

# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
Weekly Bulletin*

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## Meeting September 22, 2010

*Reporter: Betsy Chess*

Lynda Girtsman wielded the gavel for absent President Hutch. Norm Blatcher led the flag salute and made introductions. His invocation was a plea for us all to be grateful – for friends, family, for where we live. Song Leaders Clyde Reynolds, Rose Ann Hill & Jim Spencer led "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

**Announcements:** PE Lynda Girtsman (pictured) was pleased to see meetings of the Past Prez' groups before the meeting. Lynda 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, children under 13 are free.



Food Drive is next week. Host families are needed for the upcoming Australian GSE team visit. Larry Emrich handed out the Polio Plus T-shirts. These can still be ordered. Tom Naylor reminded us about the Fall Social at VYC coming up on the 23rd beginning at 5:30. Kristen Taylor announced a Coats for Kids meeting next week. Barbara Asbell spoke about upcoming PRLS sessions. For more information on dates, please contact Barbara or go to [www.prls.org](http://www.prls.org).

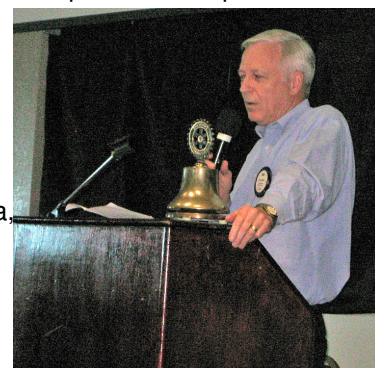
**Rotary Moment** featured Larry Dawes who shared how his understanding of Rotary charity has been expanded since becoming a member.

**Happy Dollars** – John Brant led off with great news about the positive effects of the Boys & Girls Club in the county. Rosa Lee told about the "Final Inch" film on Polio showing on October 13th at the Museum 5:30 – 7:30. This is the work of her Prez' committee.

**Program:** Barbara Asbell introduced this month' Craft Talks.

**Ron Calkins** talked about the public works profession, to which he was first drawn because it is about service. A twin (Ronnie & Donnie), he described his family as "50's All American".

Ron was born in Tacoma, WA, later the family moved to Kansas City. He went to U of Missouri and majored in environmental engineering. He met Janice on a blind date. They moved to Ventura in 1972, when Ron accepted a position with the County Sanitation District. After 11 years they left Ventura for Ron to become City Engineer of Santa Barbara.



In 1985 they returned when Ron became City Engineer for Ventura. In 1993 he became Public Works Director – taking care of all vital basic services: built infrastructure, wastewater management, parks, sports fields, beaches, recycling vehicles, street maintenance, trees, sidewalks, facility design and construction. Having recently announced his retirement, Ron was asked what he feels good about in his career; he responded: traffic improvements, water supply (rely on own supplies – no state water), Community Park.

**Rob van Nieuwburg** – was born in the Netherlands. He says he always had a big mouth! His father owned a car dealership, so cars were in Rob's blood. He first went to Paris and worked at a Simca dealership, then came to California in the 70's. He started at the Fiat dealership in Ventura, then worked on Porsches for John Masterson. Rob has been with Ventura Toyota for 30 years and "loved it all".

**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 29, 2010  
*Comedy Writing (Gene Perrett)*

October 6, 2010  
*Semester at Sea (Mario de la Piedra)*

October 13, 2010  
*Leadership (Mel Cheatham)*

### Greeters

**Chair: Melody Namikas**

### Introductions

**Chair: Indy Batra**

Sep. 29 – Sheila Fatterelli      Oct. 6 – Christine Tonello  
Oct. 13 – Steve Chadbourne

### Rotary Moment

**Chair: Barbara Asbell**

Sep. 29 – Sally Crain      Oct. 6 – Ellyn Dembowski  
Oct. 13 – Steve Doll

### Fining

**Chair: Michele Olsen**

Sep. 29 – Indy Batra      Oct. 6 – Todd Binkley  
Oct. 13 – John Brant

## 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

#### **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

On a personal note, Rob says his two children are the



best things in his life. He “inherited” the Children’s Christmas Party, one of our club’s community service project in 1980 when he first joined Rotary. It has been a great match! Rob commented that Rotary is his family and the party “is the best of Rotary”. Rob also talked about his long friendship

with former Ventura Rotarian Marc Vertin, and answered questions about his interesting life!

## ALL ABOUT “NEW GENERATIONS”

*By Terry Schaeffer*

At a recent New Comers meeting the question came up “What is New Generations exactly?”. Funny you should ask, as I just happen to be Governor Deepa’s Executive Assistant in charge of New Generations for our District 5240.

New Generations encompasses:

- **Youthact** – middle school,
- **Interact** – high school,
- **Rotaract** – Ages 18-30something,
- **Rotary Youth Exchange/RYE** – foreign exchange students incoming & outgoing,
- **RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Award** – intensive 4 day leadership for Interactors.

Youthact, Interact, and Rotaract are Rotary’s arm for our middle and high school, university and young professionals. This is how our next generation learns to serve their community and the world around them.

**Ellyn Dembowski is our Youthact focal point** at Balboa, **Jeff King and Melody Namikas are our focal points for Interact and RYLA** at Ventura High School. **Dale Jaedtke is our Rotaract focal point.** Incidentally, the Rotaract Club of Ventura is a community based club as opposed to a University based. Of all the Rotarians from the four clubs in Ventura, the Rotaractors selected Dale as their advisor/mentor.

**RYLA is an intensive long weekend of training: leadership, diversity, motivational, and how to serve your community.** RYLA is actually open to ages 14-30. But our district focuses on our Interactors. We target next year’s Interact leadership and priority is usually given to juniors, and sophomores, then seniors and freshmen. **RYLA is always looking for counselors, especially female counselors;** all will receive training. Let Melody or Jeff know if you are interested in the rewarding weekend long activity. You can make a difference...

**Rotary Youth Exchange/RYE** this is our foreign exchange for high school age students both incoming and  
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## 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 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 [www.rotarydistrict5240.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5240.org) or contact PE Lynda Girtsman @ 648-1744.*

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

### **New Generations – cont'd from p. 2**

outgoing. Irene Henry's daughter went to Chile for 9-10 months and had the additional experience of enduring a major earthquake. The Girtsman's are currently hosting Ondine, our student from Belgium. Incidentally, if you have a family or group activity that Ondine might enjoy, contact Lynda and take Ondine along. If you know of any 15-19 year olds who might want to experience a foreign exchange, contact me and I will put you in touch with the right people. Also if you would like to host Ondine for a quarter let Larry Emrich or I know.

Also included in New Generations is the District Youth Protection Office, which is headed by attorney Mary Howard (Oxnard Sunrise) 805-469-0535. The Student Protection Office was created so that someone is available for the students to talk to 24/7, a third party who listens, is objective; and if necessary, able to take action.

*Please see next page for some pictures from last week's club BBQ at the Ventura Yacht Club – courtesy of Jim Deardorff.*