



ROTARY SPOKES

Rotary Club of Ventura

Est. May 1, 1919

“The Friendliest Club in Rotary”

October 2, 2022

MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Attendance—Thirty-two members and guests were present plus two via Zoom.

Lunch—Sandwich fixings, fruit, and cookies.

Flag salute, inspirational message, and introductions—**Dan Holmes**. He asked all present to look around to fellow Rotarians and offer a handshake and a hug.

Songleaders—**Clyde Reynolds and Bev Ward**—“You’re a Grand Old Flag”

Announcements:

Bev Ward—**The Rubicon** will present Norm Lewis in concert October 8 singing musical theatre hits.

Judy Moore gave the date for the **Holiday Party** for Westside families: December 17, 2022. This event is in collaboration with five other organizations.

Kristin Taylor announced **Coats for Kids** is in full swing. Sponsors attained.

Happy Dollars:

Angela - \$10, thanks to those who donated to the Ventura Interact Basic Needs Pantry.

Kristin - \$20, got in the wrong car (passenger side) when picking up dinner with her husband.

Brenda - \$5, apology to our speaker, Sarah Abrams, that she would have to leave early.

Betsy - \$1,0 travelling to Maine to stay with a family that lives in the house her great, great, great, great (yes 4 greats!) grandfather built. She will also be speaking to their local historical society.

Clyde - \$1, all he had left after his wife’s gambling on the cruise to Alaska.

Neal - \$5, apologies for the dysfunction of the sound system, \$5 in gratitude to Bev’s brother-in-law helping him incubate a new project with the Stembassadors.

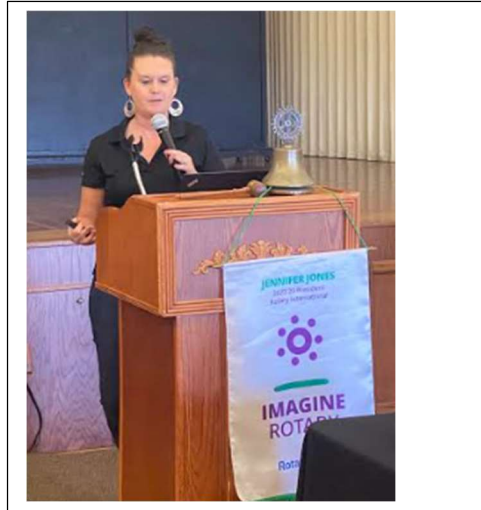
Lynda- \$10, back from a 2-week trip to France.

Mike Montoya - \$10, he and his son will attend the balloon festival in New Mexico.

Fining: Rob – substituted for Jessica. Fined everyone \$5 who was not wearing their Rotary pin, then asked questions about his favorite subject – CARS!

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

PROGRAM—SARAH ABRAMS



Sarah Abrams, co-founder of the non-profit Love VC, gave a presentation at our meeting September 28, 2022. She has been a volunteer for many years in places like Jamaica, South Africa, and the Tenderloin District. Love VC, Inc. was trademarked in November 2021. It is a 501(c)(3), volunteer based, with a small board of four people. Its goals are: Connecting, Giving, Serving. Its top priority is the City of Ventura but it also helps others in the county. There is no overhead—100% of monies go to the projects.

Their first event is October 1st where 175 volunteers will work on ten different projects serving the needs of our community. Three of the ten projects are:

- Hosting a baby shower at the Tenderlife Maternity Home,
- Refurbishing the outdoor spaces at the Cal Vet Home on Eastside,
- Pierpont Beach Clean-up.

For more information: <https://www.actionvc.org/events/love-vc/>



Hutch presented a Paul Harris Fellow award to Patricia Kipp Funaro for her financial support at the Polio Plus fundraiser.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

The Board of Directors has approved the following new members:

Dr. Antonio Castro—Superintendent, Ventura Unified School District

Andrea Contarino—Events Coordinator, Museum of Ventura County

If any member has objections to the induction of the proposed member(s), please express them in writing within 7 days to Membership Director Neal Lassila, Club Secretary Rob van Nieuwburg, or President Margi Wray.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(For up-to-date and more complete information, see our web site, VenturaRotary.org.)

October 5 lunch meeting: Presentation by Maria Ventura, Southern California Gas Company.

October 12 lunch meeting: Presentation by Brian Benel, Ojai Storytellers Festival.

October 17: Meet a Rotarian. Meet members of our newest Interact Club at **Pacific High School**, tour the school, and learn about PHS and its students. 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. Space is limited—contact Madhu Bajaj for more information and to RSVP.

October 24: World Polio Day.

October 27: Board Meeting, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Spokes editor: Mike Schwartz

Thanks to Sandy Lassila for reporting and photographing the September 28 meeting!