



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

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Meeting October 27, 2010

Reporter: Larry Emrich

Introductions: "Newish" member Gary Young (pictured) did a great job leading us in the Flag Salute, Inspirational Moment and the Introductions.



Visiting Rotarians included Ondine Mascart, our RYE student, Mrs. Jennifer Farrell, and her daughter Kori, a tenth grader from Ventura High School who has applied to be an Outbound RYE

student next school year. Our songsters led us in "America"

Announcements:

Bob Schilken announced the Gold Coast Ride coming up April 16th, thanked Ken Cooper who helped get all the permits needed for the ride, and stressed the need for lots of volunteers. This is a great cause with half the proceeds going to Adult Literacy program.

Sonny Shah (pictured) no sooner said that he needed two more coat hanger sponsors than Ellyn Dembowski and Maria Berntson stepped up and pledged their support, to the tune of \$250 each! What a great club; what great support we have from our members! Sonny now has one thousand dollars committed to the project to be used for coat hangers.

Norm Blacher, PP and Chair of his Funsters Group, reminded us of the barbecue at John McConica the Second's ranch in Solvang on November 6. Call John at 652-7348 if you are interested. The cost is \$35 per person. It will start at noon and be over by 2:00. Kristin Taylor reminded us to start saving items to send to troops: Packages will be mailed in November.

Christmas shopping is just around the corner; see Rob if you are interested in helping: December 8 will be the day for the shopping and the party for elementary school students.

Dan Holmes will set up his camera for two Wednesdays starting the 10th to do head shots, professional photos, to be used for web site and for however else you want to use them. See Dan for pricing.

Maria Berntson received a commendation and certificate for her terrific job as Personnel Director on behalf of D5240.

Happy Dollars: Among the many happy dollars presented, Kristin talked about trekking the Atlas Mountains in Morocco, and mentioned the heartening sight of Muslims, Christians and Jews living in harmony. John Williams mentioned that his wife's surgery went wonderfully and she is back home now.

Rotary Moment: Sonny Shah (pictured) said that he



asked our club last year to help sort jackets and more than ten Rotarians showed up; they completed a two-hour job in ten minutes!

Fining: The fine master was not present so Hutch did one fine. He

asked Ron Calkins how he clanged the club bell the last two months because the gavel "went missing." A. He used a knife!

Program:

October is Vocational Service Month, and Avenue of Service Director Scott Patterson showcased the Vocational Service program.

Scott first mentioned the Importance of education and that he learned the value of mentors in his fraternity. He said

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District 5240 www.rotarydistrict5240.org – R.I. www.rotary.org

Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Program Chair: Hank Chandler

November 3, 2010

*"Live" Update on our 3-H Grant with
R C Calcutta Metropolitan, India
Jayanta Chatterji, President*

November 10, 2010

*Making a difference in Honduras
Albert McCartney & David Shea*

Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

Introductions

Chair: Indy Batra

Nov. 3 – Kathy Wertheim

Nov. 10 – Margo Byrne

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

Nov 3 – Ellyn Dembowski

Fining

Chair: Michele Olsen

Nov. 3 – Margo Byrne

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

2nd Year 2009-11:

Ellyn Dembowski

Erik Feingold

Sonny Shah

Juan Soto

1st Year 2010-12:

Barbara Asbell

Dale Jaedtko

Kristin Taylor

John Williams

Program continued



that vocational service includes club members serving others through their professions and aspiring to high ethical standards.

Dictionary Project: This is an important piece of literacy. Margo (pictured below) is our chair; last year we delivered 1300 dictionaries to schools; we will do this again, in

January. We deliver to all public and many private schools, 13-25 schools in all, and we need at least 13-25 volunteers to take the dictionaries to the schools, meet with the students, use the dictionaries briefly to introduce to them the concept and meaning of service, and to talk about Rotary and what we do. Margo read a cute letter from a student.



Gold Coast Ride for

Literacy: April 16th, 2011.

Bob Schilken is the Chair.

Half the proceeds go to

the Adult Literacy program.

Reading in Schools:

Todd Binkley is the Co-chair, will be done again on Dr. Seuss Day. Volunteers go to the schools and read books and/or stories to the students.

Four-Way Essay Test Essay Contest: Lorelle Dawes at VHS may help us do the 4-way test at VHS with the AVID program.

National Geographic Kids Magazines: Delivered magazines to 4th graders; delivered 190 subscriptions to kids; many students showed Scott their dictionaries we had given them last year as third graders.

Proposed additional projects: Vocational service ethics award; college or vocational scholarships on 4-way test; provide all members with Declaration of Rotarians in business and professions; career talks – have guest speakers from club give talks to Interact students. Scott concluded by saying that we can impact all professions and students.

Next week our special speaker will be the President of the Calcutta Metropolitan Rotary Club, Jayanta Chatterji.

Final Thoughts by Hutch: Louisa May Alcott said, "We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails."

