



# ROTARY SPOKES

Rotary Club of Ventura

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"The Friendliest Club in Rotary"

December 24, 2023

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
from the  
**Merriest Club in Rotary!**



For our program December 20, Madhu Bajaj hosted a Rotary edition of The Price Is Right, where we overestimated the cost of groceries, school supplies, etc. I'd love to know where she gets such great bargains! The Grand Prize winner received a bag of candy that Madhu assures me was bought fresh and was not left over from Halloween.



## MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2023

**Attendance:** 33 including Honorary Member Rosa Lee Measures.

**Lunch:** Food Affairs by Stacey served a delicious cranberry chicken, potatoes au gratin, mixed vegetables with Brussel sprouts, fruit, green salad, and cake for dessert.

**Flag salute/introductions/inspirational message: Kristin Taylor.** She told a story she had heard from Past President Larry Emrich: A wise and woman were traveling in the mountains when they found a precious stone in a stream. The next day, they met another traveler who was hungry, and they opened their bag to share their food with him. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the couple to give it to him. They did so without hesitation. The traveler knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later, he returned it to them. He said, “I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone.”

**Song: Clyde Reynolds and RoseAnn Hill** led a jangled version of “Jingle Bells.”

**Linda Hewitt** was awarded her first **Paul Harris Fellow** pin and certificate by **Hutch Hutchinson**. The award was based on recognition points from **Brenda Allison-Hutchinson**, who sponsored Linda in the club. Linda joined in 2022 and has been active in club activities. Brenda talked about what impresses her about Linda, including her work with young pregnant women. Congratulations on your award!



### Announcements:

**Madhu Bajaj: (1)** Remember, **no meeting December 27.**

**(2)** Thanks to club members for your warm welcome December 13 to members of the **Pacific High School Interact**. Eight of the 10 students had never spoken in public before, and had never publicly shared their personal struggles.

**(3)** On the morning of January 19, club members will lead **Pacific High School** students in activities that may be new to them...healthy cooking, photography, etc. Volunteers needed!

**Keith Moschetto** is seeking volunteers to lead the **flag salute/inspirational message/introductions**.

**Kristin Taylor: Coats for Kids** donations continue to come in. The last day of school is Friday, December 22—if you are responsible for a school, contact them to get coats from their lost and found.

**Brenda Allison-Hutchinson** will bring the **club checkbook** to meetings if anyone has check requests. She will be out the first two weeks of February.

**Margi Wray:** Huge thanks to **Patti Birmingham** for leading the **Westside Holiday Event**, as well as Judy, Greg, Connie, Kristin, Ken, and all who made the event a success!

**Happy Dollars.** All kinds of good news this week!

**Fining: Madhu Bajaj** filled in this week with her back-up questions regarding quotations from TV show characters.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

(For more complete and up-to-date information, check the ClubRunner app on your phone, or our website)



Jan. 3 lunch meeting: Club Assembly and New Year's Fun.

Jan. 10 lunch meeting: Kellye Patterson, Vocational Programming.

Jan. 17 lunch meeting: Lorelle Dawes, Director of Expanded Learning, Ventura Unified School District

Jan. 24 lunch meeting: Turning Point—Growing Works

Jan. 31: NO NOONTIME MEETING. Evening meeting at Foodshare

