



# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
Weekly Bulletin*

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## Meeting September 15, 2010

*Reporter: Betsy Chess*

Dick Hatcher stepped in to greet members. Ken Cooper led the flag salute and made introductions. His invocation was a moment of silence to remember 9-11 Song Leaders Clyde Reynolds & Jim Spencer led "God Bless America"

**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 BBQ at Limoneira Ranch in Santa Paula on the 23rd. Cost will be \$40 a person.

Larry Emrich announced new plans to raise money for Polio including texting POLIO 90999 (see page 3 for more info). Red Badger Dan Holmes received his Blue Badge from Christina Rust (both pictured below).



Dan has a great idea to combine his photography with a club fundraiser: \$15 - \$35 for a headshot. Barbara Asbell pitched participation in PRLS. Remember Fall Social at VYC coming up on the 23rd. Pennies for Pencils now has a container on hand for weekly donations. We'll collect loose change every meeting and the proceeds will go to our Backpack project.

**Rotary Moment** was shared by Jim Deardorff about how his son's experience as a Rotary Exchange Student in France helped him many years later.

**Happy Dollars** included a welcome back to Kathy McCleery now Kathy Scroggs.



**Fining** was conducted by Saurabh Bajaj (pictured) – the theme was the Seven Natural Wonders of the World – Grand Canyon is the only one in US!

**The Program:** Hank Chandler introduced the speakers: Larry Leka operated the visuals and Burton Tripathi spoke about 3-D medical technologies. True Visions is a medical startup company in Santa Barbara that has been in business for two years. They have developed a 3-D HD visualization system which helps doctors perform microscopic surgeries more accurately and with less physical strain on the surgeon. It also can be used to "televis" surgical procedures (telemedicine) and to better educate students and practitioners in basic classes and new procedures. In retinal procedures. Complications are reported to drop by 1/3 using the technology. In neurosurgery; it allows entire procedures to be done microscopically.



Cool crowd! Pictured are Prez Hutch along w/ Terry Adams in foreground.

The bottom line: better visualization, ergonomics, OR efficiency, communications and collaboration, and better patient outcomes. Then we had the opportunity to see with 3-D glasses what a surgeon would see... Not everyone was thrilled!

**Web addresses:** Club [www.venturarotary.org](http://www.venturarotary.org) – Photos: [www.rotarycov.smugmug.com](http://www.rotarycov.smugmug.com)  
District 5240 [www.rotarydistrict5240.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5240.org) – R.I. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## Meeting Programs & Assignments

### Programs

**Program Chair: Hank Chandler**

September 22, 2010

*Craft Talks:*

*Ron Caulkins & Rob Van Nieuwburg*

September 29, 2010

*Comedy Writing (Gene Perrett)*

October 6, 2010

*Semester at Sea (Mario de la Piedra)*

### Greeters

**Chair: Melody Namikas**

Sep. 22 – Katherine Wertheim & Gary Young

Sep. 29 – David Michael Kenney

### Introductions

**Chair: Indy Batra**

Sep. 22 – Norman Blacher      Sep. 29 – Sheila Fatterelli

Oct. 6 – Christine Tinello

### Rotary Moment

**Chair: Barbara Asbell**

Sep. 22 – Larry Dawes

Sep. 29 – Sally Crain

### Fining

**Chair: Michele Olsen**

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 LaRochelle  
 International Service ..... Albert McCartney  
 Vocational Service ..... Scott Patterson

### Elected Directors

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year 2009-11:**

Ellyn Dembowski

Erik Feingold

Sonny Shah

Juan Soto

**1<sup>st</sup> Year 2010-12:**

Barbara Asbell

Dale Jaedtke

Kristin Taylor

John Williams

## Membership Corner

**Current membership: 129** (started year with 126)

**Red Badge Members: 13**

**Resignations** accepted by the Board:

**Tim Schiffer and Eric Baucom**

**Leave of Absence** approved by the Board:

**Kristin Taylor 10/3 – 11/2 (travel)**

**Editor's Note:** Tim Schiffer has been a valued member of our club and especially our Club Service Team. He has served as assistant bulletin editor, club historian and co-chair of the District Governor's visit, just to name a few of the recent contributions he has made to our club. We will miss you, Tim, and wish you all the best!

## POLIO UPDATE

### **Effect of Recent Flooding in Pakistan**

One new polio 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.

**Please go to page 3 of this bulletin for more information on the text POLIO 90999 Challenge announced by PP Larry Emrich.**

## District 5240 Officers & Executives

District Governor

Deepa Willingham

Chief Operating Officer

Vicki Arndt

Exec. Assistant Governors:

China Lake

David Saint Amand

Ventura

Terry Schaeffer

Simi Sunrise

Gary J Stewart

Immediate Past District Governor

Luz Maria Ortiz

District Governor Elect

Wade Nomura

District Governor Nominee

Frank Ortiz

## MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Day/Time	Club	Location
<b><u>Monday</u></b>		
Noon	Santa Paula	Logsdon Restaurant
Noon	Ventura South	Wedgewood Banquet Ctr.
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>		
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
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>		
7:00 AM	Carpinteria Morning	Carpinteria Women's Club
Noon	Camarillo	Camarillo Center for Spiritual Living
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>		
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
<b><u>Friday</u></b>		
Noon	Ojai	Soule Park Golf Course

- For additional District 5240 Make-Up locations and directions to the above, go to [rotarydistrict5240.org](http://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](http://rotaryclubone.org)
- To make up anywhere around the world, go to [rotary.org](http://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 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](http://rotarydistrict5240.org) or contact PE Lynda Girtsman @ 648-1744.

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



The text POLIO 90999 Challenge is presented by area code 805 Rotarians to the other area codes in our District. It runs from Sep.15 to Oct. 15. The public, "encouraged" by Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotarians, will text POLIO 90999 and commit to donate \$5 to END POLIO NOW. The total amount collected will be presented to Ed Futa, R I Rep at the Rolling District Conference on October. For more info go to [rotarydistrict5240.org](http://rotarydistrict5240.org) On the home page, scroll down to the Polio sign.