



# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
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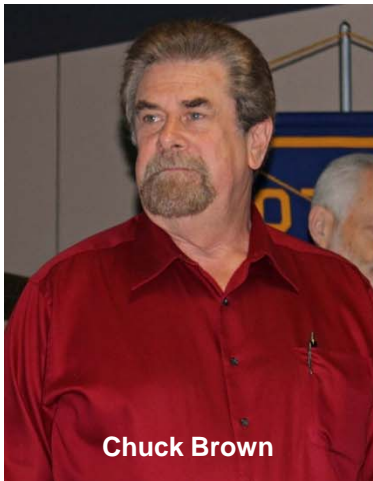


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## Meeting of March 7, 2012

### *Rotary and the NIDs, featuring Larry Emrich*



Chuck Brown



Mary Sapoto



Michael Scar

**Bill Finley** handled Introductions and led us in a prayer of concern for those who live in the River bottom. **Clyde Reynolds** led us in 'God Bless America.' Many guests joined us today who were invited by their proud Rotarian employers.

Prez-elect **Indy Batra** inducted three new members: **Mary Sapoto** is a nurse practitioner and president of Canine Adoption and Rescue League and was sponsored by **Steve Kipp**; **Chuck Brown** is a financial planner with TransAmerica and had a plumbing business for many years. **Rosa Lee Measures** sponsored him; **Michael Scar** has been involved in Rotary previously, but is glad to join our club. **Brenda Allison** introduced him.

#### **Announcements**

Past Prez **Hutch Hutchinson** talked about the good the Rotary Foundation does and honored **Mario de la Piedra** who has become a RF Benefactor. (\$1,000 bequest).

Prez-elect Indy Batra announced the District Assembly would be held at Pacifica High School in Oxnard on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Prez Lynda called on Rotarians to come out for the March 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Parade!

#### **Fining**

Terry Schaeffer tried to stump us with quotations from Looney Tunes. Kind of scary how good we were with this...!

#### **Happy Dollars**

Happy moments and proud family accomplishments were celebrated



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# Meeting Programs & Assignments

## Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

Today, March 7, 2012

Nicaragua Project, featuring Mario de la Piedra

Mar21- Photographing and Saving  
the Upper Owens Valley

Mar 28- All that Jazz

April 4- Digestion

## Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

Mar 14 – Tom Naylor

Mar 21 – Rosa Lee Measures

Mar 28 – Clyde Reynolds

## Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

Mar 14 – Terry Schaffer

Mar 21 – Sonny Shah

Mar 28 – Dale Jaedtke

## Fining

Chair: Ron Bamieh

Mar 14 – David Loe

Mar 21 – Margo Byrne



## Program

**Roger Case** introduced Rotarian extraordinaire, **Larry Emrich**. Larry has done so much for our club, but none more remarkable than including us in his efforts to eradicate Polio. Our club has raised over \$300,000 because of his leadership. Larry just returned from India on his second National Immunization Day (NID). He went with a team of 25 from the west coast.

He said the biggest highlight for him was when the World Health Organization confirmed India is polio-free. Among other things, Larry's group manned mobile booths that went into the neighborhoods to track down the children. Kids were very responsive. The NID consisted of 2.5 million vaccinators who vaccinated 174 million children. Larry's slides of India show a country that is hugely populated. On the roads, he said, they fill every gap with every imaginable kind of transport!

The NID is widely advertised including a parade in Rampur in which his group marched. Larry said that the last time he was in India they stayed in private homes. This time they stayed in a \$17-a-night night hotel. Street food looked wonderful, but not safe for Western tummies! Their job was to immunize, mark the finger and register the child on the tally sheets. He really enjoyed going door to door with local health supervisors who knew everyone in their neighborhood. (2500 per neighborhood) The only resistance was not against the vaccine, but wanting more medical care in exchange for allowing the vaccination. Invited into a home this time and had tea with the mayor and his family. All is followed up by an extensive review procedure. Larry witnessed a Shiva Festival with people bathing in the River Ganga and then went on to Delhi and visited a polio corrective surgery facility. Rotary has a huge presence in Delhi.

Polio is still in Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Larry said pressure was put to bear on officials from these countries who attended. Indy thanked Larry and RI for the real miracle they have achieved.

## **2011-12 Officers and Directors**

### Officers

President ..... Lynda Girtsman  
President Elect ..... Indy Batra  
President Elect Nominee ..... Irene Henry  
Secretary ..... Jim Deardoff  
Recording Secretary \* ..... Larry Emrich  
Treasurer ..... Connie Young  
Assistant Treasurer \* ..... Mark Sauer  
Immediate Past President ..... Hutch Hutchinson  
•Non-Voting

### 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

## CALL FOR CYCLISTS!

We need a lot of riders to have a successful event. Please direct all those cyclists you know, from casual to novice to expert, to go to the website and sign up for the ride! And then join us on the day of the ride to cheer them on as a volunteer!

[www.goldcoastrideforliteracy.com](http://www.goldcoastrideforliteracy.com)



## Join the Parade this Saturday!

Ventura's longtime St. Patrick's Day Parade is this weekend!

President Lynda is calling on Rotarians to join her and members of the other Ventura Rotary Clubs in parading down Main Street in your finest, or most obnoxious, green garb! She would particularly like to see our youth out there, so gather the kids or grandkids, Interactors and Rotaractors to join in.

The troops will be marshalling at Mission Park, Downtown Ventura at about 9:00 a.m.

Ask Lynda for more details.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Board Meeting

71 Palm  
Mar 15, 2012 11:45 AM

### Saint Patrick's Day Parade- *JOIN US!*

Downtown Ventura  
Mar 17, 2012 09:00 AM



### Newcomers

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Mar 23, 2012 07:30 AM

### Basic PRLS- *MORE INFO AT [www.prls.org](http://www.prls.org)!*

CLU Oxnard (before District Assembly)  
March 30, 2012

### Rotary District 5240 Assembly

Pacifica High School Oxnard  
Mar 31, 2012 08:00 AM

### Blood Drive- *RESCHEDULED!*

Derby Club Parking Lot  
Apr 11, 2012 10:00 AM

### RYLA

Camp Ramah, Ojai  
Apr 19, 2012 - Apr 22, 2012

### Gold Coast Ride for Literacy- *NEED VOLUNTEERS!*

Apr 28, 2012 06:00 AM

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One of Larry Emrich's images from his presentation.

