



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

*"The friendliest club in Rotary"
Chartered May 1, 1919
100% Paul Harris Club
Issue 3, 2010-11*



Editor: Maria Berntson maria@lindsayandcompanycpa.com
Assistant Editor: Tim Schiffer director@venturamuseum.org

Photographers: Dan Holmes, Jim Deardorff,
John McConica II, Steve Doll

Meeting July 14, 2010

Reporter: Tony Sabatino

Greeting members at the door with big smiles were Red Badgers Dan Holmes and Elizabeth Mayer, along with Past President Larry Emrich, apparently to show them "how it's done". The lunch menu was back to chicken and no cookies. The meeting was called to order precisely at 12:30 pm by President Hutch who humbly remarked that he was "still in training". Hutch introduced Scott Patterson, who invited the membership to pray for the firefighters in Camarillo as they battled the most recent brush fires. Following the invocation, our patriotic song trio (Jim Spencer, Rose Ann Hill, and Bob Schilken) led us in singing "God Bless America".



After seven guests were introduced to the friendliest club in Rotary, President Hutch welcomed Don Leach (pictured) to announce the additional members with perfect attendance

for the past year. Following Don, Ellyn Dembowski announced that planning for the 6th Annual Backpack Project was under way to support needy children in the Ventura Unified School District. Ellyn indicated that the Westside Lion's Club will be working with us on this project. Bruce Reeve then reminded members that the semi-annual blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21st.

Additional announcements included a reminder by Rosa Lee Measures that 2010-11 District 5240 Governor, Deepa Willingham, will be conduct her formal visit to our club on July 28th. Included in the visit is a reception the evening before (July 27th) at the Museum of Ventura County. Tim Schiffer, Museum Director, encouraged all to attend the event

at the newly re-opened museum. Steve Kipp introduced Rob van Nieuwburg to announce a Julius Gius Memorial Foundation Award given to Leo Tauber. Leo expressed his appreciation and told us that Julius had been one of his patients. For the final announcement, Prez Hutch pointed out that the club had funded seven shelter boxes through Happy Dollars and that we were only \$135 away from funding another one. Several members took up the challenge with their happy stories, but none with greater magnitude than Dave Wallace and Ron Bamieh, who each contributed \$135, which not only completed box 8 but also started funding for box 9. Ron's happy story announced the birth of his son to the Bamieh family.



The program was presented by Morgan Henry-Ehritt (pictured with President Hutch) and was introduced by her mother, Rotarian Irene

Henry. Morgan had spent the 2009-2010 school year in Chile as our club's sponsored exchange student. She provided us with a PowerPoint presentation of pictures showing fellow exchange students, her host family, the school she attended, and views of the diverse landscape of Chile (cont'd)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 27, 2010 – Evening reception for District Governor Deepa Willingham**
- July 28, 2010 – D.G. Deepa Willingham's official club visit**
- Aug. 4, 2010 - Offsite Meeting, Poinsettia Pav.**
- Aug. 11, 2010 - Offsite Meeting, Salvation Army**

Web addresses: Club www.venturarotary.org – Photos: www.rotarycov.smugmug.com
District 5240 www.rotarydistrict5240.org – R.I. www.rotary.org

Club Meetings and Events

Programs

Program Chair: Hank Chandler

July 21, 2010

The Year Ahead – President Hutch & Company

July 28, 2010

D G Deepa Willingham's Official Visit

August 4, 2010

Offsite: Poinsettia Pavilion

Life after Brain Surgery

August 11, 2010

Offsite: Salvation Army

The Salvation Army

Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

July 21 – Michele Olsen & Randy Hinton

July 28 – Scott Patterson & Steve Warriner

Introductions

Chair: Indy Batra

July 21 – Todd Binkley July 28 – Doug Halter

August 4 – Ed Campbell

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

July 28 – Ed Campbell & Sherry Scott

Fining

Chair: Michele Olsen

July 21 – Terri Adams July 28 – Brenda Allison

2010-11 Officers and Directors

Officers

PresidentHutch Hutchinson
President ElectLynda Girtsman
Secretary Jim Deardoff
Recording Secretary *Larry Emrich
TreasurerJim Newton
Assistant Treasurer *Mark Sauer
Immediate Past PresidentLarry Emrich
•Non-Voting Position

Avenue of Service Directors

Club ServiceMaria Berntson
Community ServiceDennis LaRochelle
International ServiceAlbert McCartney
Vocational Service Scott Patterson

Elected Directors

2nd Year 2009-11:

Ellyn Dembowski

Erik Feingold

Sonny Shah

Juan Soto

1st Year 2010-12:

Barbara Asbell

Dale Jaedtke

Kristin Taylor

John Williams

Included in her presentation was her personal story for the experience of the major earthquake that rocked the nation last fall. Morgan pointed to the large number of people who were left homeless for a long period and the volunteer effort in which she participated to assist the homeless during the recovery. Morgan finished her presentation by answering questions from members. Her responses highlighted the "year gained" from the experience, becoming bilingual and dreaming in Spanish, immersing into a foreign culture, and being a student in another country. She concluded by thanking the club for sponsoring her and she was happy to be home.

Membership Corner

New Member Proposal

Ken Cooper has been proposed for membership by President Hutch Hutchinson under the classification Insurance – Workers Compensation.

If you have an objection to Ken's membership in our club, please contact Secretary Jim Deardorff within the next 10 days.

Other Member News & Updates

Leave of Absence: 7/1-9/30/10 – Mary Squire

New Honorary Members: Samantha Hazen & Justin Weber (VHS Interact Faculty Advisors)

Classification Change: Bob Donaldson from Physical Therapy to Real Estate

The BBT Report

Dateline 14 July: It was observed that Sonny Shah shared the head-of-table position with Rob van Nieuwburg. A mystery woman was also seated at the BBT; since she was not introduced as a guest, she will remain a mystery. There was another Wulff sighting, but the real BBT Moment came when Steve Kipp told the tale of Rob's kindness in bringing a sleeping bag to the roadside stranded Sonny Shah.

Quotable Quote

"Half of the American people have never read a newspaper. Half never voted for President. One hopes it is the same half".

Gore Vidal

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?