



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

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July 13, 2011

Meeting of June 29, 2011

Reporter: Curtis Cormane

Introductions:

Sally Crain led the club in a prayer for soldiers and introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Unfortunately Terry Schaeffer revealed state secrets when introducing a guest with ties to the NSA. Nice knowing you, Terry.

Announcements & Presentations:

He acknowledged **Dr. Mel and Sylvia Cheatham as recipients of the prestigious "Dr. John Padilla Humanitarian of the Year" award from Rotary District 5240.** This award is given annually to members of our district "whose unstinting 'Service Above Self' encompasses outstanding humanitarian standards of care and concern for the deprived." The Cheathams were honored for their years of innumerable visits to troubled places globally to personally deliver aid and expertise. **Congratulations Dr. Mel and Sylvia!**



We were honored to have Past Club President (1997-98), Everett Millais, join us while visiting Ventura. He presented a banner from his adopted club in Charlottesville, VA.

Terry Schaeffer presented a **Paul Harris Fellow to Susan Eberhart, who is an Assistant Principal at Ventura High School, for her years of service to Ventura's children.** Terry had gotten to know Susan as Principal at Sheridan Way School, where our Rotary club has worked on many projects over the years.



President Hutch presented our **two newest Benefactors to the Rotary Foundation: Brenda Allison and Melody Namikas.** They pledged to make the Rotary Permanent Fund a beneficiary in their estate plans of at least US\$1,000. Consider making this pledge in your plans!

Bob Cheatham reminded us that the next **Blood Drive will be held at the Derby Club during the meeting of July 13, between 10 am and 2 pm.** Contact Bob Cheatham for more information.

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Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

July 13, 2011

*President Lynda's 1st Meeting
Plans for the Year*

July 20, 2011

*Environment & Economic Balance
Mahesh Talwar*

July 27, 2011

*District Governor Visit
Wade Nomura*

Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

July 13 – Dave Bianco

July 20 – Steve Kipp July 27 – Nanci Cone

Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

July 13 – Don Leach

July 20 – Bob Schilken July 27 – Jim Deardorff

Fining

Chair: Ron Bamieh

TBA

2011-12 Officers and Directors

Officers

President Lynda Girtsman
President Elect Indy Batra
Secretary Jim Deardoff
Recording Secretary * Larry Emrich
Treasurer Christine Tonello
Assistant Treasurer * Mark Sauer
Immediate Past President Hutch Hutchinson
•Non-Voting Position

Avenues of Service

Club Service
Director Terry Schaeffer
Assistant Director Dan Holmes
Community Service
Director Curtis Cormane
Assistant Director Nanci Cone
International Service
Director Mario de la Piedra
Assistant Director Ed McCombs
Vocational Service
Director Bill Finley
Assistant Todd Binkley

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Kitty Lynn fined the Club concerning facts and tidbits of the Channel Islands National Park, a rich and diverse natural resource right here in Ventura County.

As this was the last meeting of President Hutch, the program was a comprehensive wrap-up of accomplishments for the 2010-11 Rotary year. Under President Hutch's leadership, our club was awarded the status of Super Club by District 5240, an accomplishment that had been one of Hutch's goals for his year.

The Prez invited each Avenue of Service Director to come forward to briefly present their accomplishments.

Maria Berntson- Club Service

Maria thanked the numerous club members who helped accomplish a great year. Given that we are a large club, there are 23 separate club service committees to ensure a smooth-running organization that meets our needs.

Dennis LaRochelle- Community Service

Our Club participated in 15 different projects, including Fourth of July, Backpack for Kids (525 stuffed this year); Coats for Kids, Furry Friends, the Childrens Holiday Party, Bell Ringers, Interactors and Rotaractors.

For the clubs many efforts, involving a great deal of our membership, District 5240 found it fitting to award the **2010-11 Community Service Club (Large) of Year to Ventura Rotary! Congratulations Dennis and his team!**

Albert McCartney- International Service

The main thrust of International Service this year was continued support of the Glendafae Clinic in Roatan, Honduras, including sending an X-ray machine, medicines and other goods. Albert has also established relationships with other organizations to effectively direct aid to this underserved island in Central America. Albert, along with club member David Shea, have made several personal visits to Roatan at their own expense.

Scott Patterson- Vocational Service

Scott outlined efforts this year including: Scholarships, the AVID 4-way test, supplying 1200 dictionaries to 3rd graders in 18 different schools in the Ventura Unified School District, the Gold Coast Literacy ride, leadership discussions, Interact and Reading in Schools.

Final Thought:

President Hutch saved his most poignant end-of-meeting quote for his last meeting, from Robert F. Kennedy: "You are happiest when your making the greatest contribution." You must be very happy, **Immediate Past President Hutch, for the great contribution as leader of this motley crew for the past year! Congratulations!**

Membership Corner

Birthdays:

07 – Shuna Feingold
10 – Barbara Asbell
Richard Taylor
11 – Ron Calkins
13 – Rob van Nieuwburg
14 - Jim Newton
18 - Roger Case
20 - Dan Hefelfinger
22 - Bob Donaldson
25 - David Bianco

Wedding Anniversaries

02 - RoseAnn and David Hill
26 - John and Cherie Brant
27 - Norm and Joan Blacher



July Club Anniversaries

1 year

Ken Cooper
Justin Weber
Katherine Wertheim

2 years

Saurabh Bajaj

4 years

John Williams

7 years

Ellyn Dembowski

8 years

Betsy Chess

13 years

Steve Doll



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13 (Wednesday) Noon
President Lynda Girtsman's
1st Meeting



July 13 (Wednesday) 10 AM – 2 PM

Blood Drive (Blood mobile - Derby Club parking lot)

Call Bob Cheatham for more info.

July 21 (Thursday) 11:45 AM

Board Meeting – 71 Palm

July 22 (Friday) 7:00 AM

Newcomers' Breakfast – Crowne Plaza Café

Call Tom Naylor for more info.

July 27 (Wednesday) Noon

D. G. Wade Nomura's Club Visit

July 31 (Saturday) 1 PM

Picnic for D.G. Wade Nomura at Foster Park

August 3 (Wednesday) Noon

Offsite Meeting at National Weather Service in Oxnard

August 6 (Saturday) 9 AM

Fair Parade – Downtown Ventura

August 10 (Wednesday) Noon

Offsite Meeting at Camarillo Airport

At left – Brenda Allison & Melody Namikas, our club's newest Rotary Foundation Benefactors