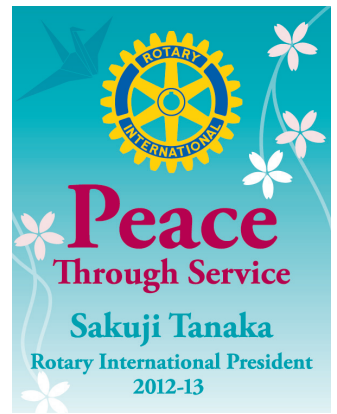


ROTARY SPOKES

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The Importance of Membership and New Members



Joe Richards rejoins our club. Joe is Assistant Superintendent of Business at Ventura Unified School District.



Jeannette Williams is a State Farm Insurance agent and is joining us a New Generations member. She is shown here with her sponsor, President-elect Irene Henry.

President Indy is excelling in bringing in new members. So far in his term he has inducted two new members in July, three in August, and is anticipating four in September. Good job Mr. President. Indy is encouraging all members to seek out people with the qualities that will make good Rotarians. Please make every effort to make our new members feel welcome and involve them in the many projects that Ventura Rotary is involved in! By participating in local and international service projects, club members can volunteer their time and talents where they're most needed.

The Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the club's effective functioning.
- Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- Community Service covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

- International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.
- New Generations Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects, and exchange programs.

Today's Program: African Safari

Our speaker today is Marni Rozet who will be recounting a recent trip to Africa. Marni served, until recently as Executive Director at Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation, a non-profit based in Santa Barbara. She is the daughter of our member Laurie Rozet.



Meeting of 05 September 2012

Introductions were handled by Sonny Shah, who, as all our songleaders were absent, led the club in "God Bless America." It appears we have a new songleader!

Lynda Girtsman shared her Rotary Moment which was the Ventura Rotary Dictionary Project. Speaking of inductions, the Club was pleased to see Joe Richards, Assistant Superintendent of Business at Ventura Unified, rejoin us after several years away. Joe joins with classification of "Education-Public Schools" and was introduced by Barbara Fitzgerald. In our second induction, Irene Henry introduced Jeanette Williams, who is joining as a New Generations member, with the classification of "Insurance."

Kristen Taylor announced the launch of the ninth year of the our club's "Coats for Kids" project, where we collect thousands of jackets and sweaters, have them cleaned by member Sonny Shah's Four Season Cleaners, and distribute them to people in need. Kristin has done a great job the last few years in leading this great effort!. The first meeting of the committee is set for 11:30 am, Wednesday, September 12.

Mary Saputo is following up on her project to provide flu shots to our membership. Mary is a nurse and will personally deliver the medicine into your bloodstream! Sign up sheets will also be out on the meeting of September 12.

An appeal was made for housing for our Sri Lanka GSE team: 5 members of that team need housing for the period of October 14-19, as they will be visiting our area. The host family simply provide a place for them to sleep and do their laundry. It was stressed that two members of the team cannot stay in homes with pets.

President Indy gave out some more attendance awards given out. In happy dollars:

- Kevin Clerici, head of the Downtown Ventura Organization, invited members to attend the Mission Garden Party, Thursday, September 13, to raise funds to permanently light up the two towering Norfolk Pines in the mission courtyard.
- Roz Warner was voted in as the 'Hardest Working Person in Ventura County, in the Star newspaper.

Today's Agenda

Marni Rozet
"African Safari Trip"

Introductions
Eliane DeBlauw

Rotary Moment
Barbara Asbell

Fining
Todd Binkley

We have always known that about Roz, but now it is official!

- Ed McCombs, recently returned from a Ventura Rotary Club International Service trip to Playa Gigante with Mark Kirwin and Christina Rust, thanked Mario de la Piedra for assistance in organizing the trip and the previous efforts to help that community.

Program

Bob Cheatham introduced our speaker Tom Koff. He holds an FAA Airline Transport Pilot certificate, and has logged over 16,000 flight hours and is a pilot for Channel Islands Aviation. The 'CIA' was founded in 1976 and include aircraft sales, maintenance, flight school and is a full service fixed base operator.

The CIA became an official transportation concessionaire for the Channel Islands National Park in 1986. At that time they began flying park rangers, government officials, researchers and various other entities involved with the National Park.

Tom flies a Britten-Norman Islander to and from Santa Rosa Island, which takes about 30 minutes one way. The company offers a variety of day trips and charters. He carries everything from passenger to freight. Tom showed us images of Santa Rosa Island, which is full of rugged, unspoiled beauty. He said that it is a sort of 'Land that time forget' very much a snapshot of what life was like in this area back in the 1700s.

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

Pierpont Inn

Sep 20, 2012 11:45 AM

2012 District 5240 Conference

Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA

Sep 28 - 30, 2012



Guest Speaker Tom Koff relates stories of his time as a pilot providing air service to the Channel Island.



Immediate Past President Lynda Girtsman relates her Rotary Moment.



Kristen Taylor kicks off the ninth year of the Coats for Kids project.



Sonny Shah, who provides a great service to the club for the Coats for Kids project, introduces guests.



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