



ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura
Weekly Bulletin*

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Meeting of August 31, 2011

Program – Craft Talks

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Introductions



Doug Halter started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. We then sang America the Beautiful, "Oh Beautiful, For Spacious Skies..." "This is a beautiful country – I love it here!!!" (editorial by Marine Waels, our

current Intern from the University of Lille, France.)

Fining and Fundraising

Chris Brashears returned in style to the podium with a rapid fire of fines – and what else would we expect from Chris, except "Fining with a Twist?"



Suffice it to say that if you have a feather in your cap, Chris recognized it and laid a fine on you –

he fined Gary for earning his Blue Badge, Hoot for having decades of perfect attendance, all attorneys for all of the nation's debt problems, Indy and Sonny for having the wrong names, Steve for being a multiple Iron Man, and anyone actually wearing their Rotary pin. Thanks for the belly laugh, Chris; may all of your, ahem, future accomplishments, be rewarded.

Program

Craft Talks were introduced by Larry Emrich.

Gillian Wenzel is our outbound Rotary Exchange Student for the 2011/2012 school year. Yea, Gillian!



She's headed off to Gorizia, in Northern Italy. Her goals for the year include becoming immersed in the culture of Italy, and coming home bi-lingual in Italian. She hopes to study a third language while overseas. She will be attending a school that focuses on the Arts. She will maintain a blog while overseas so keep up with her adventures on the web.

Steve Wariner works as a Financial Advisor. He is a past member of the Rotary Club of Westlake Village.



His wife Tracy is an instrumental member of the Harley dealership off Central in Camarillo. Married for 17 years, they have a son, Tristen, and a daughter Kierra, both of whom

are students at Buena High School - (which produced many loud groans from the Club – forgive us, Steve,

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Meeting Programs & Assignments

Programs

Chair: Larry Emrich

September 7, 2011

Travels Through Life

With Dave Bianco & His Elderhostel Chapter

September 14, 2011

Learning Ally

Tom Reul, Chair of the Ctr/So CA Board

September 21, 2011

ROTARACT

Members summarize their 1st year projects and plans for the future

Introductions

Chair: Ron Calkins

Sep 7 – Todd Binkley Sep 14 – Doug Halter

Sep 21 – Dennis LaRochelle

Rotary Moment

Chair: Terri Adams

Sep 7 – Nanci Cone Sep 14 – RoseAnn Hill

Sep 21 – Steve Doll

Fining

Chair: Ron Bamieh

Sep 7 – Gary Wolfe Sep 14 – Cheryl Heitman

Sep 21 – Larry Bird

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
 Immediate Past President Hutch Hutchinson
 •Non-Voting Position

Avenues of Service

Club Service

Director Terry Schaeffer
 Assistant Director Dan Holmes

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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

Membership Corner

September Birthdays

03 - Dennis LaRochelle
 04 - Norm Blacher
 08 - Christina Rust
 09 - Indy Batra
 12 - Sherry Scott
 13 - Michael Anderson
 14 - Joyce Frenette
 16 - Fred Bysshe
 17 - John McConica II
 19 - Melody Namikas
 22 - Steve Bradvica
 23 - Larry Dawes
 24 - Larry Rasmussen
 26 - Bob Berry

September Anniversaries

10 - William & Elise Kearney - 39 yrs.
 12 - Albert & Sharon McCartney - 41 yrs.
 Ed & Nell McCombs - 57 yrs.
 Sherry & Jack Scott - 2 yrs.

Congratulations to all!!!!

New Member Proposal

The board of directors has approved club membership for **Maresh Talwar**. Maresh is sponsored by Saurabh Bajaj and his classification is Emission Controls & Bio Fuels. He is president of Ocean Air Environmental, LLC.

If you have any objection to this proposed new member, please contact the Club Secretary (Jim Deardorff) within seven (7) days in writing with the reason for your objection.

Program continued

we're died-in-the-wool Ventura & Foothill High School fans!)

Steve and Tracy spent almost a decade on Johnston Atoll, located 750 miles from Hawaii. They worked at the Raytheon chemical munitions destruction facility. It was a fascinating presentation. Johnston Island was no common island in the Raytheon days – this place was off limits to anyone other than those working at the Raytheon facility. It was a city unto itself – all 1 mile by 1.5 miles of it! 4% of the nation's stockpile of chemical munitions were stored, and subsequently destroyed, there.

At the end of Steve's craft talk, he was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship, recognizing his incredibly dedicated work on the Club's July 4th Fireworks service project this summer. We're looking forward to your experience on the project next year, Steve. Thank you for a job well done!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER – NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

September 7: Elderhostel and More

Dave will reveal his many life lessons, his co-founding of Elderhostel and his passion for almost everything Italian

September 14: Learning Ally

Imagine a student who has difficulty reading textbooks for classes. Now imagine that student putting on a pair of headphones and learning through listening.

Learning Ally is an organization that uses 6,000 nationwide volunteers to record textbooks for students who have difficulty reading due to blindness, dyslexia or other learning disabilities. Formerly named “Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic”, Learning Ally helps more than 300,000 students from kindergarten through college and graduate school, plus veterans and life-long learners, to access the knowledge they need to succeed.

September 21: ROTARACT

Rotaract members summarize their 1st year projects and plans for next year

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.



Our 2011-12 youth exchange student presents her home club's banner to President Lynda.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15 (Thursday) – 11:45 AM

Board Meeting at 71 Palms

Attendance qualifies as a make-up if within the make-up period.

September 23 (Friday) – 7:30 AM

Newcomers' Breakfast – Crowne Plaza C Street Restaurant

For more information contact Tom Naylor

September 25 (Sunday)

Group Study Exchange arrives from South Korea

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

October 20 – 23 (Thursday – Sunday)

District 5240 Conference – Carpinteria

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PRLS & MPRLS Schedule:

Basic PRLS – Oct 8, TBA (South)

MPRLS 1 – Sep 17, Santa Maria

MPRLS 2 – Sep 24, Santa Maria

MPRLS 3 – Oct 29, TBA

MPRLS 4 – Aug 27, Santa Maria

MPRLS 5 – Oct 08, Santa Maria



Prez Lynda, sponsor Larry Dawes and new member Rob Orth are all smiles at Rob's induction. Welcome To the “friendliest club in Rotary”, Rob!