



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

"The friendliest club in Rotary"

100% Paul Harris Club



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Introductions: Robin Calote welcomed the group with a wonderful Thanksgiving Prayer. We enjoyed a patriotic song and introduced guests of the club

Announcements:

Editor's note: Several of the announcements are no longer timely as of the publishing date of this bulletin, so they were omitted.

Holiday potluck social on December 3rd at Ann Deal's home.

Children's Holiday Shopping Spree December 8th – sign-ups on tables. We are also collecting furry friends through next week's meeting, so they can be cleaned and distributed at the children's party.

Election of officers and directors will take place at the first meeting in December, so don't forget to nominate someone you think would be great in an office.

R I President Ray Klinginsmith will be attending the Rotary Foundation Gala on January 4th; R I president Ray Klinginsmith will be attending.

We will have a joint meeting with Ventura Rotary East Thursday the 30th of December with a white elephant gift exchange. Should be fun.



Roz Warner was honored with a Paul Harris Fellow by Dick Hatcher (pictured above).

Fining:

Steve Chadbourne, the Fine Master is absent...oops!!! But Todd Binkley stepped in and tested our French. Steve...I'm thinking you are going to get fined at the next meeting.

Rotary Moment:

Barbara Asbell shared a Rotary a touching moment about a dear friend passing and how much she appreciates the calls made to her to express concern and the wonderful relationships she has with so many of her Rotarian friends.

Happy Dollars:

Lots of happy dollars for some amazing things happening in our members lives!

Program:

Neil Andrews (pictured) introduced the program on homelessness in the City of Ventura. Each year a census



count is taken for the City of Ventura...with the last count being 601. This is an under-count because we only count what we can see. We don't count those who hide, those who are couch surfing, life in garages and so on. Of those 601 90% are American Citizens, 85% have a long

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

Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Program Chair: Hank Chandler

December 1, 2010

R C Montecito Congo Program
Larry Thompson

December 8, 2010

Children's Christmas Party
At Crowne Plaza

December 15, 2010

Craft Talks

Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

Introductions

Chair: Indy Batra

Dec. 1 – Stephen Kipp Dec. 8 – Gary Wolfe
Dec. 15 – Betsy Chess

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

Dec. 1 – Rosa Lee Measures

Fining

Chair: Michele Olsen

Dec. 1 – Gary Wolfe Dec. 8 – Betsy Chess

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 Jaedtke
Kristin Taylor
John Williams

Program continued:

term relationship with our local community (not transient), 50% are newly homeless, 16% of them are children, 33% are women, 6% are elderly and 28% are veterans. About 50% are actually employed but just don't earn enough to put a roof over their head, up to 30% are mentally ill or have a substance abuse problem.

Bill Finley (pictured below) shared that we are past the point that we can turn a blind eye to our homeless population. What's the solution? A continuum of care has been created to work to assist the homeless. The continuum is: emergency shelters, transitional living, permanent supportive housing and affordable housing. He emphasized that prevention is most important and that those living in poverty in Ventura has doubled in the last 2 years



There is a 10 year plan directed to alleviate the homeless problem in Ventura. The plan was created by the Ventura Social Services Task Force. The homeless prevention fund is a part of the plan is a prevention measure to help provide funds for those who are on the cusp of homelessness. \$700 a month can help to prevent a family from losing their home with a 90% success rate which translates to more than 300 people. The program received national notoriety as a program that should be replicated throughout the nation to prevent homelessness. A new program called Home Share allows a person to make space available in their home for a homeless person (who has gone through a back ground check) to stay.

Final Thought:

Hutch wished everyone safe travels over the Thanksgiving Holiday and reminded everyone that "when the game is over the king and the pawn both go into the same box".

More Furry Friends needed urgently!!!

Please bring to December 1st meeting, so that they can be cleaned for Children's Party on Dec. 8th.

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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?

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1st (Wednesday)

Past Presidents' Club Day – sit with your group, get to know someone at your table, especially your newcomer!

December 3rd (Friday)

Club Holiday Party @ Ann Deal's home; sign-ups at club meetings

For more information, please contact Rosa Lee Measures or Christina Rust.

