

ROTARY CLUB OF VENTURA

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Bequest Society — The recognition for a donor who gives written notification of a provision in his or her will, or other estate plan, to contribute \$10,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation.

Benefactor — The recognition for a donor who gives written notice of a provision in his or her will, or other estate plan, naming the Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund as the benefactor of \$1,000 or more.

Club Assembly – Replaces the usual program at a regular meeting of the Club, with a discussion of ideas and suggestions for future Club activities and direction. These meetings may be held several times per year.

Demotion Party, or Step-Down Ceremony — The year-end party, where the President is ushered out of office in a friendly way. It is also his or her time to thank all the members of the club who helped make the Rotary year a success.

District – Refers to the Rotary district a club is in. Worldwide there are 534 Rotary districts. The Rotary Club of Ventura is one of 72 Rotary clubs in District 5240 that geographically includes the Rotary clubs in Ventura, Kern, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

District Conference — A conference for the purpose of furthering the programs, and celebrating the accomplishments of Rotary, held each year in each District throughout the world, and each Rotarian is urged to attend.

District Governor — A Rotary International executive elected to carry out Rotary International's programs within the District.

Educational Awards — Through the Rotary Foundation, generous awards are made to individuals who have no connection with Rotary. Currently awards are given to university graduates, undergraduates, technical training teachers, teachers of the handicapped, and journalists.

Fireside chats — Small, informal group, dinner meetings, where the Rotarians and their “significant other” meet several times each year in members’ homes to discuss club activities and other areas of interest.

Foundation Seminars — Several seminars are held through the District to inform all Rotarians of the workings and benefits of The Rotary Foundation.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) — A program financed by the Rotary Foundation in which teams of up to five, typically young to middle age, non-Rotarian professionals from Rotary districts in the United States are sent as good-will ambassadors to a matched Rotary district in another part of the world, typically for 5-6 weeks. The matched district sends a

Group Study Exchange team to the sending district in alternate years. Each GSE team is lead by a Rotarian from the sending Rotary District. GSE teams are hosted in the homes of local Rotarians.

Interact — An organization sponsored by a Rotary club for young people between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) years. The ideals of Rotary are promoted in this club.

International Service — A means by which the fourth object of Rotary is emphasized, allowing Rotarians all over the world to work together to bring peace and goodwill to everyone.

International Youth Scholarship — An award given to youth with vision, that may not include the continuation of formal education.

Julius Gius Memorial Rotary Foundation — The Julius Memorial Rotary Foundation is an independent non-profit corporation established and supported by the Rotary Club of Ventura. The JGMRF receives and administers funds that support Ventura County based education and charitable organizations.

Major Donor — A Rotarian or non-Rotarian may become a Major Donor by contributing \$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation.

Membership Seminars — Educational programs held several times per year through the District to inform all Rotarians on the methods of recruiting and retaining Rotarians.

MPRLS — Master Potential Rotary Leadership Seminars. A Leadership program consisting of five courses, generally following Basic PRLS, designed to provide leadership classes, which are not necessarily Rotary specific, as follows;

- Public Speaking (2 classes) (MPRLS 1&2)
- Facilitation Skills (MPRLS 3)
- Situation Leadership (MPRLS 4)
- Communications (MPRLS 5)

Multi-District PETS — This a 7 District PETS program conducted over a weekend, generally held in a Hotel/Conference Center near LAX. PETS is mandatory for a Rotarian to become president of a Rotary club in District 5240.

Paul Harris Fellow — A Rotarian or non-Rotarian may become a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) by contributing \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

PETS — President Elect Training Seminars; This program is designed to teach incoming presidents of a Rotary club all the aspects of Rotary as they pertain to needs of the president to lead a Rotary club. (See Multi-District PETS)

PRLS — A leadership training program, originally developed in District 5240, consisting of

five courses:

- Communications
- Basic Leadership Principles
- Leading a Meeting
- Basic Public Speaking and
- Rotary, Your Club and You (See MPRLS for advanced programs)

Polio Plus — A Rotary International program designed to eradicate polio and other communicable diseases throughout the entire world.

Rotaract — An organization similar to Interact for young people between the ages of eighteen (18) and thirty (30), designed to promote Rotary ideals. Rotaract clubs are sponsored by local Rotary Clubs and may have Rotary club advisors.

Rotary Foundation — A special segment of Rotary International, the Rotary Foundation is the non-profit corporation that receives and administers funds which enables Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty, locally and throughout the world.

Rotary Information — The process of acquainting prospective and new members about Rotary overall and the Rotary Club of Ventura, including the benefits and responsibilities of being a Rotarian.

Rotary International — Rotary International is the association of all Rotary clubs. R.I. provides the structure and support services for all Rotary clubs throughout the world. Its headquarters are in Evanston, Illinois.

Rotary International Convention — A convention for the purpose of uniting Rotarians from all over the Rotary world, to further Rotary world understanding and goodwill. All Rotarians are invited to attend with their families and guests.

RYLA — Rotary Youth Leadership Awards; A district sponsored summer program to enable high school students to attend a leadership training program.

3-H Program — A program for the development of the Health, Hunger and Humanities throughout the world, but especially in underdeveloped nations. The 3-H Program is part of the Rotary Foundation, and funds donated to the Rotary Foundation may be designated for the 3-H Program.

Youth Exchange — Rotary sponsors long-term (typically one year) and short-term (up to several weeks) youth exchanges for qualifying students, usually at the secondary school level. Also, there are "New Generations" exchanges open to young people ages 18-25. All youth exchange participants are hosted by a Rotary club and live with Rotarians during the exchange period.

