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?

Membership Corner

Membership Approval

Gary Young, proposed by Rose Ann Hill, was approved for membership with the classification "Mortgage-Residential".

Resignation

Mary Squire has resigned from our club. She lives in Camarillo and works in Oxnard and is planning to join one of the Camarillo clubs when she is in a better position to commit.

Backpacks for Kids Project Needs YOUR Help

If you or your employer can help with the items listed below or a financial donation, so that the committee can purchase the items, 500 school children in Ventura will have a big smile on their face when they go back to school.

Notebooks (single subject)	500
3-Ring binders, middle school, teens	25
Paper (College rule)	500
Crayons (box of 24)	500
Colored pencils (8-box)	500
Markers (8-box or more)	500
Scissors	500
Rulers	500
Calculators	500
Erasers	500
Pencil case	1,000
Folders	1,000
Highlighters	500
Protractors	25

Please bring items or check to Wednesday's meeting or drop off at Ellyn Dembowski's office 4574 Market St., Ventura

Reminder

If your name is missing on the birthday or anniversary list or if you are not getting your bulletin via email, **your club member profile may be incomplete or out-dated.** We know that many profiles do not list telephone numbers, which makes it hard for fellow Rotarians to contact you.

To "fix" this, you can go to the club website, log in and update your profile. **Or you can wait until August 18th and update your profile at the meeting.** Barbara Asbell will bring her laptop and the changes can be made "instantly".

Keep going ... there are some good pictures from the District Governor's visit on the next page

