



# ROTARY SPOKES

## *The Rotary Club of Ventura Weekly Bulletin*

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## Meeting July 21, 2010

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***Editor's note: Due to some technical difficulties, this edition is "picture poor" – sorry!***

Setting the tone for a meeting dedicated to "the year ahead" for our club were greeters Randy Hinton and Michele Olsen, welcoming everyone at the door. Lunch was a sumptuous chicken recipe and included fruit for dessert. An announcement later in the program promised an arrangement with the caterer to serve cookies twice a month in the future.

President Hutch opened the meeting at 12:30 pm. Ed Summers filled in for Todd Binkley (who was delayed at the blood drive) in leading us in the flag salute. The dynamic trio of Hill, Spencer and Reynolds led the patriotic song and Ed reminded us in his invocation of the responsibility we have for each other in support of good health. He closed with the remark "Now we are the best run club in Rotary" as he welcomed Hutch back to the podium.

The Prez provided an assortment of brief announcements that preceded a fining activity by Terri Adams using a Charter School theme. After several incorrect answers from the membership, Terry Schaeffer brilliantly responded with the name of Fred and Ethel Mertz School when asked to name the only charter school in Ventura County. Unfortunately it was yet another wrong answer, but more dollars were collected for the cause.

Further contributing to our club coffers were Happy Dollars from several members. We wished our foreign exchange student, Guillaume Salmon, a fond farewell, we cheered and supported Sandra Laby in her pursuit of the Salsa Dance competition championship, and we heard one member's rendition of his grandfather's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday story of a "stolen eraser".



Our program focused on "the year ahead". President Hutch informed us of the goals District Governor, Deepa Willingham, has given clubs to perform in the four Avenues of Service. He then introduced the director of each Avenue of Service –

Club Service, Maria Berntson; Community Service, Dennis LaRochelle; International Service, Albert McCartney (pictured), and Vocational Service, Scott Patterson. Each director introduced, by way of visual presentation, the members of the club who will be serving in leadership of a specific committee, project, fundraiser, or administrative office.

Before adjourning the meeting, Prez Hutch reminded members that last year the Rotary Club of Ventura ranked 15<sup>th</sup> of 72 clubs in the district in service. He encouraged us to continue that path of achievement and push towards higher levels of success. Hutch left us with the following thought: "A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds".

*For more information on the projects, events and committee activities, please go to the club website or contact the respective Avenue of Service director.*

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Aug. 4, 2010 - Offsite Meeting, Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. Ventura**  
**Aug. 11, 2010 - Offsite Meeting, Salvation Army, 155 S. Oak Street in downtown Ventura**

**Web addresses: Club** [www.venturarotary.org](http://www.venturarotary.org) – **Photos:** [www.rotarycov.smugmug.com](http://www.rotarycov.smugmug.com)  
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## Club Meetings and Events

### Programs

Program Chair: Hank Chandler

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*

August 18, 2010

*Member Craft Talks*

### Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

July 28 – Scott Patterson & Steve Warriner

August 4 – Ellyn Dembowski & Christina Rust

August 11 – Terry Schaeffer

### Introductions

Chair: Indy Batra

July 28 – Doug Halter

Aug. 4 – Ed Campbell

Aug. 11 – Jim Spencer

Aug. 18 – Melody Namikas

### Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

July 28 – Ed Campbell & Sherry Scott

### Fining

Chair: Michele Olsen

Aug. 4 – Jerry Beckerman

Aug. 11 – Brenda Allison

Aug. 18 – Todd Binkley

Aug. 25 – Neil Andrews

## 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 LaRochele

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

## SHELTERBOX NEWS - HAITI

Since our club has contributed a number of shelter boxes over the past year, this excerpt from a news report on the ShelterBox website will show the impact of our donations and the work of the organization.

ShelterBox's response to the Haiti earthquake has been the biggest, longest and most complex in the 10-year history of the international disaster relief charity. The first ShelterBox response team was mobilized 12 minutes after the earthquake struck. Now, six months later, 22,191 ShelterBoxes have been delivered in Haiti, enough aid for more than 220,000 people.



Staff, volunteers and supporters the world over have worked tirelessly with dedication, passion and commitment to deliver emergency shelter and life-saving supplies to thousands of Haitian

families. Wherever you look in Port-au-Prince you can see a ShelterBox tent. "This wouldn't have been possible without the overwhelming generosity of our donors. The earthquake moved people to act, and act they did, in a way we have never witnessed before". (Tom Henderson, ShelterBox). For more information, go to the website @ [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org).

## Blood Drive Kudos

Project Chair Bruce Reeve thanks the following members for participating in last week's blood drive. "Not all were able to complete, but they tried":

Brenda Allison Jim Deardoff Albert McCartney  
Ron Bamieh Dale Jaedtke Elizabeth Mayer  
Indy Batra Jeff King Rosa Lee Measures  
Todd Binkley Don Leach Bob Schilken  
Hank Chandler Kitty Lynn John Williams  
Plus Kara and Penny from PP Curtis Cormane's office.

## Member News Flash

Our very own **Sandra Laby** danced to victory (with her partner Ricky Campos) in the Dancing with Our Community Stars competition during the Salsa Festival on Sunday. The real winner, though is Sandra's charity, the Ventura Music Festival. Congratulations Sandra!!!!

## 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?