



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

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Meeting of April 27, 2011

Reporter: Betsy Chess

Introductions:

Ken Cooper made the introductions and we sang God Bless America led by RoseAnn Hill, Bob Schilken and Clyde Reynolds.

Christina Rust presented a blue badge to Randy Hinton and everyone was thrilled when Jack Wood received a third Paul Harris Fellowship award.



Fining:

Cathy Scroggs did a good job of stumping us with College sports trivia – many mascots most fowl!

Happy Dollars:

Bob Cheatham announced a change in the Devil Pups Tryout – new date and place: May 22nd at St. Bonaventure Track. Brenda Allison is in training for the next Avon Breast cancer walk of 39.3 miles. Maria Berntson thanked the writers, photographers and production folks who have worked especially hard to put out the bulletin each week during Tax Season.

Program:

Roger Case introduced Clyde Reynolds who updated us on the progress of Turning Point's River Haven camp. Turning Point was established in 1988 to help the mentally ill homeless in Ventura. It currently serves about 500 people a year. Clyde thanked the several Rotarians who sit on his board including Neal Andrews, Steve Bradvica, Michelle Olsen, David Shea and Steve Chadbourne.



Rotary Moment was also memorable as Dave Loe recounted a series of hilarious email exchanges with Ron Bamieh – two masters at work! (or play!)

Announcements:

President Hutch reminded us that next meeting is the day for all the Past Presidents' groups to sit together. He also reminded us that May 28th would be the Spring Social at the LaRoche's.

Don Leach still needs three volunteers for the Relay for Life coming up May 14th and 15th.

Dr. Todd auctioned four tickets to the May 21st and 22nd Strawberry Festival in Oxnard. In addition, he auctioned two tickets to the VMF concert at Ventura College May 1st featuring Chris Botti.

In 2004, our club gave \$10,000 to help erect shelter domes in a safe area of the Ventura River. Clyde

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Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Program Chair: PP Larry Emrich

May 4, 2011

Preventing Heart Disease

Dr. Todd Binkley

May 11, 2011

Interact Bake Sale

VHS Interact Students

May 18, 2011

Ventura County Grand Jury

Introductions

Chair: Chris Brashears

May 4 – Gary Young

May 11 – Larry Emrich

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

May 4 – Curtis Cormane

May 11 – Juan Soto

Fining

Chair: Todd Binkley

May 4 – Marc Sauer

May 11 – Lynda Girtsman

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 LaRochelle
 International Service Albert 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

Program continued

showed a short video of the first building day that he likened to, “an old-fashioned barn raising party.” Current residents, 60% of whom are men, are either on the Employment Track with plans to find a job, or the Alternative Track. These are folks with severe disabilities and/or substance abuse problems. Clyde then introduced Jeff Shetler, the manager at River Haven. Jeff told how he came homeless to River Haven with his own baggage of problems. River Haven gave him a chance to stabilize his life, accept and deal with his problems, and he now counts himself, “blessed to see the success stories that have come through.”



Residents have to apply to live at River Haven, must agree not to use drugs (meth being the drug of choice), and are ultimately voted on by the RH community. There is a 30-day probation period. Rent is \$250 for a single unit of 120 sq. feet and \$400 for a double unit of 200 sq. feet. Most of the residents receive General Relief from the State. Jeff said much support is available to residents such as transportation to jobs and other support services. Jeff said the domes have held up well over the years and was grateful to the Universalist Unitarian Church for helping to set up garden plots. He described a success story as the ability to get a job, stay clean and sober and move to more permanent housing



RCV Rotarians “hard at work” – April 30, 2011

Membership Corner

May Birthdays

6th – Jim Deardorff
13th – Connie Young
14th – Prez Hutch Hutchinson
15th – Neal Andrews
24th – Betsy Chess
26th – Leo Tauber
29th – Mel Cheatham

May Anniversaries

1st – Gary & Sharon Young
5th – Wayne & Bo Bruce
9th – Bob & Patty Berry
Doug & Jeannine Wood
10th – Dave & Mary Wallace
13th – Hoot & Donna Bennett
15th – John & Cherie Brant
27th – Connie & Ray Young
Erik & Shauna Feingold
30th – Mel & Sylvia Cheatham
31st – Jeff & Donna King



Other Member News:

Resignations:

Emma Mayer (job demands)
Tony Sabatino (moved out of area)

Leave of Absence:

Harald Wulff 4/30 – 6/16; traveling

Board Change:

Nanci Cone will replace Maria Berntson as 2011-12 Assistant Community Service Director and will then become Community Service Director in 2012-13.

Pictures from RCV Rotarians At Work Day (at right and on page 2) courtesy of John McConica and his new camera.

Just one question – you call this work, guys? Not a blade of grass on the rake, not a spot of dirt anywhere – Must have been really “roughing it”

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14 & 15th (Saturday/Sunday)

ACS Relay For Life

Volunteers are still needed/ Please see Don Leach for more detail.

May 21-25, 2011

R I Convention - New Orleans, LA.

For more information, please contact Lynda Girtsman

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

