



# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
Weekly Bulletin*

*"The friendliest club in Rotary"*

*100% Paul Harris Club*



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## **Meeting of June 15, 2011**

**Reporter: Curtis Cormane**

### **Introductions:**

Invocation and introductions were delivered by Steve Chadbourne.

### **Announcements:**

The time is almost upon us! Steve Warriner appealed to the club to help support the Fourth of July, as we need a lot of workers for the day of the event, not only for the fireworks, but also for the events occurring around the Ventura College campus that day. Posters and brochures are now available to hand out to the community, so please get the word out to friends and neighbors!

There will be a Blood Drive event at the Derby Club on July 13th. Please sign up!

### **Fining:**

Albert McCartney used his fining session to test our knowledge of trivia concerning US presidents.

### **Rotary Moment:**

Dan Holmes chose his Rotary Moment to highlight the Children's Christmas Party, especially his experience with one little girl who exclaimed to him, "I love Rotary!"

### **Program:**

The program featured **Dr. J. Mitchell Perry**. Dr. Perry is a dynamic human performance expert, an executive coach, trainer, speaker, author, and board-certified psychotherapist. His Ventura-based company, JM Perry Learning, has been a leading education and performance consulting firm since 1976. He is an author and travels world-wide for speaking engagements.

His mission is to "improve human behavior to increase performance," and the theme for his presentation to Rotary was **"Balancing your life."**

To achieve a correct balance in life, get your arms around common sense. One usually knows the best way, the better choice, but there is often a wide gap between what we know and what do. **Cont'd on page 2**

## **Prez Hutch's Demotion**

**Reporter: Maria Berntson**

It was a splendid evening atop the Crowne Plaza hotel, complete with a beautiful view of the ocean, great food and a very enthusiastic capacity audience, ready to give 2010-11 club president Hutch a memorable send-off.



Ah, and memorable it was! Master of Ceremony, Dave Loe, gave a brief history of Hutch's colorful



career, which clearly showed that a psych degree destined him to be a job "drifter" most of his life, until Lady Justice finally got a grip on him and settled him in family law. Dave closed with a gentle reality check question for

Hutch: Knock, knock! Who is there?

**Not you anymore!!!!**

Master Roaster Ron Bamieh admitted that he didn't particularly like Hutch and that he found "this little red headed boy" not very interesting. **Cont'd on page 3**

## Meeting Programs & Assignments

### Programs

Program Chair: PP Larry Emrich

June 29, 2011

*Year-End Review*

*Avenue of Service Directors*

July 6, 2011

*DARK*

July 13, 2011

*President Lynda's 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting*

### Introductions

Chair: Chris Brashears

*June 29 – Sally Craine*

### Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

*June 29 – Ted Wrablik*

### Fining

Chair: Todd Binkley

*June 29 – Kitty Lynn*

## 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 LaRochelle  
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 Jaedtko  
Kristin Taylor  
John Williams

### *June 15 Program - continued*

That which is obvious is obvious to everyone but you. We don't see it. We often try to handle life by living how we think it's supposed to be, not the way it really is.

***In a nutshell, life is about two things: firstly, touching peoples lives and, then, getting your own life touched. To be fulfilled, one must find the balance in love, work and meaning.***

Happiness comes from closeness to others. Who are you close to? Who do you miss in your life? Try to reconcile relationships to increase your happiness.

Success comes from achievement in what you do. "I am what I do:" what are you trying to achieve? And does it really matter?

The meaning of it all occurs when life has validation beyond yourself.

### **Final Thought:**

President Hutch concluded the meeting with a quote from the inimitable Henry Ford, "If you think you can or can't, you're right."

## **4th of July Event Count-Down**

***Volunteers are still needed, so PLEASE sign up to help during the day and in the evening!***

***If you can't help on the 4<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are needed NOW to distribute posters and flyers!***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July 4th (Monday)

**Family Fireworks & Fun Festival at Ventura College**

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

***Volunteer sign-up sheets will be on tables during meetings!***

### July 6, 2011 (Wednesday)

**DARK – Recovery from 4th of July Celebration**

### July 13, 2011 (Wednesday)

**Blood Drive (Parking Lot)**

**First Meeting – President Lynda Girtsman**

### ***Hutch's Demotion continued***

Ron proved his point by sharing that Hutch lives vicariously through "legends" like Steve Doll and that he finds Terry Schaeffer quite interesting.



Fellow Roaster Dave Bianchi added a "more intellectual" aspect, musing that it takes more steps to get into Rotary than into AA, and that – due to



his sparse attendance of club meetings - he is the "least damaged" when it comes to his perspective on Rotary and Hutch. He likened Rotary Presidents to

politicians in that "they are like diapers – need to be changed regularly ... and for the same reason."

With the frivolities concluded, the meeting turned to



the traditional presentation of a "Thank you" gift for the departing Hutch (some complicated fishing implement) and a welcome gift for PE Lynda. She tried it out right away - and IT WORKS!

Almost "Has Been Hutch" then proceeded to thank his board and presented several awards:

***Ken Cooper – Best New Member of the Year***  
***Maria Berntson – Good Rotarian of the Year***  
***Jim Newton – Rotarian of the Year.***

Each award was accompanied by a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Past President Larry Emrich presented the outgoing Prez with the traditional plaque and gavel in appreciation of his service.



The "little reed-headed boy did really good and has made us proud"!

The only thing left to do was to swear in the Board of Directors for 2011-12, and Judge Fred Bysshe performed the ceremony.

