



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

"The friendliest club in Rotary"

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Meeting December 1, 2010

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Table seating lines for Past President Groups were more casual than in the past, but there was a lot of good conversation going on, especially since Prez Hutch allowed an extra 15 minutes of fellowship time.

Introductions:

Stephen Kipp welcomed us with quotes from 1st and 2nd grade bible study students, which included revelations such as "God split (an) Atom and made Eve", "Moses' real name was Charlton Heston" and "Joshua's battle at Geritol". Our songsters made our patriotic song "Oh Beautiful" especially beautiful, and Sergeant at Arms Roz Warner helped introduce visitors and guests.



Announcements:

Prez Hutch announced that the R I theme for December is "Family of Rotary" – hence the extra fellowship time to enjoy visiting with our Rotary family. Election of officers and directors – Nominating Committee chair Terry Schaeffer presented the slate of officers and directors for the 2011-12 Rotary year and invited nominations from the floor. Since there were none, Roger Case called for the nominations to be closed and the slate, as presented, was unanimously approved by the membership.

Kristin Taylor reported that 13 boxes of supplies and goodies had been mailed to troops in Afghanistan; she thanked all that helped, including an anonymous club member who paid for all the shipping. She also informed us that so far about 1,000 Coats for Kids have been collected --- only about 9,000 to go! She asked members to spread the word that drop-off locations are listed on our club website.



Stephen Kipp (pictured) announced the annual Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army on December 18 and took sign-ups. Bill Finley reported that last year's total collected by our club at the various locations was \$2,500 and challenged us to "beat this"! We also learned that our club's bell ringing tradition was started by Julius Gius. PE Lynda Girtsman reminded us of the December 15 deadline for early bird sign-ups for the R I

Convention in New Orleans May 21-25, 2011 (a block of rooms has been reserved) as well as the January 4th Rotary Foundation Gala in Buellton, which will be attended by R I President Ray Klinginsmith.

Rob van Nieuwburg has plenty of helpers for the children's shopping on December 8th at Penney's, but be sure you join up for the children's party following at the Crowne Plaza – see time schedule on pg 3!

Mario de la Piedra asked for support of the \$100 Solution; informative flyers were on the tables; for more information go to the website www.refresheverything.com.

Dan Holmes thanked all members who participated in the recent head-shot fundraiser and assured us that we are definitely the best-looking club in Rotary; close to \$1,600 was raised so far.

Please note time change for December 8th club meeting at Crowne Plaza – see page 3

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 8, 2010

*Children's Christmas Party
At Crowne Plaza*

Please note time change to 11:00 AM

December 15, 2010

Craft Talks

December 22, 2010

TBA

Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

Introductions

Chair: Indy Batra

Dec. 8 – Gary Wolfe

Dec. 15 – Betsy Chess

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

Dec. 15 – Dave Bianco

Dec. 22 – Kristin Taylor

Fining

Chair: Michele Olson

TBA

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 LaRochele
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

Prez Hutch reminded us that the December 30 joint meeting with R C Ventura East will feature a white elephant gift exchange.

He also finally let the cat out of the bag about the extended socializing we enjoyed --- our scheduled program was MIA! While a disappointment, it didn't seem to dampen the spirits, especially when the Prez called on Tom Naylor for a "special fining session".



Fining:

Judging from the audience reaction, Tom Naylor (pictured) and his grab bag of obscure tool "treasures" had made previous appearances at club meetings. However, that didn't seem to be any help because no one was able to correctly identify any of the items, and Tom chided Lynda Girtsman for not remembering a tool with which he had previously challenged her.

Happy Dollars:

Lots of happy dollars for some great things happening in our members lives, including PP Curtis Cormane's announcement of his last day at his present firm and the start of a new "career".

Rotary Moment:

Rosa Lee Measures shared her appreciation for our members' contribution of time, talents and dollars in service to our close and extended Family of Rotary and to our communities.

Final Thought:

Prez Hutch concluded the meeting with this African Proverb: "Hope makes a good breakfast, but a poor dinner".

Membership Corner

December Birthdays

12/03 – Margo Byrne and Sonny Shah
12/05 – Jorge Arman and John McConica
12/07 – Clyde Reynolds
12/08 – Dick Hatcher and Stephen Kipp

December Anniversaries

12/02 – Diane & Duana Koranda
12/05 – Jackie & Marian Griffin
12/14 – Dan & Ann Hefelfinger
12/19 – Christine & Paul Tonello
12/26 – Stephen & Lynn Kipp
12/28 – John & Anne McConica

Congratulations to All!

A good time was had by all at the Holiday Party at Ann Deal's



MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

- For District 5240 Make-Up locations and directions 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 8th (Wednesday)

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

8:00 AM Shopping at J C Penny's (Pacific Mall, Ventura)

10:15 AM Santa Claus hands out gifts, picture taking at Crowne Plaza (UPSTAIRS)

11:00 AM Lunch

12:00 Noon Children picked up by buses to return to school

For more information please contact Rob van Nieuwburg at 207-9626.

December 18th (Saturday)

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 29th (Wednesday)

DARK

December 30th (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*