



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin
"The friendliest club in Rotary"
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Welcome to Lynda Girtsman's Year as President!

Introductions:

Dave Bianco made the introductions and gave the invocation and we sang It's a Grand Old Flag led by Roseanne Hill, Bob Schilken, Jim Spencer and Clyde Reynolds.

Announcements:

Terry Schaeffer invited everyone to a potluck picnic at Foster Park on Sunday, July 31st to honor the new District 5240 Governor, Wade Namura.



Sheila Fattarelli reminded everyone that there would be a Fireside Chat July 21st at Hank & Fran Chandler's home. Bob Cheatham thanked all those who gave blood.

Ellyn Dembowski announced that the 8th annual Backpack project would kick off with a meeting



August 13th at the Westside Center. Last year we handed out 525 backpacks to Ventura school kids. She urged everyone to be on the lookout for sales on needed school supplies. Everyone was pleased to welcome former member Mike

Anderson back for a visit!

Happy Dollars:

Among many others was a special congratulation to President Lynda and the 4th of July committee who put on such a tremendous event!

New Member Induction:



Suzanne Lee Chong was inducted as our newest member. She sponsored by Brenda Allison and her classification is "Law – Estate Planning & Business".

Rotary Moment:

Don Leach told us that for him, there is no one moment, but always something new. "When this club is involved, the job is always done well!"

Program:

President Lynda kicked off the program and her year as president with the excellent new Rotary video, "Come Join Us" designed as a recruiting tool for Rotary.

The new board presented the program. A small brochure was passed out that listed all Rotarians involved in projects, offices or activities as well as a full listing of activity dates and contacts. New this year is the position of assistant director for each Avenue of Service, who will then lead the position the following year. There is also a new Avenue of Service - New Generations, which will be headed up by Ellyn Dembowski and Ken Cooper. Speakers included:

Indy Batra, President Elect, whose goal for membership is an increase of 10%. He also wants more PR for our community projects as a way to increase awareness and membership. **Cont'd**

Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

July 20, 2011

*Environment & Economic Balance
Mahesh Talwar*

July 27, 2011

*District Governor Visit
Wade Nomura*

August 3, 2011

OFFSITE

Visit to the Weather Station in Oxnard

August 10, 2011

OFFSITE

Camarillo Airport – Aviation Museum

Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

July 20 – Steve Kipp July 27 – Nanci Cone

Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

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

New Generations

Director Ellyn Dembowski
 Assistant Ken Cooper

Vocational Service

Director Bill Finley
 Assistant Todd Binkley

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Terry Schaeffer, Club Service Chair, with Dan Holmes assisting plans to keep things fun and running smoothly!



Curtis Cormane, Community Service Chair, plans to add an environmental project and to support a Rotaract project. With **assistant Nanci Cone,** a new senior project will also be considered.

Ellyn Dembowski and assistant Ken Cooper will focus the New Generations Avenue of Service on fostering leadership development among young people aged 30-40, "the future of Rotary". Ellyn would also like us to sponsor an Ambassadorial Scholar and to increase our involvement at the RYLA Conference.

Mario de la Piedra, backed by Ed McCombs, will chair



International Service. Our involvement in Honduras will continue with Albert McCartney and Greg Abrams. Mario will look into new projects in Nicaragua. He wants to see us continue to maintain an international emergency fund so that we will be able to assist with disaster relief efforts as the need arises.

Bill Finley, with Todd Binkley assisting, believes



Vocational Service is the core of Rotary. He plans to make our online directories more useful and to increase networking opportunities. He feels we need to do a better job of describing who we are and what we do. He'd like to see us

establish internships for high school and college students and to connect more with other groups such as Women's Economic Ventures, the Downtown Ventura organizations etc. to help us accomplish our goals.

The presentations created a "buzz of energy and anticipation" among the members. Prez Lynda then turned to the membership and asked "**What would you like to see different?**" (Does she have any idea what a floodgate this may open???)

A great start to a new Rotary Year!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 20:

Environment & Economic Balance

Presenter: Mahesh Talwar

Mr. Talwar is a recipient of the US President's Award for Sustainable Development, and the California Governor's Award for Environmental and Economic Balance. Under his leadership at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the City of Calabassas was the recipient of the Clean Air Award for Mr. Talwar's compressed natural gas filling station design and implementation at Chevron station in Calabassas. His presentation will include the following topics:

- Development and implementation of air pollution control technologies for diesel engines used in locomotives and tug boats
- Emission testing
- Emissions trading
- Development and implementation of alternative/renewable fuel production technologies.

July 27:

D.G. Wade Nomura's Official Visit:

D.G. Wade will present to us his visions and plans for the year ahead

August 3:

Offsite - Visit to the National Weather Station in Oxnard.

Terry Schaeffer will conduct tour.

August 10:

Offsite - Camarillo Airport Aviation Museum

Speaker: Dr. John Woolley, CAF Executive Officer/Museum Director

He is the former Dean of Students at Ventura College and is on the board of directors of the Ventura College Foundation. He is an expert on WWII aircraft and is often called Colonel John Woolley.

After Dr. Woolley's presentations, small groups will be led through the museum and aircraft by guides, who are mostly WWII veterans.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 21 (Thursday) 11:45 AM

Board Meeting – 71 Palm

July 21 (Thursday) 6:00 PM

Fireside Chat Potluck at Hank & Fran Chandler's home.

Contact Sheila Fattarelli for more information

July 22 (Friday) 7:00 AM

Newcomers' Breakfast – Crowne Plaza Café

Contact Tom Naylor for more info.

July 27 (Wednesday) Noon

D. G. Wade Nomura's Official Club Visit

July 31 (Sunday) 1 PM

Picnic for D.G. Wade Nomura at Foster Park

Contact Terry Schaeffer or Rosa Lee Measures for more information

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 – Aviation Museum