



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

"The friendliest club in Rotary"

100% Paul Harris Club



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Meeting February 2, 2011

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Introductions:

Dan Holmes recited a Boy Scouts invocation to start off the meeting, complimenting the club as the friendliest AND best-looking club in Rotary, no small praise from an accomplished photographer.

Announcements:

PE Lynda Girtsman reported on the kick-off 2011 Fourth of July fundraising effort. She announced a series of changes and improvements that the committee is considering that promises to make a more successful, and profitable, event. Members are urged to get involved at any level; from participating on the committee, to finding potential vendors. President Hutch waved the front page of the local newspaper, the Breeze, that prominently featured a picture and article trumpeting our clubs' efforts in the Dictionary project.

Kristin Taylor announced that over 5000 coats had been collected, cleaned and distributed during the Coats for Kids project! She said that the effort would start earlier this fall and thanked the membership for their involvement.



Well, the Club thanks Kristin for all her effort, as well as Sonny Shah and Four Season Cleaners for their continued help!

Fining:

Fining was conducted by last-minute replacement Rob van Nieuwburg (pictured), who chose the topic of, well, cars, of course, regaling us

with obscurities of the motor car, including what the four rings of an Audi symbolized.

Rotary Moment:

Ed McCombs (pictured) delivered the Rotary Moment, citing the ability of the Rotary Club to bring people



together in the name of doing good, both locally and internationally. He said this was particularly evident in the effort to 'finish off' polio in the world by 2012. He noted the week's news of Bill Gates increased commitment of the Gates Foundation to fund this final push. Ed, usually dapper and erudite in his dress, was sporting a bright red "End Polio Now" t-shirt but still managed to look so.

Happy Dollars:

It was great to hear from Kathy Scroggs during Happy Dollars that her son is convalescing at home; she thanked us for our continued prayers.

Program:

With February being Rotary's "World Understanding Month", today's program focused on our Club's International Service. Albert McCartney, the chair of this committee under President Hutch, led the program with the assistance of David Shea. Albert updated the Club on the projects of his committee and a fiscal report on what was budgeted and what has been spent. The majority of the program focused on the on-going work in Roatan, Honduras, including images of the physical improvements

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District 5240 www.rotarydistrict5240.org – R.I. www.rotary.org

Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Program Chair: Hank Chandler

February 9, 2011

Ventura County Sheriff Geoff Dean

February 16, 2011

Craft Talks

Lucas Johnston & Dale Jaedtke

Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

Introductions

Chair: Chris Brashears

Feb. 9 – TBA

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

Feb. 9 – Roz Warner

Feb. 16 – Mario de la Piedra

Feb. 23 – Steve Kipp

Fining

Chair: Todd Binkley

Feb. 9 – Dick Hatcher

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

made to the medical clinic there, paid for by our club.

There are other organizations aiding this effort in

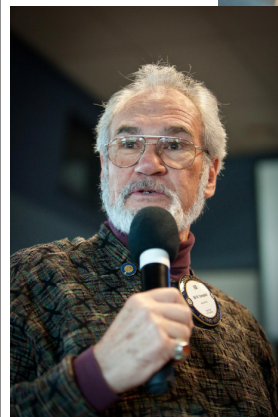
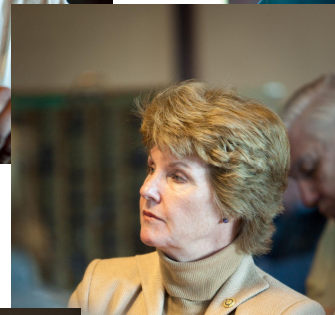


Honduras and Albert spoke of the formation of a club committee intent on supporting our efforts and called on members who might wish to help in their area of expertise.

The focus on this particular project is a concerted effort by the club to support a drive towards a self-sustainable project for the people of Roatan, as opposed to a one-off project, so that the lives of this community may be improved for

generations to come. As a sign of their personal commitment to this cause, both Albert and David are, once again, heading down to Roatan on February 12th.

We don't often get the opportunity to include pictures of members "in the audience" in our bulletin, but Dan Holmes caught some really good ones, so enjoy!



MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Day/Time Club Location

Monday

Noon Santa Paula Logsdon Restaurant
Noon Ventura South Wedgewood Banquet Ctr.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

7:00 AM Carpinteria AM Carpinteria Women's Club
Ventura Marina 4 Points Sheraton, Ventura Harbor
Noon Camarillo Camarillo Center for Spiritual Living

Thursday

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

Friday

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

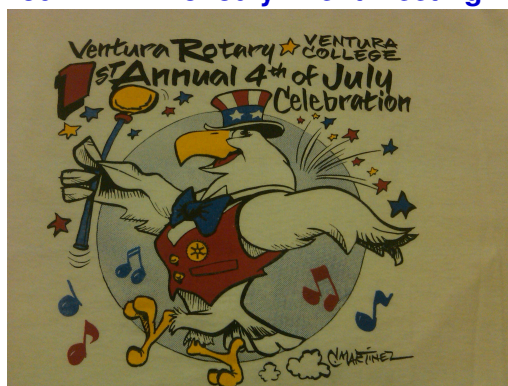
The Four Way Test – of the things we think, say and do:

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 9, 2011

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 the end of February. Tentative location is the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Stay tuned for more information. Thank you, Tom!!!