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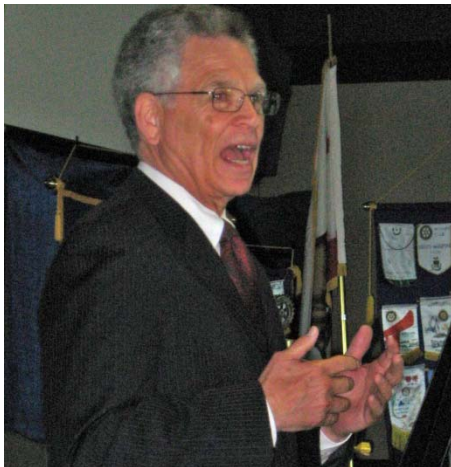
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Meeting of February 15, 2012
Appellate Court Justice Steve Perrin
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Introductions and Invocation were offered by Ed Summers who made us all smile! RoseAnn Hill led us in America the Beautiful.

Announcements

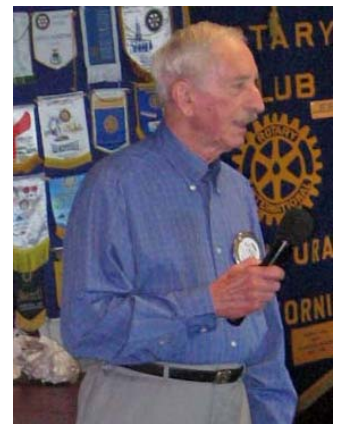
Bill Finley, Vocational Service Chair, introduced two of **Curtis Cormane's** young Ventura College architecture students. Their project was to design a transitional living complex for the Salvation Army.

Neal Andrews announced that **Don Leach's** President's group is inviting all in our Club to the Turning Point breakfast on Feb. 22nd at the Oxnard Marriott at 7:00 – 9 AM. **Curtis Cormane** reminded that applications are available for Julius Gius Memorial Rotary Foundation funding. February 29th is the deadline. Applications and Instructions are available online. **Jeff King** talked about the upcoming RYLA Conference on April 22nd in Ojai. **Indy Batra** talked about the International Convention which will be in Thailand. He also mentioned about a Basic PRLS class on March 30th in Oxnard.



Brenda Allison had signups for the "Hutch Group" cooking class at Bonano's Peruvian Restaurant in Ventura on Tuesday Feb. 21st. \$90 per couple/\$50 a person. Steve Kipp says a few more spaces are left to fill on the placemats.

Hutch Hutchinson presented a double-sapphire Paul Harris pin to **Jorge Arman**. President of three different Rotary Clubs beginning in Argentina in 1976 here in '96 and in Costa Rica! Jorge has enjoyed Rotary for 50 years.



Steve Doll needs volunteers for the Literacy Ride. Check out the new webpage and new route for the ride this year.

Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

February 22, 2012

Youth in Government
Sara Savelich, Rotaractor

February 29, 2012

Travels of a Foreign Service Officer
Peter Higgins, State Dept Counsel

Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

Feb 22 – Christina Rust

Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

Feb 22 – Betsy Chess
Feb 29 – Christina Rust

Fining

Chair: Ron Bamieh

Fining

Christina Rust quizzed us with Valentine's questions. Curtis saved us from total failure!



Happy Dollars

Inspired by Larry Emrich's article in the Star – all Happy Dollars went to Polio Plus!



Program

Norm Blacher introduced Appellate Court Justice **Steven Perrin**, who among other things, sang for us! Steve studied with **Linda Ottsen** and joined VC Opera Workshop. Steve has sung with Santa Barbara Opera and the Gilbert & Sullivan group in Thousand Oaks. He recently soloed at Disney Hall with the Lawyers Philharmonic.

Steve explained that one of Gilbert & Sullivan's favorite targets was the Law. He then sang the part of Sir Joseph from *HMS Pinafore*. Steve has performed in six G&S operettas with number seven coming up soon.

He said he loves the theatre – the camaraderie, friendships and the joy of performing. Really enjoyed being a part of Rubicon's *Fiddler on the Roof*. Steve then sang with soprano, **Patricia McPherson** who also delighted us with a solo of her own. Both were accompanied by Linda Ottsen.



For his "day job" Steve is one of nine Appellate Justices in the tri-counties. Justices are appointed by the Governor and then must stand for election. There are 107 justices statewide. Perrin said his 45-year career has been greatly enriched by his singing.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26 (Sunday) - Reagan Library, District Foundation Gala

Contact President Lynda for more information

April 28 (Saturday) – 6:00 AM

Gold Coast Ride for Literacy

Contact Steve Doll for more information

Julius Gius Memorial Rotary Foundation Grant Opportunity

*The Foundation is seeking grant requests through the membership of R C Ventura. The **acceptance period for requests ends February 29, 2012.** Applications will be reviewed in March with successful applicants notified and grants disbursed by the last day of April.*

Grants must be sponsored by a member of RC Ventura. The applicant must be a non-profit 501c(3) entity.

More information and application forms are available on our website venturarotary.org.

UPCOMING PRLS DATES:

Basis PRLS:

3/30/12 (Friday) – CLU Oxnard (before District Assembly)

For a complete schedule of PRLS & MPRLS sessions, go to www.prls.org



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA participants can be ages 14-30, but most clubs and districts choose to focus on a narrower age range, such as 14-18 or 19-30.

RYLA is fast approaching and we have a need. Our ratio of female students is high and we need a few female counselors. Would you please consider announcing or emailing your membership with this request.

Ladies this is your chance to be a RYLA Counselor. Transform your life as you watch and help those high school students around you transform theirs. If you are interested in volunteering to join us on April 19th through April 22 in Ojai at beautiful Camp Ramah Please go online and register today: <http://www.ryla5240.org/volsignup.php>.

If you might be interested but would like more information call me and I am happy to share the experience with you to help you decide. Nancy McKarney at 805.927.0491. A hint... I first went to RYLA as a counselor in 2005, found it so impressive, exciting and satisfying I have been every year since.