



# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
Weekly Bulletin*

*"The friendliest club in Rotary"*

*100% Paul Harris Club*



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**Meeting of January 11, 2012**  
**Prisoner Realignment Program**  
**Sheriff Geoff Dean**  
**Reporter: Betsy Chess**

## Introductions



Introductions and Invocation were provided by **Mark Sauer**. President Lynda presented **Gary Young and Sally Crain with Paul Harris Fellowships**

— two people who never say no!

## Announcements

**Margo Bryne** needs three more people on the 17th and two more 18th to help with dictionary delivery.

**Ed McCombs** highlighted the program on February 8th — an off site meeting at Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula. Program will begin at 11:00 AM. Carpooling is encouraged.

**Steve Kipp** thanked the Bell Ringers who raised a total of \$2,840 — a new record!

**Dale Jaedtke** reminded us of the Rotaract Social on Monday the 16th at the Wedgewood Center.

**Larry Emrich** announced that India is Polio Free!

**Mike Anderson** tried to sell the rest of the Super Bowl Pool squares. Winner receives a Paul Harris Fellowship (to keep or give) and the money goes to Polio Plus.



## Rotary Moment

Ed Summers shared that his moment is really a month. He loves December for all the Rotary activities including the Children's Party, Bell Ringers, etc.

## Rotary Magazine Report

**Dave Loe** reported that the most recent magazine highlighted Rotary in popular culture. Rotary has become shorthand for "City Fathers", "Captains of Industry", "Fat Cats", etc.



## Fining

Cessy Figueroa asked questions about her birthplace, Peru, at which we excelled!

## Happy Dollars

A happy start to the New Year! All proceeds go to our homeless prevention program.

## Program

**Roz Warner** introduced our speaker **Sheriff Geoff Dean**, 32-year Ventura County veteran and the 19th Sheriff of Ventura County, who talked about the prisoner re-alignment program.



Re-alignment is interesting and controversial. It represents a significant change. State had 33,000 too many inmates and a suit was lodged saying healthcare was not adequate. State Supreme Court said population must be reduced by 30,000. Two choices 1.

Release 30,000 back into the community or...?

The decided solution was to repatriate all non-violent felons back into the County Jail System beginning in October 2011. No cap was set on the amount of prisoners who could be moved so County jails are experiencing a huge influx of prisoners. Ventura County saw an increase of 260 inmates in the first six months

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## Meeting Programs & Assignments

### Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

January 18, 2012

Wine Making

Larry Rasmussen

January 25, 2012

The Miracle Brain: How to think & work smarter

Joel Rauch, M.D.

February 1, 2012

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President Harold Edwards

February 8, 2012

OFFSITE – Thomas Aquinas College

Program begins 11AM

### Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

Jan 18 – Norbert Tan

Jan 25 – Doug Wood

### Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

Jan 18 – Dave Wallace

Jan 25 – Dick Hatcher

### Fining

Chair: Ron Bamieh

Jan 18 – Dan Holmes

Jan 25 – Ellyn Dembowski

## 2011-12 Officers and Directors

### Officers

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President Elect Nominee .....	Irene Henry
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Assistant Treasurer * .....	Mark Sauer
Immediate Past President .....	Hutch Hutchinson
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### Avenues of Service

#### Club Service

Director .....	Terry Schaeffer
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Director .....	Curtis Cormane
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Director .....	Ellyn Dembowski
Assistant .....	Ken Cooper

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

### Program continued

of the program and anticipates that over the next 30 months that number will be 430 inmates. Current capacity can accommodate 350 of those.

What does this mean? Many non-violent felons will be released back into the community instead of being arrested. Electronic monitoring of convicted felons is another option.

The number of parolees in the VC system (1900) will not increase, but now will be overseen by County probation officers. However, 50% of the cost now will be picked up by the State.



Sheriff Dean said that most of our inmates are in for six years or less. Some other counties are getting longer terms. Jails are not designed for long-term care and problems. Health care and attendant costs are a huge issue. For instance, due to State regulations, prisoners

cannot be given generic drugs. (Huge groan from the audience!) Another problem is the "sophistication" of long-term inmates = much harder to guard. In 30 months Ventura County will accrue an additional \$2.7 million in increased costs. State is supposed to repay us (another huge groan). The law allows for prisoners to be transferred to other cities that have capacity, but it prohibits the use private contractors. Sheriff Dean reassured us that "the sky is not falling", but it looks to this reporter that some rainy days are ahead.



## SUPERBOWL PARTY SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

Location: Sherry Scott's & Tim Jack's home  
969 Scenic Drive, Ventura

Time: 5 pm until game is over and clean-up complete  
(about 8:30 pm)

Format: Usual Rotary Potluck – bring appetizer, main or side dish or dessert to pass.

Service, water, soft drinks, napkins etc will be provided. You may bring your own favorite beverage (beer or wine).

We have issued a challenge to the club to feature "food on a stick". This is only a suggestion and not a requirement, but Prez Lynda will be giving "extra credit" for those who comply.

What is "food on a stick"? Popsicles, Iowa corn dogs, fondue, cocktail wieners, shish kabobs, chocolate covered strawberries, Asian meat skewers and sauce, veggie skewers or fruit kabobs (toothpicks count as a stick).

*If your specialty is a tuna noodle surprise, by all means bring it!*

*Any questions – call Terry S. at 479-0067*

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### Jan. 25 – The Miracle Brain

Brenda Alison will introduce Joel Rauch, M.D. author of Dr. Joel's Be Super Fit for Life!

### YOUR MIRACLE BRAIN!



Feeding Your Miracle Brain: *How to Think and Work Smarter*. **Joel Rauch M.D.** medical doctor, sports doc, and nutrition expert, has spent 50 years teaching people the steps they need to take each day to create a state of high energy, vitality & good health.

*"Why don't all doctors talk like this?"*

What makes Dr. Rauch unique in the field of whole body health, is his vast knowledge of science, medicine, brain function, nutrition, biochemistry and physiology, as well as the fundamentals of good digestion, human psychology, meditation, cybernetics, and biofeedback.

[DrLongevity.org](http://DrLongevity.org)

Invite Dr. Joel As A Guest Speaker  
303-443-3697

As an inspirational speaker, he is also star of a 10 DVD series on Whole Body Health produced by the Education Exchange. Dr. Joel's inspirational message lifts everybody who hears it, so you don't want to miss this program!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Jan 17 – 20 – Dictionary Distribution

**Please contact Margo Byrne for more information**

### Jan 19 (Thursday), 11:45 AM, 71 Palm Board meeting

### Jan 27 (Friday) 7:30 AM, Crowne Plaza Newcomers' Meeting

Jan 28 (Saturday) 8 AM – 4PM, UCSB District 5240 Annual Poverty Conference (S.T.E.P.S.). Free for Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors. Non-Rotarians \$25. Breakfast is included. For more information, go to the District website [www.rotarydistrict5240.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5240.org)

### February 5 (Sunday), 5 PM

#### Sherry Scott's home

**Super Bowl Party & Potluck – see details on page 2 of this bulletin. Questions - contact Terry Schaeffer**

### February 8 – OFFSITE MEETING

#### Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula

**NOTE: Program starts at 11AM; car pooling is encouraged. Contact Ed McCombs for more detail.**

### UPCOMING PRLS DATES:

#### Basis PRLS:

**2/18/12 (Saturday) – Inn at Morro Bay**

**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)**