



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

"The friendliest club in Rotary"

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Meeting of September 21, 2011

Program – ROTARACT

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Introductions

The meeting was called to order by President Lynda Girtsman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dennis LaRochelle. Dennis' invocation was on Friendship and how our friends may be here for a Reason, a Season or a Lifetime. RoseAnn Hill, Clyde Reynolds and Bob Schilken then led us in a rather high version of America the Beautiful.

Announcements

Larry Emrich advised us that October is Polio Month and next month a Football Pool will be held each week as a fundraiser. The winner will end up with a Paul Harris Fellow. More details to follow.

Terry Schaffer reminded us that the next club social will be Seafood by the Sea, coming up October 3rd, 5:30-7:30 at the Ventura Yacht Club. Bring a seafood dish to share and your favorite beverage, along with your significant others and family.

Jim Deardorff announced a house swap opportunity for next summer in England; contact him for further information.

Dave Loe is looking for used soccer equipment for the upcoming trip to Honduras on Oct. 15.

Sonny Shah announced the Coats For Kids kickoff and is looking for 2 more sponsors for the hangers for the coats; Ellyn Demowski and Irene Henry committed to being sponsors at \$250 a piece.

Barbara Asbell again reminded us that PRLS is spelled thusly, not PEARLS! PRLS stands for Potential Rotary Leaders Seminars. A full schedule can be found at www.prls.org.

Master PRLS I is being held on Sat., Sept. 17 at the Santa Maria Inn, and Basic PRLS will next be held Oct. 8 at CLU.

Surprise Presentation



Steve Doll was honored by Past President Hutch Hutchinson with a Paul Harris Fellow pin with four sapphires for his many contributions to our club.

Steve then spoke about his **Rotary moments**, which were many, including times spent with the Group Study Exchange participants, Student Exchanges, our club's Children Christmas Party and the Dictionary Project.

Happy Dollars included several kudos for Ellyn Demboski and her real estate services. Curtis Corman used his Happy Dollar to state that he is looking for mentors for the Boys and Girls Club that can spend an hour a week with children.

Program

Dale Jaedke introduced some of the members of Rotaract including Cheney Caldwell and International Chair Greg Abrams (sorry, I didn't get the 3rd member's name!). Rotaract is a part of Rotary, for the 18-35 age group, without the dues and weekly meetings. This club has been involved in more than 40 projects since its chartering in 2009, including participating in a National Immunization Day in India, the Ride for Literacy event with our club, building a

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

Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

September 28, 2011

Ventura County Financial Issues
(Matt Carrol)

October 5, 2011

Mental Illness Awareness Month
(Ratan Bhavnani)

October 12, 2011

Traveling in Liberia
(Karol Shulkin)

Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

Sep 28 – Bill Kearney

Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

Sep 28 – Melody Namikas

Fining

Chair: Ron Bamieh

Sep 28 – Greg Kincaid

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
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•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:

house in Mexico and establishing a garden to raise food to donate to the needy and much more. Rotaract's mission statement: Young humanitarians committed to serving and inspiring our local and international communities. Plans for this year include reviewing the talents within the group's membership and seeing how they can grow. They love to be hands-on. Greg Abrams spoke about his hope to be of further assistance to a small town in Nicaragua called Tola, where the local clinic lacks many essentials such as toilet paper and light bulbs, and children are in dire need of school supplies and repairs and upgrades to the school. For more information on Ventura Rotaract go to their website www.venturarotaract.com.

After the conclusion the presentation, Lynda Girtsman thanked Sally Crain for all of assistance to the club over the years for the storage she has provided at Hillford Moving and Storage, especially for the coats for the Coats for Kids project. Thanks, Sally!



Members of the Ventura Rotaract Club share share accomplishments and Goals for the future.

Getting to Know You Program:

President Lynda initiated this program so that we get to know each other better! Tyler Liljekvist is the coordinator; he will send you an email ahead of the date on which you have been selected to provide information about your business and yourself or, in Tyler's words "This is one week where you have free reign to shamelessly market yourself".

Sep 28:

Steve Bradvicha, John Brant & Chris Brashears

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER – NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

Every year, thousands of talented and dedicated young people have an incredible experience in a New Generations program.

As Rotaractors and Interactors, they serve in communities and abroad. Through Rotary Youth Exchange, they explore new cultures. And as Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants, they learn skills that will help them succeed as future community leaders.

Let us all help to turn these future leaders into the next generation of Rotarians!

September 28: County Financial Issues

Matt Carrol, second in command at the County CEO's office discusses the financial picture for the county now and moving forward.

OCTOBER – VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

During October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important area of service. Discussions on Vocational Service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within our communities.

October 5: Mental Illness

Ratan Bhavnani, President of the Ventura chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness will present this program in observation of Mental Illness Awareness month.

October 12: Traveling in Liberia

Karol Shulkin, employee of the County Department of Social Services and recent traveler to Liberia, will share her experience.

October 19: Kinetic Sculpture Race

Christy Cantrell, the "Kinetic Sculpture Race Queen" will present this program. More info to come ...

OCTOBER IS ALSO POLIO AWARENESS MONTH



Larry Emrich & Mike Anderson have planned a month-long fundraiser around weekly football pools. The winner will receive a Paul Harris Fellowship. Get ready fans – this will be FUN!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28 (Wednesday) 5:30 PM

Rotary Mixer at the Wedgewood Country Club (on Olivas)

Club members are asked to bring a guest – great way to meet fellow Rotarians from the other clubs in the area and prospects. \$10 at the door.

For more information contact President Lynda Girtsman.

October 3 (Monday) 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Seafood by the Sea club social Ventura Yacht Club

For more information contact Terry Schaeffer.

October 20 – 23 (Thursday – Sunday)

District 5240 Conference – Carpinteria

*For more information go to the District website
www.rotarydistrict5240.org*

November 13 (Sunday) - 1:00 PM

Peace Conference – Palm Springs Convention Center

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi

Other Speakers, Breakout Sessions & Displays

For informational flyer and registration go to our club website under "stories" www.venturarotary.org

December 28

Joint Club Meeting with Ventura East

Award-winning composer, humanitarian, educator and world musician, **John Zeretke**, will be presenting a unique program for our Rotary group about his travels around the world.

PRLS & MPRLS Schedule:

Basic PRLS – Oct 8, TBA (South)

MPRLS 3 – Oct 29, TBA

MPRLS 4 – Aug 27, Santa Maria

MPRLS 5 – Oct 08, Santa Maria

For more information contact Barbara Asbell or go to the PRLS website www.prls.org

In case you missed it in the Announcements:

- **Mentoring opportunity with children from the Girls & Boys club – see Curtis Cormane for more information**
 - **Sponsoring opportunity for COATS FOR KIDS project. Sonny Shah is still looking for two hanger sponsors at \$250 a piece.**
- PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!**