



# ROTARY SPOKES

*The Rotary Club of Ventura  
Weekly Bulletin*

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## Meeting September 1, 2010

*Reporter: Betsy Chess*

Members were welcomed by greeters Ed Campbell and "stand-in" Melody Namikas. Sally Crain led the flag salute and made introductions. America the Beautiful was conducted by Jim Spencer and RoseAnne Hill.

**Announcements** were led off by Christina Rust who reminded us that our first social of the year will be held at the Ventura Yacht Club, Thursday, September 23rd, 6 – 8:30 PM. Our Bar B Q team is geared up as is Rosa Lee, Queen of the Jolly Jump! Members are to bring munchies, side dishes or desserts. Children are welcome. (Does this mean Rob?)

As planned by PE Lynda Girtsman (pictured with Norm



Blatcher) and her **Past President's Group**, the newly assigned Teams sat together, got acquainted and started planning or activities and deciding on names. Norm Blatcher's Team won bragging

rights by being the first team to meet (before the club meeting) and decide its focus – culture, art, food and fun!

Many thanks to Curtis Cormane for sharing his **Rotary Moment** – taking part in an NID in India in 2005 which included helping to give the life-saving vaccine to babies and young children.

**Happy Dollars** featured *Good Rotarians*, like Jeff King who lauded the first meeting of the new Rotaract group, bulletin editor Maria Berntson who thanked Jerry Beckerman for outstanding reporting for the month of August, and *Bad Rotarians* like Betsy Chess who tried to skirt the \$10 fine and talk about a non-Rotary activity, (...unsuccessfully.)

**Fine master** was Jorge Arman (pictured) whose



strategy of providing the answer and asking Rotarians to come up with the right question was harder for us to figure out than his sports or Rotary categories. But, will we ever forget that Giuseppe Furina was the 1950 winner of the

first formula one?(...or something like that!)

**The Program** was introduced by Mario de la Piedra. His co-worker at Barkley Insurance, Ed McClements, gave a detailed summary of what is expected to happen with the new Health Care Reform legislation.



The subject is controversial and challenging given that 15% of American citizens, or 45 million people are currently without insurance. Mr. McClements said that in 10 year's time without reform, that number would climb to 54 million. Even with reform during that same time period, 23 million people will still be

uninsured. Costs for employers and those currently insured are predicted to go up and 20 states have filed suit. Although the full effect of the new legislation does

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## Meeting Programs & Assignments

### Programs

**Program Chair: Hank Chandler**

**September 8, 2010**

***Youth at Risk (Mike Sandler)***

**September 15, 2010**

***3-D Medical Technologies (Robert Reali)***

**September 22, 2010**

***Craft Talks***

**September 29, 2010**

***Comedy Writing (Gene Perrett)***

### Greeters

**Chair: Melody Namikas**

**Sep. 08 – Katherine Wertheim & Brenda Allison**

**Sep. 15 - Gary Young**

### Introductions

**Chair: Indy Batra**

**Sep. 08 – Cary Savich**

**Sep. 15 – Ken Cooper**

**Sep. 22 – Abram Abrams**

**Sep. 22 – Sheila Fatterelli**

### Rotary Moment

**Chair: Barbara Asbell**

**Sep. 08 – Ken Cooper**

**Sep. 15 – Jim Deardorff**

**Sep. 22 – Larry Dawes**

**Sep. 29 – Sally Crain**

### Fining

**Chair: Michele Olsen**

**Sep. 08 – Barbara Asbell**

**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

**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

### **Program Continued:**

not take place until 2014, some provisions such as the establishment of a High Risk Pool and providing insurance for young people up to age 26 are supposed to be in place by 9/23/2010. The subject is complex and many questions have yet to be answered, according to Mr. McClements. For further information, his presentation is available on PowerPoint and Mario can assist anyone who wishes to know more about how this will affect your

## **September celebrates NEW GENERATIONS MONTH**

The Council on Legislation of Rotary International recently adopted ***New Generations as the Fifth Avenue of Service.***

