



# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
Weekly Bulletin*

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## Meeting December 15, 2010

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Betsy Chess started the meeting with a thoughtful invocation that asked that we may become what we say we are! You could almost hear Santa's sleigh on the roof top when our songsters lead us in Jingle Bells. It certainly helped put us into the Holiday spirit! Visitors and guests were introduced.

**Announcements:** Thank You's went to all who helped with the children's shopping and Christmas Party on December 8<sup>th</sup>. It brought much happiness to the children and warmed everyone's heart.

Margo Byrne announced the dictionary distribution dates – January 13, 20 and 27<sup>th</sup>. You can sign-up at club meetings; any special requests re. schools, please see Margo.

Larry Emrich announced the dates for the next NID (National Immunization Day) in India – February 15 to 26. Deadline to sign up is December 24<sup>th</sup>. Larry also informed us that our exchange student from Belgium unfortunately had to return home prematurely for health reasons.

Prez Hutch invited members to sign up for the December 30<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting with R C Ventura East, which will include a White Elephant gift exchange – a perfect opportunity to recycle those "special gifts". Steve Kipp reminded us of the upcoming Salvation Army Bell Ringing event December 18 and good-naturedly twisted a few more arms to cover some open slots.

Lynda Girtsman reported on sign-ups for the upcoming Rotary Foundation Gala in Buellton January 4<sup>th</sup>, with R I President Ray Klinginsmith as keynote speaker. Vans will be the mode of transportation to accommodate an extended Happy Hour to and fro. She also reminded us to sign-up for the R I Convention in New Orleans May 21-25, 2011 – a block of rooms has been reserved by the club.

Kristin Taylor gave a progress report on the Coats for Kids project --- collections are a bit slow.

**Rotary Moment:** Dave Bianco (pictured) treated us to a timely and joyful poem that is reprinted on page 3.



**Craft talks by PEN Indy Batra and Ed Campbell were today's program.**

Before introducing our first presented, Barbara Asbell (craft talks chair) reminded us of upcoming PRLS and MPRSL sessions; for more information, please see Barbara or go to [www.prls.org](http://www.prls.org).



Indy formally introduced himself to make sure he wasn't confused with his "secret younger twin brother" Sonny Shah. He even gave away his age and birth date – 58 and 12/15, respectively, or is it really 9/9???

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## Dave Bianco's Rotary Moment

December 15, 2010

T'was a couple of weeks before Christmas and  
all through the club

Rotarians were recovering from a lot of hubbub

The party at Ann's an enormous success

Saw Rotarians drinking – well, to excess

Curtis was there, holing up his end of the bar

And Rob, all red-cheeked & laughing was not  
very far

A time to reflect on the work we had done,

And savor our deeds – and also have fun

Gifts to soldiers abroad, coats and money

On Kristin ---, on Sally, ---- on Sonny

Furry friends and bell ringers were assembled  
and ready

Rotarians are always generous and steady

Goals were established and goals were beaten,

Blood was given and baked goods eaten

Polio got a beating, homeless structures were  
built with much ado

Clean-ups, construction, biking, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and  
dictionaries, too

As the opus flowed, we saluted ourselves for  
jobs well done,

And we laughed and we ate together as one

My friends, Colleagues and fellow Rotarians –

We are, indeed, good Communitarians!!!!

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### 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 29<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

**DARK**

December 30<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

**Joint Meeting with R C Ventura East at  
Poinsettia Pavilion**

*White Elephant gift exchange. More  
information to come.*

January 4, 2011 (Tuesday)

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

*Please contact PE Lynda Girtsman for  
more information.*

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*

## MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

- For District 5240 Make-Up locations and directions go to [rotarydistrict5240.org](http://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](http://rotaryclubone.org)
- To make up anywhere around the world, go to [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) and use the Club Locator