



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

"The friendliest club in Rotary"

100% Paul Harris Club



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Meeting of November 9, 2011 **Program – Rowing on Lake Casitas** **Reporter: Diane Koranda**

Introductions

Terry Schaeffer had promised us Navy food in honor of Veterans' Day and he delivered as promised. Definitely a nice change from the usual menu – the Shepherds Pie was particularly good. President Lynda introduced Mike Anderson who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag followed by an inspirational message about the resiliency of our nation and the American people RoseAnn Hill then led us in a round of "America the Beautiful."

Visiting Rotarian was introduced by Mike and club members introduced their guests. All were welcomed to the 'friendliest club in Rotary'.

Veterans' Day Recognition

In honor of Veterans' Day and the military service of our Rotary members, **Don Leach** asked members who had served in the Navy, Marine Corps., Air Force, Army or Coast Guard to please stand and be recognized. Don also noted that November 10th was the Marine Corps. birthday.



Sherry Scott announced that at the mortuary, veterans' coffins are draped with an American flag which in turn is presented to the deceased's family. Flags that have been donated are cleaned free of charge by Four Seasons Cleaners. Thank you, Sonny.

Nominating Committee Report

Terry Schaeffer, chair of the nominating committee, announced the 2012/13 slate of nominations for Board of Directors and Officers:

Please see the slate of officers and Directors on p. 2 of this bulletin.

Humorist, **Dave Loe**, reviewed the current issue of the Rotarian Magazine and shared with us his observances of the articles published this month.



Prez Lynda called attention to the pictures on the overhead screen that are appearing daily on Curtis Cormane's blog while he is in Nicaragua.

Announcements

Kristine Taylor shared that there are now 60 confirmed pick-up/donation sites for the Coats for Kids project. Interact, Rotaract members are joining us in this project. Kristine also noted that when they ran out of the original donation boxes and still had more locations to go, she contacted Sally Crain and Scott Patterson who promptly pledged to donate the additional boxes needed. Thank you Sally and Scott – so nice to see great Rotary spirit at work! Kristin also announced that there is a competition being held to see who can donate the most coats by December 7th – bring your donations to the meeting and the coats will be counted – the winner to receive a \$100 gift certificate to the restaurant of your choice.

Mike Anderson introduced his sister-in-law who told of the tragic plight of a young woman, Kim Alvarez, who, through complications in child birth, is in a coma with brain damage. A benefit dinner and auction is being organized to help with Kim's mounting medical bills. The benefit will be held at the Majestic Ventura Theater on November 26th. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at sophiesmom.com. Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

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Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

November 16, 2011

*The Rotary Foundation (TRF) –
What it means
(PP Hutch, Prez Lynda and her sister)*

November 23 – DARK

November 30, 2011

*The Ventura County Harmony Project
(Dr. Margaret Martin & Christine Plasencia)*

Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

Nov 16 – Brenda Allison

Nov. 30 – Ron Calkins

Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

Nov 16 – Margo Byrne

Fining

Chair: Ron Bamieh

Nov 16 – Katherine Wertheim

Nov. 30 Clyde Reynolds

2011-12 Officers and Directors

Officers

President Lynda Girtsman
President Elect Indy Batra
Secretary Jim Deardoff
Recording Secretary * Larry Emrich
Treasurer Christine Tonello
Assistant Treasurer * Mark Sauer
Immediate Past President Hutch Hutchinson
•Non-Voting Position

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

Congratulations

Prez Lynda recognized and congratulated Cheryl Heitman for her election to City Council, Ed Campbell for his new management association with the Pierpont Inn, and Ed Summers as the newly hired President and CEO of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce – Way to go, Rotarians!!

Program

Following “Happy Dollars” Sonny Shah was called upon to introduce the program. The featured speaker, **Wendy Gillette**, who is in charge of customer service at Four



Seasons Cleaners, spoke about the rowing program at Lake Casitas. The program began in 2008 and currently has 127 members – 54 of which are youth. They come from high schools from West Lake to Goleta, but are primarily from Ventura. 25% of the youth are on scholarship. Rowing is considered to be one of the most difficult sports in the world.

Wendy explained their program and the training that goes into it and showed a short video. She encouraged anyone interested in participating (or just watching) to visit the program and see it in action. She also introduced two members of the team who will be competing in upcoming events.

Following best wishes to Mel and Sylvia Cheatham on their upcoming international service journey, President Lynda adjourned the meeting promptly at 1:30 pm.

2012-13 Proposed Slate of Officers & Directors ***Elections will be held on December 7th.***

Officers:

President, Indy Batra
President-elect, Irene Henry
Secretary, James Deardorff
Treasurer, Connie Young
Past President, Lynda Girtsman
Ex-officio Officers: Attendance Clerk, Don Leach;
Recording Clerk, Larry Emrich.

Directors 2012-13:

Club Service, Daniel Holmes
Community Service, Nanci Cone
Vocational Service, Todd Binkley
International Service, Ed McCombs
New Generations, Ken Cooper

Directors 2012-14:

Club Service, Tyler Lilekvist
Community Service, Ron Calkins
Vocational Service, Doug Halter
International Service, Christina Rust
New Generations, Mario de la Piedra

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 17 (Thursday) – 11:45 AM

Board Meeting – 71 Palm

This is a make-up opportunity

November 23 (Wednesday)

DARK – No meeting

December 2 (Friday) – 6:00 PM

Club Holiday Social at Ann Deal's home

December 14 (Wednesday) – 9:00AM

**Children's Holiday Shopping Spree (JC Penney)
and Party (location TBD)**

December 15 (Thursday) – 11:45AM

Board Meeting – 71 Palm

December 17 (Saturday)

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

December 28 (Wednesday)

Joint Club Meeting with Ventura East and South

Award-winning composer, humanitarian, educator and world musician, John Zeretzke, will be presenting a unique program for our Rotary group about his travels around the world.

UPCOMING COATS FOR KIDS MEETING

DATES

November 30 December 7 January

For more information, please contact Kristin Taylor

COATS FOR KIDS CONTEST

December 7th

The club member who bring in the most coats, jackets, and warm sweatshirts of all sizes to the December 7th meeting will win a **\$100 gift certificate to the restaurant of his or her choice.**

Clean out your closets, collect from friends and neighbors and win a delicious dinner while helping our community.

Our goal is to provide 10,000 coats to needy families this winter.

Be a part of this great project!