

ROTARY SPOKES

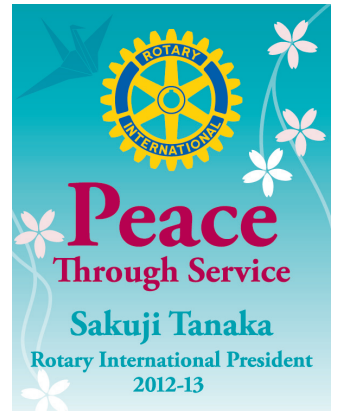
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Welcome District 5240 Governor Frank Ortiz

A member of the Rotary Club of Santa Maria Breakfast since 1998, Frank served as their 20th Club President in 2003-2004. That year, his Club was named 'Outstanding Medium Size Club' for District 5240. He held Club offices as Secretary, International Service, Vocational Service, and TRF; as well as their Rotary Centennial Park co-chair. Key leadership positions at the District level include Group Representative and Assistant Governor, each for 2 years; 2008 District Conference Chair; 2009 Foundation Gala Chair; District Personnel Committee; District Governor Nominating Committee; Vocational Service Director; Community Service Director; and Rotary Foundation Area Representative.

Frank holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Management from Saint Mary's College and a Master's Degree in Emergency Services Administration from CSU Long Beach. He is a Master PRLS Graduate, and a Charter Member of the District 5240 Paul Harris Society. His wife, Scottie, is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. The couple has traveled to Mexico, South Korea, and Nigeria in the name of Rotary. In 2007, they participated on a Polio NID in Nigeria.

In 2005-2006, Frank was named Group Representative of the Year, and was honored as the Co-District Rotarian of the Year in 2008-2009. Frank and Scottie reside in Santa Maria, where Frank served as the City's Fire Chief from 1997-2009. He retired in 2009 after serving 33 years in the fire service profession.



Frank and Scottie Ortiz

Important Reminder!

Offsite Meetings
August 1st and 8th
See "Upcoming Events"
for more details



Today's Agenda

Introductions
Mike Anderson

Rotary Moment
Doug Haines

Fining
Mystery Member

Program
DG Frank Ortiz
***"Address to the
Ventura Rotary Club"***



Next Week's Program

Marsha Bailey

"When Banks Can't Lend: Where
to Find Money for your Business."

Meeting of July 11, 2012

Reporter: Betsy Chess



Welcome President Indy Batra!

Introductions

Dan Holmes handled Introductions and read an emotional poem. He pledged not to be the "guy who chokes up" (a gentle allusion to Terry, his predecessor as Club Services chair). We sang God Bless America led by Clyde Reynolds, Jim Spencer and RoseAnne Hill and then sang Happy Birthday/Anniversary to all concerned.

Presentations and Announcements

- Kathy Scroggs introduced our outbound Exchange Student Ella Svete who is going to Chile.
- Prez Indy re-inducted Linda Roos back into membership.
- Rosa Lee Measures urged us to attend the District Governor's reception at the Museum next Tuesday the 17th.
- Steve Warriner recapped the successful 4th of July celebration with thanks to all involved. Over 5,000 people attended. It was suggested that more publicity about what we do with the money be given.
- Christina Rust presented SusAnne Lee Chung with her Blue Badge.
- Kristin Taylor will be chairing Coats for Kids again and said the school district has already donated 40 bags of coats. She thanked Sonny Shaw for his invaluable help.

Happy Dollars

A happy group indeed!

Program

Prez Indy and his slate of officers and chairpersons presented the program. Indy would like to inaugurate an essay contest about humanitarianism for high school seniors. There would be a \$5,000 prize. This would be a way to increase knowledge about what Rotary does. Indy also would like to see continuity in project leadership i.e. co-chairs succeeding chairs.



- Dan Holmes, Club Service Chair, introduced his committee leadership. His co-chair is Mario de la Piedra.
- Ellyn Dembowski introduced her Community Services team. Ron Calkins is her co-chair. She said she would like to do a better job of including new members in projects by making sure the projects were clearly explained.
- Ed McCombs is chair of International Service. Christina Rust is his co-chair and he has a super team. Ed wants to continue projects already begun and to make sure the local communities are fully involved to insure sustainability of the project.
- Todd Binkley is Vocational Service chair and Doug Halter is his co-chair. Todd hopes to reach out to veterans this year.
- Courtney Lindberg, co-chair for New Generations, spoke for Gary Young the avenue chairperson. Her goal is to be more interactive, focus on the environment



and attract younger members.

- Irene Henry, Prez-Elect, challenged us all to bring in one new member.

Finally, Indy's "Words of Wisdom": Don't spend life trying to fill your piggy bank with an elephant, just pull it out and enjoy the ride.

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

Pierpont Inn

Jul 19, 2012 11:45 AM

Offsite Meeting

Farm and Ranch Museum

Aug 01, 2012 12:00 PM

Fair Parade

Downtown Ventura

Aug 04, 2012 09:00 AM

Offsite Meeting

Wedgewood Banquet Center

Aug 08, 2012 12:00 PM

Blood Drive

Derby Club Parking Lot

Aug 15, 2012 10:00 AM

2012 District 5240 Conference

Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA

Sep 28 - 30, 2012



Our outbound exchange student, Ella Svete.



Rotary Club of Ventura 2012-2013

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President	Indy Batra
President Elect	Irene Henry
Secretary	Jim Deardoff
Recording Secretary *	Larry Emrich
Treasurer	Connie Young
Assistant Treasurer *	Mark Sauer
Immediate Past President	Lynda Girtsman

*Non-Voting Position

Avenues of Service

Club Service

Director	Dan Holmes
Assistant Director	Mario de la Piedra

Community Service

Director	Ellyn Dembowski
Assistant Director	Ron Calkins

International Service

Director	Ed McCombs
Assistant Director	Christina Rust

New Generations

Director	Gary Young
Assistant Director	Courtney Lindberg

Vocational Service

Director	Todd Binkley
Assistant Director	Doug Halter

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