



# ROTARY SPOKES

## *The Rotary Club of Ventura Weekly Bulletin*

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## Meeting July 7, 2010

Reporter: Tony Sabatino

Joyfully welcoming the members of the Rotary Club of Ventura to **President Hutch Hutchinson's first meeting** was Melody O'Leary-Namikas. Lunch was highlighted by chicken, tri-tip and chocolate chip cookies, a sure bet to make a good first impression! Displayed throughout the meeting space were the many banners, both domestic and international, collected from the clubs visited by our members, and flowers accenting each table.



The meeting was expeditiously called to order promptly at 12:30 pm by President Hutch, who then turned it over to Indy Batra to lead us in the flag

salute and an invocation that helped members focus on their "next breath". Clyde Reynolds, Jim Spencer and RoseAnn Hill led us in the patriotic song. After guests were introduced, the meeting was resumed by President Hutch who immediately welcomed Jim Deardorff to the podium to begin the announcements. Jim proudly listed the members with perfect attendance for the past year, highlighting Hoot Bennett's 54 years of membership and 54 years of perfect attendance. President Hutch then welcomed back Ed Campbell to the Rotary Club of Ventura by re-inducting him after an unexpected absence (pictured above).. Hutch recognized Bob Schilken for his work in leading a very successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks fundraiser and Maria Berntson for the new design of the weekly bulletin. Hutch then solicited members to join him in the Ventura County Fair Parade on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Additional announcements included the Blood Drive on July 21<sup>st</sup> and Dick Hatcher's report that **our club has donated over \$500,000 to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).**



After the announcements, eight members gave Happy Dollars to the cause, briefly sharing their happy stories. Hutch then invited David Loe to give us a Rotary Moment. Dave provided the members with a sincere reflection on the success of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Fireworks project by stating that it was the "best one" he has witnessed throughout his membership. Dave confidently said "it was a proud day to be a Rotarian".

The program featured an introduction of the Working Artists of Ventura (WAV) program. Providing background information on the WAV was Frances Spencer, a resident playwright, poet, painter and printmaker in the program. Frances explained that 77 artists have been chosen and are now residents of the affordable housing in the "green" building located on Thompson Ave. and Ventura Blvd. The facilities for the artists provide state-of-the-art technology and a theatre. *(continued on page 2)*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**July 14, 2010** – "Backpacks for Kids" committee  
11:30 am (Derby Club)

**July 15, 2010** – Newcomers Meeting 7:30 AM and  
Pierpont Inn. Board Meeting at  
11:45 AM at 71 Palm (make-ups)  
11:30 AM "Backpacks for Kids"  
committee meeting (Derby Club)

**July 21, 2010** – Rotary Blood Drive at regular club  
meeting

**July 27, 2010** – Evening reception for District  
Governor Deepa Willingham at the  
Museum of Ventura County

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## Club Meetings and Events

### Programs

Program Chair: Hank Chandler

July 7, 2010

Inside the WAV (Working Artists Ventura)

July 14, 2010

Morgan Henry Ehrh

Rotary Youth Exchange Student - Chile

July 21, 2010

The Year Ahead – President Hutch & Company

July 28, 2010

D G Deepa Willingham's Official Visit

### Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

July 14 – Dan Holmes

### Introductions

Chair: Indy Batra

July 21 – Todd Binkley July 14 – Scott Patterson

July 28 – Doug Halter

### Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

July 07 – Dave Loe

July 14 – Warren Lovell

### Fining

Chair: Michele Olsen

July 14 – Abram Abrams

July 21 – Terri Adams

## 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 LaRoche

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



pieces and Dan (pictured) performed an original composition on guitar.

## *July Birthdays & Anniversaries* *Congratulations to ALL!!!*

### Birthdays:

1<sup>st</sup> – Mary Squire

14<sup>th</sup> – Jim Newton

10<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Asbell

18<sup>th</sup> – Dan Hefelfinger

11<sup>th</sup> – Ron Calkins

20<sup>th</sup> – Roger Case

13<sup>th</sup> – Rob van Nieuwburg

25<sup>th</sup> – David Bianco

### Anniversaries:

1<sup>st</sup> - Jerry & Marilyn Beckerman

2<sup>nd</sup> - RoseAnn & David Hill

16<sup>th</sup> - Eric & Janet Baucom

26<sup>th</sup> - John & Cherie Brant

27<sup>th</sup> - Norman & Joan Blacher

### Club Anniversaries:

1<sup>st</sup> - Robert Lagomarsino (9 years)

Jose Duenas (2 years)

Saurabh Bajaj (1 Year)

25<sup>th</sup> – John Williams (3 years)

## ***The BBT (Bad Boys Table) Report:***

Dateline 7 July: Rob van Nieuwburg gave thanks, via Happy Dollar, that the BBT was noted in the new bulletin. This has raised speculation that the BBT will continue this new tradition during “Happy Dollars” at each meeting. Meanwhile, the WAV presentation had an impact on Dale Jaedtke who was knocked back several times in his squeaky chair, prompting Rob to flag him twice with a linen napkin. Sonny Shah nodded his support of Rob's attempt to assure the safety of a fellow Rotarian. And, true to his word, Saurabh Bajaj returned to the BBT this week.

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

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?