

ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

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Meeting February 2, 2011

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Introductions:

For today's invocation, Jeff King recited a piece by mid-twentieth century poet Edgar Guest aptly named "A prayer for Rotary."



Announcements:

Roz Warner announced the latest project from the "Funsters": a world-premiere Rubicon Theater musical presentation called "Lonesome Traveler" at 8:00 p.m. on April 14. It is open to all members at a reduced ticket price. For more information, contact Roz.

Bob Schilken asked for sponsors for the upcoming Gold Coast Ride for Literacy. Sponsors will be acknowledged in a number of formats but should step up soon to be included in print. Contact Bob Schilken for further information.

Our club has a renovated website. The new, sleek and professional-looking web page was shown by webmaster Maria Berntson; she credited R C Camarillo Rotarian Ken Eastman for his generous assistance. The site is chock-full of club, district and international Rotary information and news. Please visit www.venturarotary.org to find all the latest information.

A Julius Gius Foundation award was presented by Steve Kipp to Dale Jaedtke (pictured with president Hutch), in particular recognition of his work the past year in helping the Ventura Rotaractors organize themselves. Known affectionately as "Papa Bear" by the Rotaract members, he has been there at every meeting as an advisor. Given the energy and immediate success of Ventura Rotaract, it has obviously been a tremendous effort on his part. Several Rotaractors joined Dale at the podium to wax lovingly of his dedication to them and their efforts. He thanked us with his usual aplomb. Great job Dale!



Fining:

Dick "the Orchid Guy" Hatcher stepped up to the podium to fine the membership concerning his beloved hobby, tending and propagating members of the Orchidaceae family. Assisted by beautiful images of these showy flowers, Dick shared fascinating information of this multitudinous and diverse flora, while still raking in major bucks for the club.

Program:

There's a new sheriff in town! We were honored today to have newly-elected Sheriff Geoff Dean come as our

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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

February 16, 2011

Craft Talks

Lucas Johnston & Dale Jaedtke

February 23, 2011

The Ushindi Center in Eastern Congo

Dr. Victoria Bentley

March 2, 2011

The Underwood Family Farms

Sarah Jane Underwood

Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

Introductions

Chair: Chris Brashears

Feb. 16 – Terry Schaeffer

Feb 23 – Saurabh Bajaj

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

Feb. 16 – Mario de la Piedra

Feb. 23 – Steve Kipp

Fining

Chair: Todd Binkley

Feb. 16 – Dennis LaRochelle

Feb. 23 – Bill Finley

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 LaRochelle
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

Program continued

speaker. Geoff is a lifetime resident of California. Born in Los Angeles and raised in Simi Valley, he has lived in Camarillo for the past 18 years, where he has been a Rotarian.



Geoff is a 32-year veteran of the Ventura County Sheriffs Department. Prior to being elected as the 19th Sheriff of Ventura County he commanded three of the four divisions within the Sheriffs Department. Sheriff Dean has worked varied assignments throughout the Department including commanding the SWAT Team, Chief of Police for the City of Moorpark and overseeing Internal Affairs.

Geoff spoke of the restructuring of the administrative hierarchy of the Sheriff's Department, both as a means of increasing the efficiency of the department and as a means of meeting tightening budgets without a reduction of front line forces. The Sheriff also outlined the numerous services provided to the unincorporated areas of Ventura County as well as the three county cities that choose to use the Sheriff for law enforcement duties. The Sheriff also operates the county jail system.

Next Week's Program

Dr. Victoria Bentley (R C Montecito)

The Ushindi Center in Bukavu, Eastern Congo

Dr. Virginia Bentley has been a psychotherapist for over 30 years. She has a degree in English literature from UCSB and a Doctorate in psychology from Oregon School of Professional Psychology. Dr. Bentley was founder and director of an anxiety treatment clinic in San Francisco for many years. After moving to Santa Barbara, she expanded her knowledge, focusing on the connection between anxiety, depression, illness and trauma.

In 2008, she traveled to the Congo, where women continue to be terrorized by gang rape and torture; she started a vocational training/rehabilitation program that treats women and girl victims of sexual violence. Dr. Bentley now runs two non-profit organizations – *Empower Congo Women* in Santa Barbara and *Ushindi Center* in Bukavu, Eastern Congo.

www.healingtraumaindrcongo.blogspot.com.

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Day/Time	Club	Location
<u>Monday</u>		
Noon	Santa Paula	Logsdon Restaurant
Noon	Ventura South	Wedgewood Banquet Ctr.
<u>Tuesday</u>		
6:45 AM	Fillmore Sunrise	El Pescador Restaurant
7:00 AM	Camarillo Brkfst.	Spanish Hills Country Club
7:00 AM	Ojai West	Soule Park Golf Course
Noon	Simi Valley	Simi Valley Cultural Arts Ctr
12:10 PM	Montecito	Montecito Country Club
12:10 PM	Oxnard	Courtyard by Marriott
6:00 PM	Simi Sunset	Grand Vista Hotel
<u>Wednesday</u>		
7:00 AM	Carpinteria AM	Carpinteria Women's Club
	Ventura Marina	4 Points Sheraton, Ventura Harbor
Noon	Camarillo	Camarillo Center for Spiritual Living
<u>Thursday</u>		
7:00 AM	Simi Sunrise	Grand Vista Hotel
7:30 AM	Oxnard Sunrise	Tomas Café
11:45 AM	Carpinteria	Carpinteria Community Bldg
Noon	Fillmore	Fillmore Western Dining Car
Noon	Ventura East	Poinsettia Pavilion
<u>Friday</u>		
Noon	Ojai	Soule Park Golf Course

For other 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:

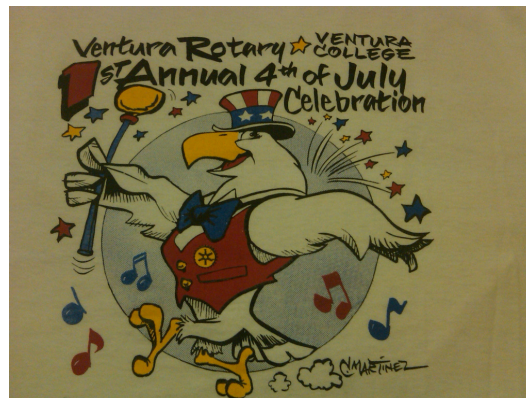
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and better
FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 16, 2011

11:15 AM – Gold Coast Ride for Literacy Mtg

11:30 AM – 4th of July Event Meeting



February 17, 2011

11:45 AM @ 71 Palm - Board Meeting

Attendance qualifies as a make-up if within the make-up period.

February 23, 2011 (Wednesday)

Monthly Canned Food Drive

Please bring canned food or donate cash (via fine slip ok) to help feed the needy in our community.

April 16, 2011 (Saturday)

7 AM – 5 PM Gold Coast Ride for Literacy

To sign up for one of the many volunteer positions or for more info, please contact Bob Schilken or Ken Cooper or go to the website goldcoastrideforliteracy.org

May 21-25, 2011

R I Convention - New Orleans, LA.

For more information on rooms, contact Kristin Taylor.

For more information on the Convention, contact PE Lynda Girtsman or go to www.rotary.org and click on 2011 Rotary Convention.

Membership Corner

Newcomers Meetings to be resumed

Tom Naylor, committee chair, reports that he is planning to re-start the popular meetings by the end of February. Tentative location is the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Stay tuned for more information.