

# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
Weekly Bulletin*

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## Meeting of May 18, 2011

**Reporter: Larry Emrich**

### Introductions:

Christina Rust led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.



Bob Schilken, Clyde Reynolds, Jim Spencer and RoseAnn Hill led us in "You're a Grand Old Flag," by George M. Cohan. Christina continued with Introductions of

visiting Rotarians and guests.

### Announcements:

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

Also, sign up for the Demotion Party on June 21, starts at 5:00 at the Crowne Plaza

Morgan Henry-Ehritt, daughter of Irene Henry and past Rotary Youth Exchange student to Chile, presented us with a flag from the Easter Islands Rotary club.



Next Wednesday is the last meeting of the month and is the Canned Food Drive; bring a can or more of food.

### New Benefactor:

President Hutch recognized Barbara Asbell as a new Benefactor to Rotary; she has committed to contribute to RI at least one thousand dollars via her estate plan.

### Happy Dollars:

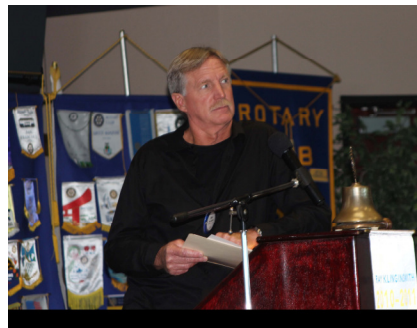
Lots of happy people today.

### Rotary Moment:

President-Elect Lynda Girtsman is a twenty-year member and has a thousand Rotary Moments. She announced that her Board had a retreat where Jim Newton and Jim Deardorff put on a special program. Lynda reminded us that Rotary, our club, has very special, dedicated and fabulous people.

### Fining:

Dale Jaedtke put a special twist on the questions: get to pick on another member; if both get it wrong, then both get fined. The topic for this fining session was The San Buenaventura Mission. Jim Spencer, called on by Curtis



Cormane, got his answer correct, but the rest of us failed miserably.

### Program:

The Ventura County Grand Jury, presented by Richard Hawley and David Gale.

The function of the Grand Jury is to act as a civil oversight of county and city government, special districts, governing boards, personnel commissions, school districts, and humane officers. It is their responsibility to insure that government is serving the best interests of Ventura County's citizens.

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## Meeting Programs & Assignments

### Programs

Program Chair: PP Larry Emrich

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 25 – Rosa Lee Measures***

### Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

***May 25 – Ed Summers***

### Fining

Chair: Todd Binkley

***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

### ***Program continued***

California Grand Juries are unique because of their civil oversight function. They were established to protect citizens and society and keep a watchful eye on certain aspects of government. In 1791 Grand Juries became part of the United States Constitution, the Fifth Amendment, and part of the California Constitution in 1879.



California grand juries hold inquiries and perform investigations. The grand jury does not decide guilt or innocence. Its function is inquisitorial and accusatorial. Although the jury works with the County Council for legal guidance, it is not under their control. Its power over witnesses resembles that of a trial court. Witnesses must appear and usually must testify. Refusal may constitute contempt. Examination of witnesses is at the jury's discretion. The proceedings are secret and informal.

The grand jury is an investigative body created for the protection of society and the enforcement of the law.

Although the responsibilities are many and diverse, the four predominant functions of a juror include:

Civil Government Oversight.

Citizen Complaints.

Accusations.

Reporting.

For more information and to look at past reports go to this website:

<http://portal.countyofventura.org/portal/page/portal/Grand Jury>

**Final Thoughts by Hutch:** We have all heard the saying, Good things come to those who wait. Well, Thomas Edison had a different take on this. He said, "Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits."

### **Words to You're a Grand Old Flag**

You're a grand old flag, You're a high flying flag  
And forever in peace may you wave.  
You're the emblem of the land I love.  
The home of the free and the brave.  
Ev'ry heart beats true  
'neath the Red, White and Blue,  
Where there's never a boast or brag.  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

## Upcoming Programs

### 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.

## *Who was Julius Gius?*

Just about every member of R C Ventura is familiar with the Julius Gius Foundation, which supports many of our club's community service projects. However, few know anything about who Julius Gius was and why our club Foundation was named after him.

Thanks to PP Norm Blacher for the following information:

Julius Gius was born in Fairbanks, Alaska in 1911. His family moved to Washington where he attended school in Tacoma and a few years at the University of Puget Sound, while he worked part-time at the Tacoma Times.

In 1935, the Scripps League of Newspapers launched a new daily newspaper – the Bremerton Sun – and appointed Gius as its first editor. In 1960, Gius was appointed editor of the Sun's sister newspaper, the Ventura Star Press, by Roy Pinkerton, the owner and editor.

Julius was a hard working newspaper man and served as the Star editor until 1987. He was well respected and was known county-wide. He developed a team at the Star that produced a very good paper. He wrote hard-charging editorials and was a fearless newspaper man – somewhat old-fashioned.

He was a strong Rotarian and presented the news at each Rotary meeting. He loved to socialize with fellow Rotarians.

The group that founded the Julius Gius Foundation, which included Felice Ginsberg and Jim Deardorff, believed he represented the best values of Rotary as well as the citizens of Ventura County.

**Editor's Note:** If anyone would like to add to this biography of Julius Gius (a work in progress), please contact me.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May 25, 2011 (Wednesday)

#### **Monthly Canned Food Drive**

*Please bring one or more cans of food or make a cash donation (via fine slip)*

### 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 sign up early at club meetings!*

### 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**