

# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
Weekly Bulletin*

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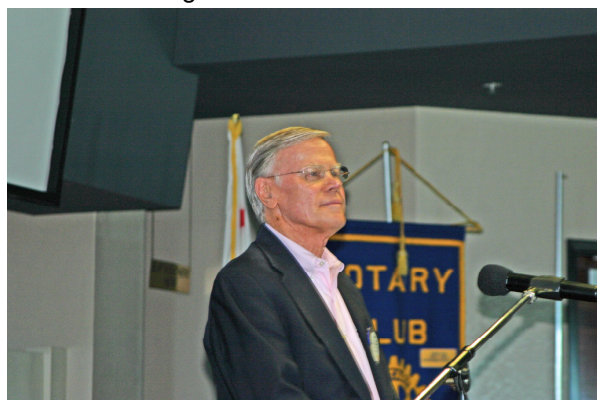
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## Meeting January 12, 2011

*Reporter: Bob Schilken*

Larry Rasmussen (pictured) opened the meeting with our flag salute and invocation, followed by Clyde and RoseAnn leading the club in America The Beautiful.



Visiting Rotarians Ron Gerzel from Wisconsin and Arron Hogen from Thailand were introduced, along with many guests including Rotaract members Greg Abrams, Nicole Nellis, Sarah Savelich, and Nano Camarillo. Connie Young was back as a guest of the club and Mary Schaeffer was also present. Christina Rust presented a Blue Badge to Cessy Figueroa and also to Dr. Cary Savitch (pictured) who holds the record for the longest time of being a "Red Badge Member". Congratulations to both!



Terry Schaeffer introduced Luigi Maria Matteis of the Rotary Club of Sorrento, Italy for a Flag Exchange. Luigi came prepared with his own camera to make sure his club got to see a good picture of the smiley exchange.

### **Announcements:**

President Hutch reminded us of the PRLS session at Bakersfield on Jan 29th, and claimed it would satisfy his personal "3-F" requirements of Food, Fun, and Free admission.

Margo Byrne announced that everything is a go for the dictionary distributions starting this week and continuing next week. Hutch discussed the District Symposium to Eliminate Poverty in Santa Maria, to also be held on the 29th.

Bob Cheatham promoted the Blood Drive on the 19th by reminding us of the extra benefits, including "Hero Points", a trip to Las Vegas, and different colored band-aids from which to choose so as to match your attire. Bob Schilken then solicited for volunteers to fill in the list of Ride for Literacy jobs. The next Ride for Literacy meeting is at 11:30 AM January 19th.



Mario de la Piedra (pictured) helped promote the Rotaract Vespa Moped fundraiser; tickets could be purchased with cash, checks or "yellow slips"; the drawing is Sunday.

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Web addresses: Club [www.venturarotary.org](http://www.venturarotary.org) – Photos: [www.rotarycov.smugmug.com](http://www.rotarycov.smugmug.com)  
District 5240 [www.rotarydistrict5240.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5240.org) – R.I. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## Meeting Programs & Assignments

### Programs

Program Chair: Hank Chandler

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. 19 – Chris Brashears

### Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

Jan. 19 – Gary Young Jan. 26 – Scott Patterson

Feb. 2 – Ed McCombs

### Fining

Chair: Todd Binkley

Jan. 19 – Todd Binkley Jan 26 – Betsy Chess

Feb. 2 – Bob Berry

## 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Year 2009-11:

Ellyn Dembowski  
Erik Feingold  
Sonny Shah  
Juan Soto

1<sup>st</sup> Year 2010-12:

Barbara Asbell  
Dale Jaedtke  
Kristin Taylor  
John Williams

### Announcements continued

Mario also announced that he had \$35 of pocket change in his "Pennies for Pencils" collection bottle. So the program works – hint, hint!



Dave Loe (pictured) presented a review of the **Rotary Magazine**. This year is the 100th anniversary of the magazine, which earns it the distinction of being in a small and elite group of century old publications. This month's issue was filled

with photographs and articles from previous years and included names like Buzz Aldrin, Winston Churchill Earnest Hemmingway, Helen Keller, Albert Schweitzer and even Orville Wright.

A **Rotary Moment** was shared by Kathy Scroggs, who consistently chooses to be at the weekly Rotary Club meetings no matter how difficult her day is going. To her the Club is a family of friends that helps her get through the most demanding times in life.

**Happy Dollars** brought many smiles, and a chuckle when Sonny Shah announced he had cleaned 5000 coats this year for the Coats for Kids, but in the rush to complete, lost his two blue blazers (probably went with a coat delivery!), so he was wearing only a shirt and tie today. Sonny you have volunteered an amazing amount of services to our community. Many thanks!

### Program:

Our program today was a presentation from **Esha Chhabra** on her latest Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to the London School of Economics. Esha had spoken to our Club previously after completing her first Scholarship in India, and had impressed everyone with her focus, maturity and speaking skills. Today she



shared her surprise at how laid back the English Rotary Clubs are compared to our District 5240, one of the most active districts in the world. On a more serious note, she reported that, as a veteran of NIDs, on her most recent one she was able to discuss more with the village people being immunized and she gained a different

perspective. Of note is that poor water and sanitation in some areas make it extremely difficult to stop the disease. Esha's many experiences now lead her to want to promote more entrepreneurial efforts for applying new technology to products that can help the poorer countries rather than the wealthiest countries.

## MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Day/Time	Club	Location
<b><u>Monday</u></b>		
Noon	Santa Paula	Logsdon Restaurant
Noon	Ventura South	Wedgewood Banquet Ctr.
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>		
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
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>		
7:00 AM	Carpinteria AM	Carpinteria Women's Club
	Ventura Marina	4 Points Sheraton, Ventura Harbor
Noon	Camarillo	Camarillo Center for Spiritual Living
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>		
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
<b><u>Friday</u></b>		
Noon	Ojai	Soule Park Golf Course

For other District 5240 Make-Up locations and directions go to [rotarydistrict5240.org](http://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](http://rotaryclubone.org). To make up anywhere around the world, go to [rotary.org](http://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 19, 2011 (Wednesday)

#### 11:30 AM Ride for Literacy Meeting

For more information, please contact Bob Schilken

#### 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.

For more information, please contact Maria Berntson or go to [ROTARYSTEPSONPOVERTY.ORG](http://ROTARYSTEPSONPOVERTY.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](http://www.rotary.org) and click on 2011 Rotary Convention.

### *Club Service Committee - OOPS*

Last week, we erroneously announced Ed Campbell as our new "Keeper of Banner/Pennants". We are happy to announce that **Gary Young**, one of our newer members, has agreed to serve in this position. Thank you and welcome, Gary!

### **26 Members log Perfect Attendance**

Club Secretary Jim Deardorff announced that 26 members have "perfect attendance" for the first six months of our 2010-11 Rotary Year. Kudos to all!

Asbell, Barbara	Hill, RoseAnn
Batra, Indy	Hutchinson, Hutch
Bennett, Hoot	Johnson, John
Berntson, Maria	Leach, Don
Blacher, Norm	McCartney, Albert
Campbell, Ed	Measures, Rosa Lee
Chandler, Hank	Newton, Jim
Dawes, Larry	Schaeffer, Terry
Deardorff, Jim	Schilken, Bob
Dembowski, Ellyn	Shah, Sonny
Doll, Steve	Soto, Juan
Girtsman, Lynda	van Nieuwburg, Rob
Hatcher, Dick	Wolfe, Gary