**Please see page 4 for important details on
Coats for Kids project and
Wish List for packages to troops!**

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Day/Time	Club	Location
<u>Monday</u>		
Noon	Santa Paula	Logsdon Restaurant
Noon	Ventura South	Wedgewood Banquet Ctr.
<u>Tuesday</u>		
6:45 AM	Fillmore Sunrise	El Pescador Restaurant
7:00 AM	Camarillo Brkfst.	Spanish Hills Country Club
7:00 AM	Ojai West	SoulePark Golf Course
Noon	Simi Valley	Simi Valley Cultural Arts Ctr
12:10 PM	Montecito	Montecito Country Club
12:10 PM	Oxnard	Courtyard by Marriott
6:00 PM	Simi Sunset	Grand Vista Hotel
<u>Wednesday</u>		
7:00 AM	Carpinteria Morning	Carpinteria Women's Club
Noon	Camarillo	Camarillo Center for Spiritual Living
<u>Thursday</u>		
7:00 AM	Simi Sunrise	Grand Vista Hotel
7:30 AM	Oxnard Sunrise	Tomas Café
11:45 AM	Carpinteria	Carpinteria Community Bldg
Noon	Fillmore	Fillmore Western Dining Car (adjacent to Museum)
Noon	Ventura East	Poinsettia Pavilion
<u>Friday</u>		
Noon	Ojai	Soule Park Golf Course

- For additional District 5240 Make-Up locations and directions to the above, go to rotarydistrict5240.org and click on link "When and where clubs meet"

- To make up on-line via the world wide web, go to rotaryclubone.org

- To make up anywhere around the world, go to rotary.org and use the Club Locator

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3rd (Wed.) 11:30a - Noon
Coats for Kids Meeting; boxes, posters and other material will be distributed

November 6th (Saturday); Noon – 2p
Funsters Group barbecue at John McConica II's ranch in Solvang.

Cost is \$35/person. Call John at 652-7348 if you are interested. .

November 10th
Deadline for GSE Team Member applications for exchange with Australia. For more details, please contact Steve Doll

November 10th & 17th
"Headshot" pictures with Dan Holmes. For more information, contact Dan Holmes.

November 13th (Saturday)
Rotaract "Red Run for Polio" fundraiser. For more details, please contact Dale Jaedtke

November 24th (Wednesday) – DARK

December 8th (Wednesday)
Children's Shopping and Party (J C Penny/Crowne Plaza)
For more information and to help, please contact Rob van Nieuwburg.

December 29th (Wednesday) DARK

December 30th (Thursday)
Joint Meeting with R C Ventura East at Poinsettia Pavilion
More information to come.

January 29, 2011 (Saturday)
Save the date for D. 5240 Poverty Symposium – this won't be the anything like previous poverty conferences.
For more information go to ROTARYSTEPSONPOVERTY.ORG

Help Needed -
Weekly Bulletin Reporter(s) for December

If you are available to take notes of any or all meetings in December, please call me at 650-5915 or email maria@lindsayandcompanycpa.com.

A big Thank You to Margo Byrne for being our reporter for November.

Please see next page for Birthdays & Anniversaries and important info on Coats for Kids project and packages to troops.

The Four Way Test – of the things we think, say and do:

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

WISH LIST
for packages to our troops
in Afghanistan

- Baby wipes, lip balm, toothpaste and brushes
- Q-tips and cotton swabs
- Sun block
- Granola and power bars
- Dried fruit, nuts and raisins
- Gum, candy
- Small canned chicken and tuna
- Beef Jerky, individual snack products,
- Small jars of peanut butter & jelly
- Presweetened powdered Gatorade and Crystal Light,
- DVDs & CDs,
- Paperback novels, puzzle books
- Athletic socks, neck cooler ties,
- AA and AAA batteries,
- Stationery, pens, blank cards



**Please bring to meeting on
November 3rd and 10th!!!**

*November
Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Birthdays:

1st - Steve Warriner
3rd - Ed Summers and Gary Wolfe
4th - Jeff King
5th - Cary Savich
6th - Ron Rose
11th - Todd Binkley
13th - Ajay Keshap
15th - Tony Sabatino
16th - Sheila Fattarelli and Ed McCombs
28th - Mark Sauer and Terry Schaeffer

Anniversaries:

10th - Steve and Caroline Doll
Bob and Norma Lagomarsino
17th - Steve and Gretchen Bradvica
20th - Dan and April Holmes
Tony and Connie Sabatino
27th - Gary and Ann Wolfe

Congratulations to ALL!!!



COATS FOR KIDS PROJECT IN ITS 7TH YEAR IN 2010

This is the 7th year of collaboration between the Rotary Club of Ventura and Four Seasons Cleaners to help keep children and adults in our communities warm this winter. This year, several other local Rotary clubs will join the effort. Collection boxes will be distributed to businesses, school, government centers and public parks in Ventura County in early November.

Rotarians will collect the donated coats and jackets, deliver them to Four Seasons Cleaners on Main Street for cleaning and sorting, then distribute them to service organizations and schools in the community, such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Oxnard and Ventura, the Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army, local churches, Casa Pacifica and others. While the project is called "Coats for Kids", we do accept all sizes of coats and jackets; in past years, about 60% of coats collected and distributed were adult size.

Each year, our club also distributes coats to children at our annual Christmas Party on the second Wednesday of December. Last year, over 50 needy elementary schools kids from the lower grades of Lincoln, E P Foster and Sheridan Way schools were able to select coats for themselves as well as family members.

The project will continue until December 31, 2010. In addition to R C Ventura and Four Seasons Cleaners, the project is co-sponsored by Ventura County Star and Gold Coast Broadcasting.

Because of the current economic conditions, the need for coats is greater than ever before. Our goal is to collect and distribute 10,000 coats and jackets. Making the world a better place – one coat at a time – is a goal worth achieving. For more information or to help, please contact **Kristin Taylor at 643-3800.**