



# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
Weekly Bulletin*

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## Meeting of February 22, 2012

### Youth in Government

Reporter: Betsy Chess



**Introductions and Invocation** were offered by Christina Rust. RoseAnn Hill and Clyde Reynolds led us in My Country 'tis of Thee.



school needs four readers for Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sheridan Way will need three readers. **Steve Doll** needs volunteers for the Literacy Ride. Check out the new webpage and new route for the ride this year. **Steve Kipp** said he needs six more business card ads to complete the placemat project. The Rotary Foundation Gala is Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> at the Reagan Library 5:30 – 9pm.

#### Rotary Moment

**Betsy Chess** said her moment had occurred earlier in the morning at the Turning Point breakfast. Many Rotarians were there, an excellent example of Rotarians supporting Rotarians who support important community projects.

#### Announcements

**Bob Cheatham** said the Blood Drive is postponed to April 11<sup>th</sup>. **Hutch Hutchinson** recognized **Kathy Wertheim** with a Paul Harris Fellowship. **Curtis Cormane** reminded that applications are available for Julius Gius funding. February 29<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. Applications are available online.

#### Fining

Prez Lynda made fining easy – No Rotary pin? Pay a fine!

**Todd Binkley** announced that next week is Dr. Seuss's Birthday and the club needs volunteers to participate in "Read Across America." EP Foster

#### Happy Dollars

We celebrated **Harold Wulff's** successful heart procedure, the Peruvian cooking class and other happy things.

Web addresses: Club [www.venturarotary.org](http://www.venturarotary.org) – Photos: [www.rotarycov.smugmug.com](http://www.rotarycov.smugmug.com)

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# Meeting Programs & Assignments

## Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

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

## Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

**Feb 22 – Christina Rust**

**Mar 7 – Scott Patterson**

**Mar 14 – Tom Naylor**

**Mar 21 – Rosa Lee Measures**

## Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

**Feb 29 – Christina Rust**

## Fining

Chair: Ron Bamieh



## **Program**

**Dale Jaedtke** introduced Sarah Savelich (a Ventura Rotaractor) who, as a program director with the Ventura YMCA, worked with kids from Foothill High School in the Youth and Government Program. This is a program that for 63 years has advocated, "Democracy must be learned by each generation". Since 1948, 70,000 middle and high school kids have participated in Y & G Model United Nations and Model State Government programs. The goal is to build value-based leadership and civic engagement in California's youth.

Sarah explained that students learn to debate simple subjects such as "Who has the best food, Taco Bell or McDonald's?" then move to more serious issues. Participants choose from a list of government-related areas and immerse themselves in their subjects, thus learning how California's government works. The five-month program culminates with a four-day conference in Sacramento attended by 2500 student delegates and support staff.

Emily Rath, a senior from Foothill, was in her third year of Y & G. Each year she learned about another area of government, culminating in participation in the Trail Court program. Emily said Youth and Government "changed my life" She likened it to an immersion program in a foreign language.

Natalie Waechter also from Foothill, had just completed her first year in the program. She said she "began as a skeptic" and then loved it. She learned about being a legislative analyst. She enjoyed meeting new friends and said now she loves politics!

Matt Zinik is also a senior. He said he started as a newspaper photographer, went on to become a Senator, but that it wasn't until his final year that he truly immersed himself, sponsoring a bill which was passed by the Assembly.

It was obvious that these kids loved the experience and learned a great deal about the political process. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm. They encouraged all of us to, "Talk up the program, become a sponsor and get our kids and grandkids involved!"

## **2011-12 Officers and Directors**

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### Avenues of Service

#### **Club Service**

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Director .....Ellyn Dembowski  
Assistant .....Ken Cooper

#### **Vocational Service**

Director ..... Bill Finley  
Assistant ..... Todd Binkley

# NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS

The following are proposed for membership:

- **Chuck Brown**, proposed by Rosa Lee Measures with the classification of "Financial Planning"
- **Mary Saputo**, proposed by Steve Kipp with the classification of "Dog Rescue."
- **Michael Scar**, proposed by Brenda Allison with the classification of "Office Equipment"

If you have any objection to membership of any of these individuals in our club, please contact the President or Secretary in writing within seven days.



## Join the Parade!

Ventura's longtime St. Patrick's Day Parade is actually celebrated on March 17<sup>th</sup> this year!

President Lynda is calling on Rotarians to join her and members of the other Ventura Rotary Clubs in parading down Main Street in your finest, or most obnoxious, green garb! She would particularly like to see our youth out there, so gather the kids or grandkids, Interactors and Rotaractors to join in.

The troops will be marshalling at Mission Park, Downtown Ventura at about 9:00 a.m.

Ask Lynda for more details.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28 (Saturday) – 6:00 AM

[Gold Coast Ride for Literacy](#)

*We need volunteers!*

*Contact Steve Doll for more information*

## 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](http://www.prls.org)**

