



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*
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Meeting of June 8, 2011 Reporter: Curtis Cormane

Introductions:

For her invocation, a very moved Margo Byrne asked us to embrace life and keep doing what we do as Rotarians, following the unexpected death of a close friend.

It was a treat to have the entire quartet of Jim Spencer, Rose Ann Hill, Bob Schilken and Clyde Reynolds lead us in "America the Beautiful."

Announcements:

President Hutch exchanged banners with a visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club in Nailsea and Backwell, near Bristol, U.K.



PE Lynda Girtsman called for any potential Group Study Exchange leaders to step up to take our District 5240 team to South Korea next year. If interested, go to the District website or speak to Larry Emrich for more information.

Ventura Rotaract President Cheney Caldwell took the dais and thanked the club members for attending the one year anniversary party, held at the Wedgewood clubhouse.

Rotary Moment:

Bob Schilken alluded to the Rotaractors, thanking that group for providing a home for young people called to service, but unable to shoulder the time and financial responsibilities of Rotary membership.

Fining:

Jim Newton focused his fining session on oil drilling



jargon and interesting facts about our local oil production. Jim, in his previous life as an engineer, was involved in that important local industry.

Program:

Today's program was the ever-popular Craft Talks, this time featuring a longtime member and a relatively new one.

First up was **Larry Rasmussen**, who started with



images of a wide range of architectural project types; from academic to office, to worship, to medical. Larry heads up Rasmussen and Associates, an office of some 20 staff, including six licensed architects. Larry started his architectural practice

50 years ago. In 1961, he designed and actually

continued

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Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Program Chair: PP Larry Emrich

June 15, 2011

*Maintaining Optimism
(Mitchell Perry)*

June 22, 2011

Dark – Demotion on June 21

June 29, 2011

Year-End Review

Introductions

Chair: Chris Brashears

June 15 – Steve Chadbourne

June 29 – Sally Craine

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

June 15 – Dan Holmes

June 29 – Ted Wrablik

Fining

Chair: Todd Binkley

June 15 – Albert McCartney

June 29 – Kitty Lynn

2010-11 Officers and Directors

Officers

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President ElectLynda Girtsman
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Recording Secretary *Larry Emrich
TreasurerJim Newton
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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

Larry Rasmussen craft talk - continued

helped construct the Luke Residence in Ventura, which was a pioneering residential project in its time, featuring both tilt-up construction (unheard-of in house design) and an early focus on maximizing day lighting and other strategies to incorporate natural lighting.

He showed the next project from 1981, the award-winning Ventura Coastal Corporation, which continued that commitment to access to light and energy savings through careful design. Larry concluded with his projects for both the hospitals in Ventura, using light and access to views in every possible situation, as it is proven to increase patient well-being.

Next up was **Gary Young**, a Valley guy, having been born in 1955 in Van Nuys. In 1970, Gary moved to



Williamsburg, Virginia.

He recounted a story where he came face to face with southern segregation while working at the venerable Williamsburg Inn.

He returned to the Valley and graduated from LA Valley College in 1978 and followed that with a degree in Economics and Political Science at UCSB.

Gary held several positions managing restaurants in the Santa Barbara area and selling real estate before his current position as a mortgage broker with Capital Mortgage Services.

Gary has a 7 year old son, in addition to children from an earlier marriage. He loves to cook, proudly boasting of his award-winning dill pickles and invited anyone to stop by Sunday mornings at the Bible Fellowship Church, where he is in charge of setting up the coffee.

Closing Thought:

President Hutch closed the meeting by acknowledging his partialness to the Craft Talk programs, as it allows us to better know our fellow Rotarians.

His ending quote, "**A great oak is only a little nut that held its ground.**"

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 15: Maintaining Optimism



Dr. J. Mitchell Perry is a human performance expert, executive coach, trainer, speaker and author. His Ventura-based company, JM Perry Learning technologies, is a leading training and performance firm. He has presented his program in over 30 countries with great success. He has made over 1000 presentations to Fortune 500 Companies and has regularly

appeared on radio and television programs around the country.

Dr. Mitchell is the author of two books:
The Road to Optimism – Change Your Language – Change your Life (March '95, Manfit Press)
In the Zone – Achieving Optimal Performance in Business As In Sports (April '97, Contemporary Books)

4th of July Event Count-Down

Sign-Up sheets for a variety of volunteer opportunities will be on tables Wednesday

If you would like to have a booth at the Marketplace, go to ejvarez@vccd.edu

A few non-profit booth may still be available!

Looking for arts & crafts booth – ask a friend!

For more information on the event, go to Rotary4thofjuly.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 21 (Tuesday)

Prez Hutch's Demotion Party at Crowne Plaza

Don't want to miss this, so sign up early at club meetings!

June 22 (Wednesday)

DARK – Recovery from Demotion Party

June 25 (Saturday)

DG Deepa's Demotion & District Awards Celebration – Santa Ynez Valley Marriott.

To register for this sure-to-be-fun event, go to the district website

www.rotarydistrict5240.org and follow the bread crumbs (oops - instructions)

July 4th (Monday)

Family Fireworks & Fun Festival at Ventura College

To volunteer and for more information, please see Ellyn Dembowski or Lynda Girtsman

July 6, 2011 (Wednesday)

DARK – Recovery from 4th of July Celebration