



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

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 Recording Secretary *Larry Emrich
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 Immediate Past PresidentLarry Emrich
 •Non-Voting Position

Avenue of Service Directors

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

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 LaRochelle'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 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

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

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