



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

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Meeting September 8, 2010

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Gary Savich led the flag salute and made introductions. His invocation imagined what Founding Father John Adams might say about our troubled times – "Use your time wisely, work with well-meaning people and join Rotary!" Song Leaders, Clyde Reynolds and Bob Schilken conducted "It's a Grand Old Flag", with Gary chiming in.



Announcements – Lynda Girtsman talked about the District Conference coming October 22 and 23rd. It's a "traveling conference" with events in several areas, including a Bar BQ at Limoneira Ranch in Santa Paula on the 23rd. Cost will be \$40 a person.

Larry Emrich talked about Polio Plus and showed a short video featuring film of a National Immunization



Day in India where 136 million children were immunized in just one day. Video is available to be shown to other groups.

Kristen Taylor (pictured) announced that we

will be sponsoring a CB battalion from the county going to Afghanistan. Please save batteries, packaged goodies etc. for November mailing.

She also said there will be a Coats for Kids meeting next Wednesday at 11:30.

Remember Fall Social at VYC coming up on the 23rd. Mario de la Piedra talked about Pennies for Pencils. We'll collect loose change every meeting and the proceeds will go to our Backpack project. Happy Dollars raised lots of \$\$\$\$!

Fining was conducted by Barbara Asbell (pictured)



themes were entertainment, popular culture, animal trivia, scissors history, dentures and sports (336 dimples in a golf ball, by the way!)

The Program Hank Chandler introduced the speaker. Bob Ghen

(pictured below) spoke about Youth at Risk (YAR); he is a board member and program mentor. A national movement now in Ventura County, Youth at Risk is geared for 14 -17 year old kids in serious trouble and offers a one-year program of consistent and compassionate mentoring. The program begins with a 4-day intensive "boot camp" in the mountains for both boys and girls. They emerge with concepts such as "you are your word."



They are then paired with a mentor and the two take on a project: perhaps

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Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Program Chair: Hank Chandler

September 15, 2010

3-D Medical Technologies (Robert Real)

September 22, 2010

Craft Talks

September 29, 2010

Comedy Writing (Gene Perrett)

Greeters

Chair: Melody Namikas

Sep. 15 – Margo Byrne

Sep. 22 – Katherine Wertheim & Gary Young

Sep. 29 – David Michael Kenney

Introductions

Chair: Indy Batra

Sep. 15 – Ken Cooper Sep. 22 – Abram Abrams

Sep. 29 – Sheila Fatterelli

Rotary Moment

Chair: Barbara Asbell

Sep. 15 – Jim Deardorff Sep. 22 – Larry Dawes

Sep. 29 – Sally Crain

Fining

Chair: Michele Olsen

Sep. 15 – Saurabh Bajaj Sep. 22 – Ron Bamieh

Sep. 29 – Indy Batra

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 Jaedtke
Kristin Taylor
John Williams

Program Continued:

something simple such as showing up at school every day or more complex such as learning to read. Kids receive a phone coaching session twice a month. Once a month the whole group meets.

The YAR organization keeps close contact with schools, teachers, families, etc.

At year's end the young people are empowered by the changes they have made and have learned the importance of honesty, keeping their word etc. 85% are reported to stay out of trouble. Their success touches their whole community.

Bob also showed a video about the program. Kids are referred by the Probation Department. YAR is new in Ventura County and needs 50 mentors and about \$60K a year to run the program. Bob is available to talk to other groups.

New Generations Gathering

(By Terry Schaeffer, D. 5240 New Generations Director)

Last Sunday evening our club brought together 3 New Generation groups: The Rotaract Clubs of Ventura and CSUCI, and the Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R). This social affair was hosted by Mary and Terry Schaeffer. There were also a few at large community members: recruits for Rotary, Rotaract, and even the Young Farmers & Ranchers. There were more than 40 in attendance feasting on a variety of goodies from the Schaeffer kitchen and "pot luck".

Although this was a social affair designed to integrate the Rotaractors and the YF&R; we were there to also make "rotary hay". Each of the Rotaract and YF&R presidents made brief presentations about their clubs and planned projects. President Hutch talked about Rotary and our club in particular. Past President Larry Emrich enlightened the crowd about our new Public Polio fund raiser involving "texting" that is particularly tailored to this new generation (great job Larry!).

Then our special guest, Governor Deepa Willingham, made an inspired plea and challenge to our New Generations to take up the banner and embrace some of Rotary's goals of Polio Eradication, Literacy, and attacking severe poverty. Both young and old were inspired.

The Rotaractors and YF&R really hit it off and some stayed late into the evening talking, laughing, and sharing their goals. The YF&R were looking forward to working with our Rotaract and some will undoubtedly join. I would not be surprised if there were another joint meeting between these two groups in addition to working on projects together.

Our YF&R and at large community members were inspired by Rotary's message of service both locally and internationally.

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

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?

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15 (Wednesday) 11:30a
Coats For Kids Committee Mtg.

September 16 (Thursday) 7:30a
Newcomers' Breakfast, Pierpont Inn
One of the topics will be the Blue Badge process, so don't miss it!

September 16 (Thursday) 11:45a
Board Meeting, 71 Palm

September 23 (Thursday) 6p–8:30p
Family Social at the Ventura Yacht Club

Sign-up sheets and more info at the meeting or contact Christina Rust at 907-6992

Newcomers, Board, Rotaract meetings and social events are MAKE-UPS (if attended within make-up period)!

September 29 (Wednesday) Club Meeting

Monthly Food Drive.

Please bring a can or more of food or be prepared to make a cash contribution via fine slip to help feed the hungry in our community.

October 7 (Thursday) – 6 p
Fireside Chat – for New Members
At the home of Ellyn Dembowsky
Put the date on your calendar – more info to come!

October 23 (Saturday) 11:30a – 3p
2010-11 District Conference: Family Picnic @ Limoneira in Santa Paula

Cost \$40/adults; children under 13 are free.

Sign up at the club meetings. For more information on the conference, go to rotarydistrict5240.org or contact PE Lynda Girtsman @ 648-1744.

Save for November Mailing to our Troops in Afghanistan: Batteries & other goodies.

Pakistan

One new case was reported in the last week (WPV1 in Khyber-Pakhtoon-Khwa province, formerly NWFP).

Widespread flooding continues to affect Pakistan. All polio-funded technical staff and 60% of administrative staff have been mobilized to assist with the response, which has devastated health facilities and the vaccine cold chain.

Recognizing the potential for spread of disease, the Ministry of Health has put in place a plan to vaccinate children in all flood-affected districts with measles vaccine and OPV in three phases: the 1st phase will commence in September, targeting 7.28 million children in the 40 worst-affected districts; continuing with moderately affected districts in October and finally, non-affected districts in early 2011.

The NID planned for end-September will be conducted in all but the 40 worst-affected districts from Sept 27 to 29; in a second phase from Oct 11 to 13, the NID will be conducted in the 40 worst-affected districts. Vaccine used will be bOPV in high-risk areas, with tOPV used in all other areas.

An additional SIA (SIAD - short-interval additional dose) will be conducted in the FATA area during the second half of October.