



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

"The friendliest club in Rotary"

100% Paul Harris Club



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Meeting January 5, 2011

Reporter: Bob Schilken

After weeks of rain and cold, the Ventura weather turned sunny and the Downtown Rotary Lunch meeting reflected the change with an upbeat lively group. Adding to the energy was the fact that this was our once-a-month mandatory Past-President groups seating day, which seems to generate even louder meal conversations than normal.

Steve Bradvica started the flag solute and offered an invocation, which was followed by Clyde, Rose Ann, and Bob leading a rousing verse of "God Bless America". Visiting Rotarian Bern Novatt from the Blythe Club and guest Connie Young were introduced.

President Hutch, who attended the **Rotary Foundation Gala** event last week, treated us to a view of his uncharacteristically risqué "Gala outfit" including a mask, a bulky necklace of colored beads, and a 'cute' umbrella/parasol. He presented to past



president Larry Emrich (pictured) a banner from The R I President for last year's achievement of being a **100% Rotary Foundation Club**. This honor is only received by 669 of the 34,000+ clubs in the world, so kudos to Larry and the club! Hutch then rid himself of the beaded necklace and bestowed it to Larry.

Club member birthdays were recognized.

Announcements: Margo Burns solicited for and filled in the last openings of our Dictionary distribution days over the next two weeks. We will hand out 1200 personal dictionaries to 3rd graders in the city, and get a chance to show the kids what community service looks like.



Bob Cheatham (pictured) announced that he is taking over from retiring Bruce Reeve to coordinate the Mobile Blood Bank at our meetings every three months. Bob reminded us the drive is in two weeks on Jan 19th from 10:00AM to 2:00 PM. Albert McCartney announced that we still have too openings for our Honduras trip to Glendafae Humanitarian Free Clinic on February 12th in which we assist the two doctors and one dentist. This one week trip will cost roughly \$700, and is something you will never forget.

Dale Jaedtke then announced a new Rotaract fundraiser which is raffling off a Vespa Moped Scooter for \$40 per ticket. An already energized meeting appeared to ratchet up even more on this unusual choice. Bob Schilken announced the first Ride for Literacy meeting next week at 11:30AM, and told of the effort to build the event with new logo, new web page, a face book page, and possibly fancy jerseys and a BBQ.

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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

January 12, 2011

Rotary Awareness Program

Esha Chhabra

D. 5240 Ambassadorial Scholar

January 19, 2011

Craft Talks:

Greg Kincaid & Ken Cooper

January 26, 2011

Farming Economy

(Melissa Sayers)

Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

Introductions

Chair: Chris Brashears

Jan. 12 – Larry Rasmussen

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

Jan. 12 – Kathy Scroggs Jan. 19 – Gary Young

Jan. 26 – Scott Patterson

Fining

Chair: Todd Binkley

Jan. 12 – TBA

Jan. 19 - TBA

2010-11 Officers and Directors

Officers

PresidentHutch Hutchinson
 President ElectLynda Girtsman
 Secretary Jim Deardoff
 Recording Secretary *Larry Emrich
 TreasurerJim Newton
 Assistant Treasurer *Mark Sauer
 Immediate Past PresidentLarry Emrich
 •Non-Voting Position

Avenue of Service Directors

Club ServiceMaria Berntson
 Community ServiceDennis LaRochelle
 International ServiceAlbert 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 Jaedtko

Kristin Taylor

John Williams

Announcements continued

Prez Hutch announced another **PRLS** training opportunity on January 29th in Bakersfield,

Fining: Todd Binkley (pictured) enriched our coffers with questions on the capital cities of the states.



Happy dollars finally ensued with Roz, our Sergeant of Arms, running a marathon back and forth between the tables. A most noteworthy happy announcement was that of member Christine Rust's engagement to be married.

Rotary Moment: PP Terry Schaeffer reminisced on how enabling it has been to Rotary and to him personally when members say "Yes". Yes when asked to serve, to give or to help.

The biggest surprise of the meeting was that there was no program presentation today. Instead President Elect Lynda Girtsman announced that each table of members was to be responsible for soliciting and presenting the programs for an entire month starting in February. An innocuous folder on our tables identified in which month we were on the hook.



Since each table at this "mandatory seating meeting" was headed up by a past President of the Club, no one was much worried and most of the groups began discussing what they might do themselves for one of those programs. Steve Doll interrupted the buzz and announced that there would be a **potluck dinner** (con fundraiser) at Sherry Scott's house on January 10 at 5:30 PM to watch the BCS Championship game. At 12:25 PM President Hutch quieted the enthusiastic group, bade farewell, and adjourned the meeting.

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 Morning | Carpinteria Women's Club |
| 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

January 12, 2011 (Wednesday)

11:30 AM Ride for Literacy Meeting

For more information, please contact Bob Schilken

January 19, 2011 (Wednesday)

10 AM – 2 PM R C Ventura Blood Drive

For more information, please contact Steve Chadbourne

January 20, 2011 (Thursday)

11:45 AM – Board Meeting @ 71 Palm

This qualifies as a make-up if attended within the make-up period.

January 26, 2011 (Wednesday)

Monthly Canned Food Drive

Please bring cans of food or make a cash donation (via fine slip)

January 29, 2011 (Saturday)

8:30A – 4:30P Basic PRLS

Bakersfield; for more info please contact Barbara Asbell.

January 29, 2011 (Saturday)

8 AM – 4 PM Santa Maria Fair Park - District 5240 Poverty Symposium

Open to Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and their guests.

Cost \$75 (including breakfast & lunch) or \$300/club

You don't want to miss this event – it won't be anything like previous Poverty Conferences.

For more information, please contact Maria Berntson or go to ROTARYSTEPSONPOVERTY.ORG

May 21-25, 2011

R I Convention - New Orleans, LA.

We have 10 rooms booked at the Lafayette Hotel @ 149/night for 5 nights.

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.

Welcome New Club Service Committee Members:

Todd Binkley – Fining
Chris Brashears – Introductions
Ed Campbell - Pennants
Steve Chadbourne – Blood Drive

Bob Schilken - Bulletin Reporter for the month of January!

Thank you all for your willingness to serve our club!