Our District Governor, Deepa Willingham, writes in her September message: "Placing that kind of importance on the next generation is the rightful move for us Rotarians as we contemplate the future of our organization and that of our planet". And she continues, "We are lucky! A recent survey conducted with kids and young people revealed that, simply put, ***the youth of today do care.*** They care and they believe they ***can and they must make a difference!***"

"Isn't that what Rotarians are all about? From the construction of the first "public comfort station" community service project in 1907, we have continued to serve others, we have worked towards solving many of humanity's problems, we have taken up challenging risks such as the eradication of Polio, and we have worked toward building goodwill and promoting peace."

"Now its time for us to 'mentor' ... Let us take the steps necessary to impart our knowledge and create our successors ... by mentoring them ... by supporting their projects ... by inviting them to our projects/meetings/conventions ... by sending them on humanitarian trips abroad ... and by understanding their culture and mode of communication! And when we have done all that, the New Generation can tell us '*I am thankful for the time you invested in me helping me to direct myself.*'"



*Pictured are members of our Interact Club at annual bake sale.*

## 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?

## Membership Corner

### Membership Recruitment & Retention Contest

*Note: This article is reprinted one more time for those who missed last week's meeting or bulletin. By now, you will probably have been contacted by your Team Captain. If not – call Lynda Girtsman at 648-1744*

PE and membership chair Lynda Girtsman announced the newly formed "Past Presidents Club". Each past president will be the leader of a team, which will be responsible for promoting and retaining at least two club members. This is how it works:

- Next Wednesday (9/1) each table will have a list of members headed by a past president's name, so you need to find your table before sitting down.
- This group will sit together the first meeting of each month. This will be a chance to get to know at least 12 members very well.
- Visitors should be invited to join a table.
- Potential members will sit with the person who invited them.
- Each team should select a co-captain and choose a team name.
- Teams should be creative in developing and implementing "strategies" to grow their team.
- The team with the most members at the end of the Rotary Year will be the undisputed WINNER.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 16 (Thursday) 7:30a**  
[Newcomers' Breakfast, Pierpont Inn](#)

**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 Information to come or contact Christina Rust at 907-6992

**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 23 (Saturday) 11:30a – 3p**  
[District Conference Ventura County Event](#)  
[Family Picnic @ Limoneira in Santa Paula](#)

*Note: The entire "Progressive District Conference" will take place from Friday, Oct. 22 in San Luis Obispo to Saturday, Oct. 24 in Santa Ynez. More information to come or contact PE Lynda Girtsman @ 648-1744.*

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



## D. 5240 Multi-Club 3-H Grant with R C Calcutta Metropolitan near Piyali Junction, Bengal, India

As many of you know, during 2008-09, our club participated with several other D. 5240 clubs in a 3-H (Health, Hunger & Humanity) grant in partnership with R C Calcutta Metropolitan (who already manage a school at Piyali for 130 underprivileged rural girls) to bring health and dental care, safe drinking water, sanitation, solar utilities, adult education and vocational opportunities, including micro credit, to the villages near Piyali Junction (approx. 100,000 population).



These pictures were sent to us by Jayanta Chatterjee, current president of RCCM, who has been very instrumental in administering both the 3-H grant and related Matching Grants. He recently reported that the road from the school to the main road has been completed (you should have seen it before!!!); it was named Aarch Klumph Road. The computer lab (pictured) has been completed and vocational training for the women in the village(s) has begun. While it is not clear in the picture, all the D.5240 clubs who contributed to the grant, are listed on the plaque.

Pictured below are Jayanta C. (in white cap) and Vishnu Dhandania far left), who is the "guru of grant writing" not only in his district but also with TRF who consult with him on grant matters. RCCM is one of the most respected clubs in the Rotary world and we are, indeed, fortunate to have them as a partner on this project.



Pictured below are PP Rateria of RCCM (center) and the school principal of Piyali Learning Center.

