



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

"The friendliest club in Rotary"

100% Paul Harris Club



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Meeting December 22, 2010

Reporter: Larry Emrich

Introductions:

Ted Wrablik led us in the flag salute; he then read a Native American poem, and the songsters sang God Bless America. We had a light member turnout but many guests joined us.

Announcements:

Bellringers: Bill Finley and Steve Kipp thanked the many members who stood in the rain to rattle the



kettle and ring the bell; our club raised a total of \$1,363.44 with the Kipp Financial Group kicking in the additional to make a total of \$2,500.

PRLS: Barbara Asbell encouraged members to get their PRLS and Master PRLS certificates

Christmas Shopping Thank you Letters: Roz Warner read a few bits from several letters from Sheridan Way School students noting that WE ROCK... and then gave the letters to the members who helped the students shop.

Dictionary Project: Margo Byrne noted the delivery of dictionaries to elementary schools on Jan the 13th, 20th, and 27th.

Ovations Thank You: Prez Hutch gave gift cards to the Derby Club Ovations staff - Chef Brian, server Jill, Boots - the Kitchen Manager, and Ness - the dishwasher.

Hutch reminded us of the Rotary Foundation Gala on January 4th; see Lynda Girstman if you would like to go. Rotary Rose Parade Float decorating will be on Sunday December 26th.

Next week's meeting will be THURSDAY not Wednesday at the **Pointsettia Pavilion with Ventura East club**. Don't forget your White Elephant gift!

Auction:

Two tickets for Fascinating Rhythm at the Rubicon. Value for two tickets is about \$100; started at 70 dollars for two tickets. Sold to Andy Soter for \$100. Ellyn also bought two for \$100; raised two hundred for the club.

Rotary Moment:

Kristin Taylor reflected over the last four years as a Rotarian and summarized three events that stand out for her: The Christmas Shopping and Party in 2007 when her little, six-year old girl clutching her new furry animal and bag of clothes, said, "This is the best day of my life. The second event involved the Coats for Kids project and a phone that relayed a mom's message, saying, "Thank you, Rotary. I have so much trouble keeping my family fed and you have helped me keep them clothed." The third took place in Fez, October 2010, in North Africa. Kristin saw a man so crippled with polio that the only way he could get around was to scoot. She said they caught eyes and exchanged smiles; few people noticed him, most people ignored him; She said that she wanted him to know that one day no one will have polio and have to experience what he has experienced. She said, "There is no gift I can give that is better than to give everyone a better life; so I have told my family their gift this year is my donation to Polio Plus." Thank you, Kristin.

Happy Dollars: Lots of happy dollars today

Program: Dick Hatcher and his crew of Steve Chadbourne, Albert McCartney and Ed Campbell explained the fine points of the Rotary Foundation and its many accomplishments and inner workings. *Cont'd on p.2*

Web addresses: Club www.venturarotary.org – Photos: www.rotarycov.smugmug.com
District 5240 www.rotarydistrict5240.org – R.I. www.rotary.org

Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Program Chair: Hank Chandler

December 30, 2010

Note date and location change!

"Ventura Deep Six" Swim Team

January 5, 2011

Past Presidents' Panel

January 12, 2011

"Rotary Awareness" Program

Esha Chhabra

D. 5240 Ambassadorial Scholar

Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

Introductions

Chair: Indy Batra

Dec. 30 – Gary Wolfe Jan. 5 – Steve Chadbourne

Jan. 12 – Larry Rasmussen

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

Jan. 12 – Kathy Scroggs – Jan. 19 – Gary Young

Fining

Chair: Michele Olsen

TBA

2010-11 Officers and Directors

Officers

PresidentHutch Hutchinson
President ElectLynda Girtsman
President Elect Nominee (12/2010 Indy Batra
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 LaRochele
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 Jaedtke
Kristin Taylor
John Williams

Program continued:

Dick reminded us that the Rotary Foundation is 93 years old and that its basic mission is "To Do Good in the World".



Steve (pictured) recognized the signature program is **Polio Plus** and there are many others: Disaster - Recovery; **Humanitarian Grants** including Matching grants, 3H (health, hunger and humanity) grants; Volunteer Service grants (currently not available); District Simplified Grants; **Ambassadorial**

Scholarships; Group Study Exchange; Grants for University Teachers; and World Peace Scholarships.

Albert reviewed the goals for us as set by the district, and Ed spoke about the ease for any member to become a **Benefactor, Bequest Society member, or Paul Harris Society member.**

Closing Thought: In his closing comments Pres Hutch invoked an African Proverb: Believe in God but always tie up your camel.

Upcoming PRLS and Master PRLS 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

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.

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 Brist.	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		
7:00 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 (adjacent to Museum)
Noon	Ventura East	Poinsettia Pavilion
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 30th (Thursday)

Joint Meeting with R C Ventura East at Poinsettia Pavilion

White Elephant Exchange!!!!

January 4, 2011 (Tuesday)

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

For more info contact PE Lynda Girtsman.

January 19, 2011 (Wednesday)

R C Ventura Blood Drive

For more information, please contact Bruce Reeve.

January 20, 2011 (Thursday)

11:45 AM @ 71 Palm – Board Meeting

This counts as a make-up if attended within the make-up period.

January 26, 2011 (Wednesday)

Monthly Food Drive

January 29, 2011 (Saturday)

D. 5240 Poverty Symposium – Santa Maria Fair Park, 8AM – 4PM.

Keynote speakers, workshops, club project displays and much more. The event is open to Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and their guests. Breakfast and lunch are included.

Cost per person \$75 or unlimited per club based on size (\$100 - \$300).

For more information see the attached flyer or go to ROTARYSTEPSONPOVERTY.ORG

Read the story of the starfish (see website) and come make a difference!

