



# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
Weekly Bulletin*

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## **Meeting of May 11, 2011**

**Reporter: Larry Emrich**

### **Introductions:**

Larry Emrich led us in the Pledge of Allegiance; his inspirational message was about his brother creating a mental image of him crawling across the finish line after a three-mile ocean swim.

Clyde Reynolds, Jim Spencer (welcome back from Leave of Absence, Jim!) and RoseAnn Hill led us in God Bless America.

Introductions of visiting Rotarians and of guests followed.

### **Announcements:**

Fourth of July – sponsorships available; announced other possibilities.

Reminder: May 21-25 International Convention in New Orleans – see Lynda Girtsman for more info.

Reminder: May 28 – club social at Dennis LaRochelle's home – see Christina Rust for more info.

### **Rotary Moment:**



Juan Soto remembered traveling to Mexico to witness the grand opening of a children's playground with over two hundred children playing— as the result of a matching grant. That made him proud to be a Rotarian.

### **Happy Dollars:**

Brenda is Big Money happy; twenty dollars' worth. Lynda Girstman announced that we should watch TV Fox News at seven o'clock tomorrow night to see Dr. Cheatham.

### **Fining:**

Ellyn Dembowski quizzed us on Disney Trivia Questions: Dave Bianco knew the Mickey Mouse answer... the rest of us did not do so well...

### **Program:**

The Ventura High School Interact Bake Sale was introduced by club advisors Melody Namikas and Jeff King. Dylan and Dr. Todd Binkley served as the auctioneers.



Several Interactors described the programs they conducted this past school year, including a new Easter Egg-hunting project for after-school kids at EP Foster. Additionally, two students told us about their experience at RYLA this year, and how exciting and productive it was in terms of leadership, collaboration and thinking about tomorrow. The Interactors recently donated a Shelter Box for Japan. Dylan Horwitz announced that advisors Samantha and Justin were named as Teachers of the Year.

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## Meeting Programs & Assignments

### Programs

Program Chair: PP Larry Emrich

May 18, 2011

**Ventura County Grand Jury**  
Richard Hawley & David Gale

May 25, 2011

**Ventura Boys & Girls Club**  
Dr. Jamshid Damoii

June 1, 2011

**Special Olympics – Ventura County**  
Peggi Preston

June 8, 2011

**Craft Talks**  
Larry Rasmussen & Gary Young

### Introductions

Chair: Chris Brashears

May 18 – Christina Rust  
May 25 – Rosa Lee Measures

### Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

May 18 – Lynda Girtsman    May 25 – Ron Calkins

### Fining

Chair: Todd Binkley

May 18 – Dale Jaedtke    May 25 – Ron Bamieh

## 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

### **Bake sale continued**

As usual, the bake sale was incredible: one cake sold for twelve hundred dollars! Cookies brought 550 dollars... the twelve hundred dollar cake was auctioned again, and sold for an additional one-hundred fifty dollars; it was then re-sold and captured another fifty dollars more. We raised over \$3,100 for the day's efforts. Thank you one and all!!!



### **Final Thoughts by Hutch:**

Hutch pondered on what it takes to become a Navy Seal; he realized that it's not the biggest and strongest but the short, skinny guys make it through to the end; he reckoned that the secret, the key to happiness is, "Almost all the men who survive seal training have the ability to step outside their own pain and to help the guy next to them. They have a large heart and, much like Rotarians, have a willingness to dedicate themselves to a higher purpose."



## Upcoming Programs

### May 18: Ventura Grand Jury – What It's Really All About

**Richard Hawley**, a lawyer and a retired Col. in the USAF and **David Gale**, a retired supervisor from the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power, will present this "look behind the scenes" of a Grand Jury.

### May 25: Ventura Boys & Girls Club

**Dr. Jamshid Damoii**, Professor of Economics at CLU, will present the results of a wide-ranging study on the efficacy of the Ventura Boys & Girls Club, demonstrating lower teen pregnancies, higher graduation rates and other positive social outcomes of the Club's programs.

### June 1: Special Olympics Ventura County

Special Olympics provide year-round Olympic-style training and competition programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics Ventura County serves approximately 500 athletes who train and compete in ten year-round sports.

**Peggi Preston**, the presenter of this program, is the Regional Director for Special Olympics Ventura County. She has a 20 year background in non-profit development and has been with Special Olympics for 6 ½ years.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May 19, 2011 (Thursday)

**11:45 AM at 71 Palm**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

*Make-up opportunity!*

### May 21-25, 2011

**R I Convention - New Orleans, LA.**

*For more information, please contact*

*Lynda Girtsman*

### May 27, 2011 (Friday)

**7:30 AM Crowne Plaza C Street Restaurant**

**Newcomers' Club Meeting**

*Make-up opportunity!*

### May 28 (Saturday)

**5 PM Club Social – Garden Party at**

**Dennis LaRoche's home**

*Sign-ups and more details at club*

*meetings or contact Christina Rust.*

### June 21 (Tuesday)

**Prez Hutch's Demotion Party at**

**Crowne Plaza**

*Don't want to miss this, so put the*

*date on your calendar now! More info*

*to come*

### June 22 (Wednesday)

**DARK – Recovery from Demotion Party**

### June 25 (Saturday)

**DG Deepa's Demotion & District**

**Awards Celebration – Santa Ynez Valley**

**Marriott**

*Watch for more information to come!*

### July 4<sup>th</sup> (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 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**

For more great pictures from our Interact Bake Sale and other club events during the year, please go to

<http://rotarycov.smugmug.com/>