



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

"The friendliest club in Rotary"

100% Paul Harris Club



Editor: Maria Berntson maria@lindsayandcompanycpa.com
Assistant Editor: Betsy Chess newwester@sbcglobal.net
Volume LXXXII Number 20

Photographers: John McConica II, Dan Holmes
Jim Deardorff, Steve Doll
November 30, 2011

Meeting of November 16, 2011 **Program – The Rotary Foundation** **Reporter: Diane Koranda**

Introductions

Fried chicken and mashed potatoes – and another Rotary meeting begins!



Brenda Allison led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag followed by a moment of silence to reflect on the plight those people who go unheard in our society.

RoseAnn Hill and Clyde Reynolds then led us in "My Country 'tis of Thee".

District Governor Wade Nomura and Nina Clancy (Pez Lynda's sister) were introduced as visiting Rotarians; Club members then introduced their guests.

Announcements

Larry Emrich let us know that the current football pool was now full but that there are still opportunities available to get in the pool for the Rose Bowl game.

He also noted that sign up sheets were on the table for the Children's Christmas shopping spree. The kids will once again be transported by bus and Rotarians are to meet them outside JC Penney's this year.

Brenda Allison encouraged 100% participation in the "Coats for Kids" drive. On December 7 coats are to be brought to the meeting and the Rotarian bringing the most will be given a \$100 gift certificate to the restaurant of choice.

Steve Kipp announced this year's Bellringer Campaign will be on December 17. We need 30 - 40 people to each take shift of about 1 ½ hours between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm.

President Elect Indy Batra encouraged everyone to check the District website for information on the Rotary International Conference which will be held in Thailand from May 6th to 9th.

Governor Nomura presented a Rotary Foundation Award to Jim Deardorff for becoming a Benefactor. Larry Emrich and Maria Berntson have both become Paul Harris Society members this year.

Rotary Moment



Margo Byrne shared a special Rotary moment with us as she told about meeting a woman who had suffered from polio who said Rotary had made a tremendous difference in her life.

Fining

Kathy Wertheim stumped some of us, but not all, in the fine session by asking definitions of 'new' words being used in the media. RoseAnn Hill, Bill Finley, Don Leach, Mario de la Piedra, Betsy Chess, Steve Kipp, Kathy Scroggs, Sandra Laby and Hutch Hutchinson were the lucky finees.

Program



November being Rotary Foundation Month, the program centered around The Rotary Foundation (TRF) – what it is – what it does – and why to participate. Guest speaker ***Nina Clancy is the Rotary Foundation chair for***

District 5230. After an explanation of the Rotary

Web addresses: Club www.venturarotary.org – Photos: www.rotarycov.smugmug.com

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

cont'd p.2

Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

November 30, 2011

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

December 7, 2011

*The Tall Ships
(Captain Stephen Taylor & Education Director
Nate Gilman)*

December 14, 2011

Kids' Christmas Shopping Spree

Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

Nov. 30 – Ron Calkins Dec 7 – Terri Adams

Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

Nov. 30 – Warren Lowell Dec. 7 – Ed Campbell

Fining

Chair: Ron Bamieh

Nov. 30 Clyde Reynolds Dec 7 – Larry Emrich

No assignments December 14 due to Children's
Shopping Spree and Party

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

Program continued

Foundation – the benefits and mission, Nina invited several Rotarians to share their stories about what The Rotary Foundation meant

Larry Emrich encouraged all Rotarians to help make the final push to eradicate polio by contributing financially to the Polio + campaign. He would like to see every member of our club pledge \$50 to the campaign.

Brenda Allison talked about poverty in Ventura County and that instead of Americans always sending dollars to foreign countries, many of those countries are committing money through Rotary Foundation matching grants to problems/projects right here in our area.

Kevin Clereci, a RotarAct member, spoke of his experiences as a GSE team member spending a month in Bangladesh. He spoke of his experience there and his personal growth he acquired through this Rotary sponsored program.

Ellyn Dembowski shared her motivation for her contribution to the Legacy Fund (see Nov. 9 newsletter for details).

Mario de la Piedra, having just returned from a Rotary sponsored trip to Nicaragua delivering dental equipment, let us know the trip was very successful and he even had the opportunity while working with a local dentist, to extract teeth!! (An interesting description of 'success')

Nina closed the program by informing us that our District 5240 regularly sponsors two Ambassadorial Scholars at a cost of \$27,000 each for four years. Pretty impressive!

Reminder:

Coats for Kids and Fury Friends will be collected on December 7th,

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

Membership News

New Member Proposal

Mark Kirwin, proposed by Steve Doll and Larry Emrich with the classification "Law – Civil Litigation". Mark is a former member of our club (2009).

If a member has an objection to Mark becoming a member of our club, please submit your objection in writing to the Club Secretary within 10 days of this publication.

Resignations:

Larry Bird – effective 11/7/2011

Ted Wrablik – effective 11/17/2011

Leaves of Absence:

Barbara Asbell – 10/14/2011 to 3/31/2012

Nanci Cone – 12/8/2011 to 3.31.2012

Ginger Lynch – 12/1/2011 to 11/30/2012

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

For more information, please contact Kristin Taylor