



# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
Weekly Bulletin*  
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## Meeting of April 25, 2012

### Craft Talks: Connie Young and SusAnne Lee Chung

Reporter: Betsy Chess



**Ginger Lynch** handled the Invocation and Introductions and **Clyde Reynolds** led us in *You're a Grand Old Flag*.

#### Happy Dollars

**Dan Holmes'** son will be next week's program on fire fighting and other proud family news.

#### Presentations and Announcements

- **Don Leach** needs volunteers to help with Relay for Life at Buena High School, May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Prez Lynda** announced the next Fireside Chat will be April 26<sup>th</sup> at **Rob van Nieuwberg's** from 6 – 8:30 and also Newcomers meet on Friday morning at the Crowne Plaza at 7:30 AM.
- **Kristin Taylor** said T-Shirts and water bottles will be for sale next Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> from the Gold Coast Ride on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Scott Patterson** reminded that the 28<sup>th</sup> is also Rotary Work Day at EP Foster School.
- **Steve Doll** thanked volunteers and sponsors for Bike Ride.

#### Rotary Moment

**Mario de la Piedra** shared a conversation in Nicaragua with **Curtis Cormane** talking about the good things Rotary does in the world.



# Meeting Programs & Assignments

## Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

Today, May 02, 2012

**'Experiences as a Hot Shot firefighter,'  
featuring Ben Holmes**

**May 9- "North Korea - from it's establishment in  
1945 to it's Nuclear and Missile Threats of today."  
Featuring Dr. Mel Cheatham**

## Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

May 2- Kitty Lynn

May 9- Randy Hinton

## Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

May 2- Todd Binkley

May 9- Norm Blacher

## Fining

Chair: Ron Bamieh

May 2- Nanci Cone

May 9- Roger Case

## 2011-12 Officers and Directors

### Officers

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Secretary .....	Jim Deardoff
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*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

## **Program**

This was the last program by Past President **Curtis'** group: craft talks.

**Connie Young** was particularly happy to speak as this was her last requirement before receiving her Blue Badge. She described herself as "so much more than a banker!" Her early years were spent in Fresno. She took a part-time job in banking while in college and never left. Her stints included Security Pacific Bank, then Union Bank and then Santa Barbara Bank and Trust. Connie is a member of Ventura Leadership Academy and is engaged in other community activities. Now with City National Bank which has been in the county for 15 years and worth \$22 Billion. CNB started in LA and was known as 'Bank to the Stars' after the notorious Sinatra's son's kidnapping. Connie works in Oxnard developing the CNB brand. Located in shorter brown Tower with branches in Camarillo and Westlake.

She married Ray in 2000 and has four 'bonus' (step) children, eight grandchildren and a dog, Katie. She won a trip to the Bahamas and fell in love with scuba diving. Connie showed her 2008 video diving with the sharks in Fiji and later videos of diving in the Virgin Islands and Cozumel.

**SusAnne Lee Chung** is an attorney who practices in a very personal manner. She calls herself a romantic and said her family says she has "a devious mind used for good purposes"! "No thornless roses." Now loves roses though didn't as a kid. Preferred the oranges and the flashier flowers. She graduated from the University of Oregon in journalism and PR. Born and raised in Ventura, she returned to Ventura and lived at her Mom's, being 'very single.' Then she met a young naval officer and fell in love. They were married in her mom's rose garden.

SusAnne shared that her faith is the lens through which she views the world. Her active-duty husband, Nathan, was deployed to Antarctica – spending six months there and six home. Suddenly, despite excellent health, he collapsed and died while doing his physical before deploying again. She described it as an 'unreal experience.' Faith again carried her through. She believes these experiences have helped her to understand problems of others. With that, she started law school soon after in Virginia.

SusAnne revealed she is stricken with Fibromyalgia. With this she has learned patience and to always have a plan B and C. Loved her career, but found herself grieving for no husband or children. So she went on EHarmony in 2008, met and married her current husband. "I like to finish projects faster than most people!" She restarted practice in 2008 and does

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## NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS

The following is proposed for membership:

- **Hema Tarachandani**, proposed by Dale Jaedtke with the classification of "Insurance."

If you have any objection to membership of any of these individuals in our club, please contact the President or Secretary in writing within seven days.



Addie and Emma from Citrus Glen Elementary, riding to thank Ventura Rotary for dictionaries!



Rotarians at Work Day at EP Foster school: helping kids plant a new garden!



Rotarians Jeff King and Mario de la Piedra hosted Interact club members and Florence, our exchange student, at a Dodgers game.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Club BBQ and Picnic

Foster Park  
May 12, 2012 12:30 PM

### President's Stepdown Dinner

Crowne Plaza  
June 19, 2012 5:00 PM

### District Governor's Stepdown Dinner

TBA  
June 23, 2012

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### Program Cont'd

estate planning, biz planning and charitable planning. She has also become involved in gun laws. She can think ahead and can react quickly.

She concluded with, "When you're handling the thorns in life, think about roses: in order to flourish they need dirt, fertilizer and have the weeds pulled. Thorns have a purpose and so does God."



**Tuesday, June 19, 2012**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**Reception at 5:00 pm, Buffet Dinner at 6:00 pm**