

ROTARY SPOKES

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Memories, Moments & Merry Elves

Today is a special holiday program featuring Rotarians and young performers from the Rubicon Theater, 'Rubicon Elves.' New member Staci Johnson has coordinated the program and will present.



Ventura Rotary Holiday Events

This is no doubt the 'Busy Season' for the club as many of our service projects and social events come to a head. The Club party (upper left with Ann Deal, Mary and Terry Schaeffer) was a wonderful chance for fellowship with Rotarians and their sig/others. Norm Blacher (above) photobombs Annie and Mike Anderson, while Larry Rasmussen and Hutch lead the downstairs wine crew. Other events included the Children's Christmas Party, Furry Friends, Salvation Army Bell-ringing and the Coats for Kids program. Pictured below, members gather outside Penneys before the annual Childrens Shopping event.



Recap of December 04 Meeting

Sarah Abrams led the meeting off with a series of simple, poignant quotes. Staci Johnston led the club in a rendition of "Joy to the World."

Terry Schaeffer officiated in the holding of the club elections for the Officers and Board Members for the Rotary Year 2014-2015. The announced slate was confirmed by a voice vote.

Jen Livia and Lucy Olvera, from Ventura Rotaract, announced their Christmas Party for 12-14 foster care kids on Dec 16. They were seeking sponsors and any other assistance in their effort. Kristin Taylor reminded members that the Coats for Kids effort is through all of December. Volunteers should check their assigned boxes.

Mario de la Piedra produced an \$8,000 check for our efforts in the October Ventura Color Run. Mary Kay Doubek announced details for the upcoming Children's Christmas Party. The last information for the Club Party at Ann Deal's home were given as well.

President Irene acknowledged that club member and Ventura City Councilwoman Cheryl Heitmann is now Mayor. She also asked anyone who can help member Laurie Rozet with a ride to the Rotary meetings, it would be appreciated.

Albert McCartney introduced Glendafae Woods and spoke of her ongoing project in Roatan, the Gledafae Clinic. Albert spoke of the next medical group going in February. Glendafae spoke of new efforts like preventative cancer care for women. She thanked ours and Ojai clubs participation and presented a certificate of thanks to the Club.

Bob Cheatham fined on the Ventura Unified School District.

Program

Joe Richards presented our Ventura Unified School District Superintendent Trudy Tuttle Arriaga, who spoke of a time of tremendous change for the District, with new ways of funding, new ways of assessment.

She spoke mostly of a new grant that allows the district

Today's Program *Memories, Moments & Merry Elves*

Introductions:

Mystery

Rotary Moment:

Mystery

Fining:

Chris Brashears

and parents to strive to find the right spot for their children. There will be Schools of Choice- the MSAP (Magnet School Assessment Program) grant will add 6 elementary schools into the diversity of school offerings:

- Homestead (Homeschooling at Blanche Reynolds, K-8)
- Open Classroom at Blanche Reynolds (K-8)
- Sunset (K-8)
- Two-Way Immersion program at Will Rogers (K-4),
- Montalvo (K-5) and Anacapa MS (6-8)
- Ventura Technology Academy at Saticoy (K-5)
- El Camino (9-12)

Arriaga assured that the priority will still be given to the children who live near one of the affected schools for admission.



VUSD Superintendent Trudy Tuttle Arriaga is excited about the changes in the District.

Ventura Rotary Community Service



Curtis Cormane and Santa Dale (with elf and reindeer) and Jorge Arman and Jim Spencer ring bells at Ralph's Market.



Staci Johnson enjoys her first Ventura Rotary Children's Christmas.

Any Rotary event that has Dave Bianco interacting with children is a good event!



Waiting for the kids: Mary Saputo, Ellyn Dembowski, Christina Rust, Kellye and Scott Patterson.



Courtney Linberg enjoys cookies and juice with her child after finishing shopping at JC Penney.

Ventura Rotary International Service



Ventura Rotary Club Assisting in Phillipine Relief

Club member Mark Kirwin is on the ground in the Phillipines assisting in the hard hit areas affected by Typhoon Haiyan.

The club raised over \$4000 for Mark to directly purchase relief supplies for very basic necessities around shelter, food and clean water.

Mark has his own relief organization and, along with Steve Doll, went to assist in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.



**Still
Going
Strong!**
**Don't take your
foot off the
pedal! Keep
collecting coats
until the end of
the month!**



Ventura Rotary Club's *Holiday Schedule*

DARK
Regular Club Meetings
Wed., Dec. 25
Wed., Jan. 01





December Birthdays

Sonny Shah, Dec 03
Jorge Arman, Dec 05
John McConica, Dec 05
Clyde Reynolds, Dec 07
Dick Hatcher, Dec 08
Stephen Kipp, Dec 08
Courtney Lindberg, Dec 25

December Anniversaries

Stephen Kipp, Dec 12
Danny Belitski, Dec 13



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