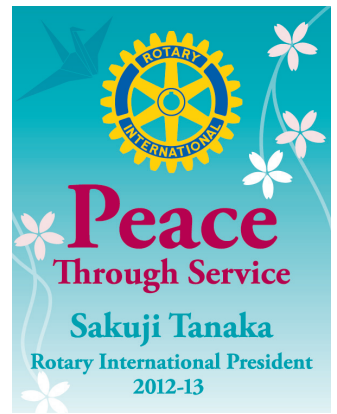


# ROTARY SPOKES

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## The First Wives Club

Today's program is quite unique in scope and we have Past President Jorge Arman to thank! We will have five guests speaking to us: Barbara Bonham, Betty Sherman, Beverly Rooney, Janni Chung and Patti Longo, all of them widows of past presidents of our club, respectively, Dair Bonham (1962-63), Paul Sherman (1985-86), Pat Rooney (1976-77), George Chung (1991-92) and Rudy Longo (1988-89). They have been invited to tell us something about their past involvement in Rotary.

## The Story of the Rotary Anns

Prior to a decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court in 1987, Rotary was a men's organization, and in many clubs, the wives of the members were called "Rotary Anns". With the Court decision in the eighties, and with more women in the professions than ever before, the term "Rotary Ann" began to fall out of favor and clubs of Rotary Anns disappeared. While the name "Rotary Ann" has not gone completely out of favor, wives are more commonly known as "Rotary Spouses" or "Partners." In 1987, women were admitted to Rotary, and today women are the fastest growing segment of Rotary's membership. Why were wives of male members affectionately called "Rotary Anns"? This designation was never one of disparagement, but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion.

The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary Convention being held in Houston. In those days few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Brunnier. As the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, Mrs. Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann. This title soon became "Rotary Ann". Since the clubs of the west were inviting the Rotarians to hold their next

*The first Rotary Anns:  
Ann Gundaker and  
Ann Brunnier*



convention in San Francisco, a number of songs and stunts were organized which would be performed in Houston. One of the Rotarians wrote a "Rotary Ann" chant. On the train's arrival at the Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named Ann.

During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker, were hoisted to the men's shoulders and parade about the hall. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance and the name "Rotary Ann" was here to stay.

One of the purposes of a Rotary Ann Club was to bring into fellowship the families of the members of the Rotary club. Other objectives included assisting Rotarians in the execution of various club and community projects and uphold the purposes and aims of Rotary. Most chapters met once a month, usually at the home of one of the members in almost all but the larger clubs. These meetings were devoted mainly to fellowship and to discuss the various projects of the Rotary Ann Club as well as possible assistance to their Rotarian spouses.

## Meeting of 07 November 2012

Larry Emrich handled Introductions, while Courtney Lindberg used her Rotary Moment to trumpet the New Generations program, of which she was the first. Kristin Taylor reported that Coats for Kids collection boxes are already out at some 50 sites.

Dr. Mel Cheatham presented a video showing the work of the group Samaritan's Purse who are on the ground in the area most affected by Superstorm Sandy. President Indy reported that DG Frank Ortiz is soliciting ideas of how our district can help the victims recover.

### Program

Bob Cheatham introduced Karl Novak, the Division Manager for Operations & Maintenance at the Ventura County Watershed Protection Agency. Karl spoke of winter storm scenario called ARkStorm (for Atmospheric River 1,000). The storm would strike the U.S. West Coast and be similar to the intense California winter storms of 1861 and 1862 that left the central valley of California impassible. The storm is estimated to produce precipitation that in many places would exceed 10'-0": levels only experienced on average once every 500 to 1,000 years.

In many cases flooding would overwhelm the state's flood-protection system, which is typically designed to resist 100- to 200-year runoffs. The Central Valley could experience hypothetical flooding 300 miles long and 20 or more miles wide. Serious flooding would also occur in Orange County, Los Angeles County, San Diego, the San Francisco Bay area, and other coastal communities. Windspeeds in some places could reach 125 miles per hour, hurricane-force winds. Property damage would exceeds \$400 billion, most from flooding. Power, water, sewer, and other lifelines would experience damage that



*Karl Novak uses a Powerpoint to show the ARkStorm and scare the bejeezus out of us.*

## Today's Agenda

### *First Wives*

Barbara Bonham, Betty Sherman,  
Beverly Rooney, Janni Chung and Patti Longo

Introductions

*Kathy Scroggs*

Rotary Moment

*Mystery Guest*

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*Mystery Guest*

takes weeks or months to restore. Flooding evacuation could involve 1.5 million residents in the inland region and delta counties. Business interruption costs reach \$325 billion in addition to the \$400 billion property repair costs, meaning that an ARkStorm could cost on the order of \$725 billion, which is nearly 3 times the loss for a severe southern California earthquake, an event with roughly the same annual occurrence probability.

## Nominations for 2013-2014

First off, I would like to thank our Nominations Committee for their diligent work. Our Committee was made up of: Past Presidents Curtis Cormane, Larry Emrich, and Terry Schaeffer. The Nominations Committee is proud to nominate for our club's Board of Directors and Officers for the 2013-2014 Rotary year the following candidates:

Directors (2 year term): Roz Warner, Steve Warriner, Albert McCartney, Dale Jaedtke, Jeff King

Club Service:	Mario de la Piedra
International Service:	Christina Rust
Community Service:	Ron Calkins
Vocational Service:	Doug Halter
New Generations:	Courtney Lindberg
Secretary:	Jim Deardorff
Treasurer:	Connie Young
Incoming President:	Irene Henry
President Elect Nominee:	Rob van Nieuwburg
(President 2014-15)	

The election is scheduled for the meeting of December 12, 2012. Nominations may be made from the floor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Schaeffer, Nominations Chair



## NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

The following are proposed for membership:

- **Mary Kay Doubek**, proposed with classification of “Nonprofit- Foundation” as a New Generations Member, by Rosa Lee Measures.
- **David Driscoll**, proposed with classification of “Country Club” , by Roz Warner.
- **Katie Stahl**, proposed with classification of “Banking-Retired” , by Rosa Lee Measures.
- **Dawn Rosin**, proposed with classification of “Payroll Services” as a New Generations Member, by Juan Soto.

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

## Upcoming Events

### Board Meeting

71 Palm Restaurant

Nov 15, 2012 11:45 AM - 01:30 PM

### No Meeting

Nov 22, 2012

### Children’s Holiday Party

Dec 05, 2012

### Club Holiday Party

Indy Batra Residence

Dec 14, 2012



*Dr. Mel Cheatham showed a video and spoke on the humanitarian efforts in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.*



*Bob Cheatham introduces the program speaker.*



*Terry Schaeffer introduces the slate of candidates from the Nominations Committee.*



*Ron Bamieh shares the success of his daughter’s National Mock Trial competition.*





*Fireside Chat: Thanks to Sheila Fatarelli for hosting!*



## Rotary Club of Ventura 2012-2013

### Officers

President	Indy Batra
President Elect	Irene Henry
Secretary	Jim Deardoff
Recording Secretary *	Larry Emrich
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Assistant Treasurer *	Mark Sauer
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	*Non-Voting Position

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Director	Ed McCombs
Assistant Director	Christina Rust
<b>New Generations</b>	
Director	Gary Young
Assistant Director	Courtney Lindberg
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