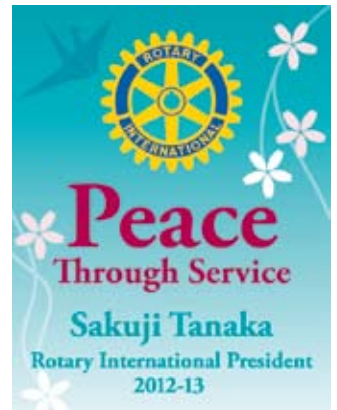


ROTARY SPOKES

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The Ventura Rotary Family; Teens to Nonagenarians



Ventura High School Interactors held their annual bake sale, but one cake was pre-purchased to honor our beloved Dr. Leo Tauber on the occasion of his ninety-seventh birthday.

The May 22nd program was officially the day when the Interact Club of Ventura High School annually holds its bake sale to raise funds for their community service projects. These highschoolers, from freshman to senior, are among the youngest in the Rotary family.

President Indy purchased one cake early for the precise sum of \$97.00 and had it specially decorated with a “9” and a “7” candle. This cake was then presented to Leo Tauber to celebrate his 97th birthday. The teens, along with the rest of the club, sang the Birthday Song.

It was a remarkable generational moment that Rotary had sparked.

Leo was born on May 26, 1916. His parents, Clara and Sam, were recent immigrants from Eastern Europe, arriving 1913 in New York. He married his beloved Lucy, graduated from med school and joined the Army, all in a very tumultuous 1942.

His time in World War II saw him travel from Louisiana to California to Hawaii and into the conflict in Leyte,



Philippines and then on Apr 1 1945, Okinawa, in the 4th wave of invading troops as a battalion medic.

After the war, Leo came to Ventura in January 1948 and joined Rotary that same year. He opened a private practice in 1950 and eventually cofounded the Buenaventura Medical Center in 1956.

Oklahoma Rotary Districts Establish Tornado Disaster Fund

Rotary districts 5770 and 5750 (Oklahoma, USA) have set up a bi-district fund to help those affected by the tornado that struck near Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The fund is a 501(c)3 foundation for tax purposes. Donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged by the district. See District 5770's website for more details.



Recap of May 22, 2013 Meeting

Larry Emrich led off the meeting with an invocation of three inspirations: a recent newspaper article about Mel and Sylvia Cheatham; recent polio efforts that only number 33 new cases this year, and advice from his father. Pinch-hitting again for our absent songleaders was Sonny Shah who led us in "God Bless America," of course. Larry remained at the dais for the Rotary Moment, in which he recounted his trip to India with his son for a National Immunization Day.

Larry was joined by Hutch Hutchinson to present a Julius Gius Memorial Rotary Fund gift to Women's Economic Ventures for \$2,500.00. Brenda Allison, a WEV Board member, accepted the money for much-needed programming in Santa Paula.

A Paul Harris double header presented by Dick Hatcher: a third fellowship for Steve Bradvica for his continued unsung accounting work for the club, including all the required tax filings; a genuinely surprised Terri Adams, our sergeant-at-arms, received a fellowship as well.

Irene Henry stepped up to the plate and thanked Doug Halter and Randy Encinas for the use of their beautiful home, Ellyn Dembowski and Lynda Girtsman for organizing the fundraiser for the end-of-year train trip for our exchange student Martine. The funds raised easily covered the cost of the trip and Lynda presented Martin with a check for \$500 for expenses. The students who assisted the day of the event were also recognized.

A reminder that the June 18 President's Demotion party is coming up. All members have the dinner covered in their dues, whether you attend or not, so might as well Come! Bring your significant other!

President Indy celebrated his membership for 8 years. He thanked Larry Emrich for bringing him to our club.

Program

Mario de la Piedra introduced the Ventura High Interact Club. Club president Melissa Hurtado spoke of their club activities and how the group teaches a strong sense of community.

The annual Bake Sale was underway, with Todd Binkley returning as auctioneer and supported by Rob Orth. The

Today's Agenda

Fifth Wednesday Social Time

Introductions

Roger Case

Rotary Moment

Mystery

Fining

Mark Sauer

tarts, cakes and cupcakes went quickly. A strawberry and chocolate cake went for \$2,000.00! A total of \$3,000.00 was raised for the annual activities of VHS Interact.

At the end of the Bake Sale, there was a special celebration for Leo Tauber 97th birthday.



The \$2,000 Cake! Among the Rotarians chipping in funds were Roz Warner, Rob van Nieuwburg, Sonny Shah and Barbara Asbell.



Past member Todd Binkley returned to the Club to lend his mellifluous voice to the auction.



Terri Adams received her Paul Harris Fellowship from President Indy.

Upcoming Events

Club Social

Ventura Yacht Club
Jun 13, 2013 Times TBD



President Indy's Demotion

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Jun 18, 2013 05:00 PM - 09:00 PM



Sonny Shah belts out his patriotic song as President Indy and Larry Emrich join in.



The Julius Gius Memorial Rotary Fund, represented by Hutch Hutchinson and Larry Emrich presented WEV with funding. Brenda Allison accepted.



Steve Bradvica poses with Dick Hatcher and President Indy after receiving his latest Paul Harris Fellowship.



Our exchange student, Martine, thanked the fellow students who helped in his fundraiser.



Ajay Dhebar displays the cupcakes he successfully bid for.



This table enjoys the fun of the auction.



Mario de la Piedra looks on as Rotarian advisor to the Interact club members.



Ventura High School Interactors raised \$3,000.00 from their baked goods.

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