December 4th (Saturday) – 10AM

Furry Friends Work Day @ Hillford Moving 1595 S. Arrundell Ave.

Clean out those kids' closets for stuffed animals, then come & help get the toys ready for our Christmas Children's Party. For more info, please call Sally Craine 642-0221

December 8th (Wednesday)

Children's Shopping and Party (J C Penny/Crowne Plaza)

For more information and to help, please contact Rob van Nieuwburg.

December 18th (Saturday)

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Sign-up sheets will be at 12/1 meeting

December 29th (Wednesday)

DARK

December 30th (Thursday)

Joint Meeting with R C Ventura East at Poinsettia Pavilion

More information to come.

January 4, 2011 (Tuesday)

D. 5240 Rotary Foundation Banquet with R I President Ray Klingensmith; Santa Ynez Valley Marriott.

See attached flyer for more info or contact PE Lynda Girtsman.

January 19, 2011 (Wednesday)

R C Ventura Blood Drive

For more information, please contact Bruce Reeve.

January 29, 2011 (Saturday)

Save the date for D. 5240 Poverty Symposium – this won't be the anything like previous poverty conferences.

For more information go to ROTARYSTEPSONPOVERTY.ORG

2011-12 Election - Slate Of Officers & Directors

Officers

Past President – Thomas Hutchinson
Secretary - James Deardorff
Treasurer - Christine Tonello
President – Lynda Girtsman
President - Elect – Indy Batra

Ex officio officers

Attendance Clerk – Don Leach
Recording Clerk – Larry Emrich

Directors – Avenues of Service

Club Service – Terry Schaeffer
Community Service – Curtis Cormane
Vocational Service – Bill Finley
International Service – Mario de la Piedra
New Generations – Ellyn Dembowski

Directors

Daniel Holmes
Maria Berntson
Ed McCombs
Ken Cooper

All of the candidates know what will be required of them to lead our club on to bigger and better things.

The election usually occurs on or about the first Wednesday of December. According to our By-Laws, the Nominations Committee makes their announcement at a regular club meeting and then the nominations are published in our club's bulletin up to the election.

The election is an open process conducted at our regular meeting on or about the first Wednesday of December. Following the Nominations Committee report, nominations are then opened to the membership. If nominations are made, ballots will be passed out to our membership and voting will follow. If there are no nominations from the floor; a motion will be requested to except the Nominations Committee's report and that a unanimous ballot be cast.

PP Terry Schaeffer
Nominating Committee Chair

Membership Corner

Congratulations to our members

for being winners of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce 14th Annual Poinsettia Awards in the following categories:

Small Business – **FastSigns of Ventura**
Saurabh Bajaj
Large Business – **Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach**
Doug Wood
Jewel Key Award – **Museum of Ventura County**
former member Tim Schiffer

An awards luncheon honoring the winners will be held December 14 at the Marriott Ventura Beach.

Member Attendance Waivers

The board recently granted or extended attendance waivers for the following members through October 31, 2011:

Dave Bianco
Ann Deal
Tom Wolfe

Upcoming PRLS and Master PRLS (MPRLS) Classes

Basic PRLS

1/29/11 – Bakersfield or Ridgecrest
4/08/11 - Oxnard

MPRLS

MPRLS 1 – 2/05/11 – Oxnard
3/26/11 - Bakersfield or Ridgecrest
MPRLS 2 – 2/26/11 – Oxnard
4/23/11 – Bakersfield or Ridgecrest
MPRLS 3 – 3/05/11 – Bakersfield or Ridgecrest
MPRLS 4 – 1/22/11 – CLU Main Campus, T.O.
3/12/11 – Bakersfield or Ridgecrest
MPRLS 5 - 3/12/11 – CLU Main Campus, T.O.
5/28/11 – Bakersfield or Ridgecrest

NOTE: MPRLS 1 is a prerequisite for MPRLS 2 and MPRLS 5 must be taken last. Other classes may be taken out of sequence.

For more information, please contact Barbara Asbell or go to the PRLS website at prls.org.