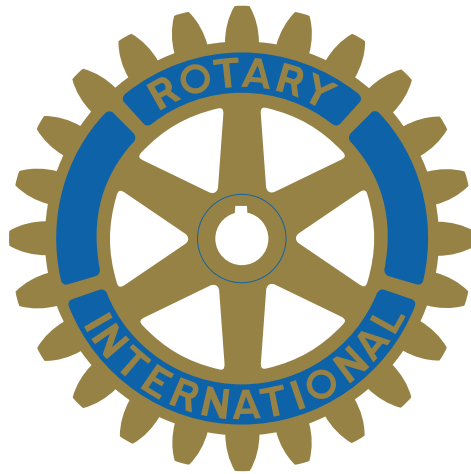


ROTARY CLUB OF VENTURA - SOUTH

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION BOOKLET - 2006-2007



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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Fellow Rotarians,

On my birthday in 1985 my grandfather Ned, a Past Rotary Club President, gave me an envelope. I expected money, but found neither bill nor check. I found instead something much more valuable. It was a letter I have mentioned to members some of you before, but not yet shared. Here, for the first issue of the Membership Booklet of the Rotary Club of Ventura-South, is the text of that letter. I think it says all that need be said in a Presidents letter.

Dear Kent, Jr.:

Congratulations! Today you are a man. Being a man, however, is much more than throwing out your chest and crowing about it. With the privilege of being a man comes the responsibility that a man must assume. Responsibility for your actions, your career, your conduct with others, your finances, and all your actions

Ever since you were a baby we've been honored to act as grandparents. For all those years you were our grandchild. That has now changed – you are our grandson the man.

So this letter is your birthday present. No more kid stuff. You will always have our love, and all we ask is yours in return.

For your future life we have a suggestion to offer. It is the “Rotary Four-Way Test”.

Use it as an ideal guide for dealing with others as well as yourself.

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

So happy birthday, young man. May life provide all you desire. There is no easy way to success, no quick road to riches. Make good use of the intelligence and talent you have and you will be amply rewarded.

Sincerely, with love... Grampa Ned

## WHAT ROTARY IS...

From its very small beginnings at the turn of the 20th Century, Rotary is now the world's largest service organization of more than 1.2 million members in over 32,000 clubs located in more than 200 countries.

It was founded in 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, when a young lawyer named Paul Harris proposed his idea to three other men of meeting together periodically to discuss common business problems and to consider ways to serve the community. They decided to rotate their place of meeting, thus the name "Rotary."

Additional clubs were formed in the U.S., then in Canada, and eventually all over the world. The general objectives of Rotary clubs in every country are the same – the development of fellowship and understanding among the business and professional men and women in the community, the promotion of community betterment endeavors and high standards in business and professional practices, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

Rotary clubs everywhere have one ideal – the "ideal of service," which is thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others. This ideal is proclaimed in Rotary's motto: "Service Above Self," and is further set forth in:

## THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

This message should be known and followed by all Rotarians all of the time:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

The "Object of Rotary" is the basis for Rotary's Four Avenues of Service:

- Club Service
- Vocational Service
- Community Service
- International Service

## THE FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE

### CLUB SERVICE

Purpose – The purpose of club service is to foster a sense of commitment to Rotary, strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the Club. When

“Club Service” is functioning effectively and well, we are being successful at fostering a sense of commitment to Rotary and individual member pride in being a member of the Rotary Club of Ventura – South!

Chair – Always the Rotary member who is President – Elect.

Club service focuses on the well-being of our members and their families. Our primary activities include:

1. The Smooth-Functioning of the Weekly Meetings
  - Scheduling interesting speakers
  - Pledge to the flag
  - Introduction of Guests
  - The weekly bulletin and song
  - Press releases
  - Website information
  - Arranging for the raffle prize and selling raffle tickets
2. The Effective Communication of All Club Information
  - Making sure that every member knows the “what, where and when” of all Rotary meetings, fundraisers, community projects and social activities.
3. “The Family of Rotary” – A Sub-Committee of Club Service, which is the line of communication between our members, their families and the club.
  - Provides support for members and their families who are experiencing personal challenges and keeps the club informed of the member’s needs and progress during this time.
  - Family members are always welcome at club meetings and members are encouraged to bring their families to all community service projects, fundraisers and social events.

### **VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Rotary has always recognized the worthiness of all useful occupations as an opportunity to serve society. The purpose of the Vocational Service Committee is to encourage club members to serve others through their vocation and to practice high ethical standards.

This is done by:

1. Educating other members about our own vocations (Craft Talks).
2. Recognizing and encouraging ethical business dealings among ourselves and

our community, as described in the Four Way Test. Ventura South has developed a Vocational Service Award to honor a member of the local community who embodies these values in their chosen profession.

3. Helping youth to consider what vocation they might choose (Career Day).

4. Recognizing the free enterprise spirit as opportunity for establishing worthwhile service. Ventura has developed an Entrepreneur of the Year Award to honor a member of the local community who exemplifies this spirit.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Community service gives the opportunity to every member to be actively involved with their home community, the regional community and other areas of need in the United States. It reflects a personal commitment to help our neighbors in need, no matter where they live.

### **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Rotary is recognized as one of the premier international service organizations. With over one million members in clubs throughout the world, it uses a network of regional community leaders and substantial financial resources to implement projects that improve the well being of people throughout the world. The purpose of this committee is to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace. Through matching grant programs an individual club can develop a meaningful project with significant impact.

### **SOME VENTURA-SOUTH INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS INCLUDE:**

1. Polio Plus to eradicate Polio throughout the world. Polio Plus began and continues to be a major focus of Rotary International. This is an ongoing international project sponsored by every Rotary club in which millions of dollars and local assistance have been provided to immunize children in developing countries. Polio Plus was begun in 1985 when 350,000 children were being paralyzed annually worldwide from the polio virus. Today, the virus is 99% eradicated and is present in only four countries: Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. One of our members, Janice Armijo, traveled to India to help in the ongoing immunization program. Our current President, Kent Campbell, will travel to Nigeria soon to assist with immunizations there.

2. Group Study Exchange to promote understanding and vocational awareness between individuals in other countries and the USA. A team of representatives is selected from a developing country and tours our Rotary District. They are hosted by sponsoring clubs and expand their knowledge of our professional and cultural philosophies. A team from the United States is then sent to that country to for the same experience. One of our members has traveled with the Group Study Exchange students.
3. Water Project to provide a well and distribution system for potable water to a community in the Philippines. Funds were provided by our Ventura-South Rotary Foundation and the District to implement this project. It provides plumbed drinking water to hundred of families for the first time. One of our Past President's was instrumental in developing this project and traveled to the Philippines to oversee the implementation.
4. Sponsoring the formation of a new Rotary Club in the Ukraine. One of our members chaired this project and traveled to the Ukraine to promote goodwill and understanding.
5. The Three Mothers Project. Creating preventative care facilities for cancer and diabetes in Cameroon Africa.

## ROTARY CLUB OF VENTURA - SOUTH

The Rotary Club of Ventura – South was chartered in April 1983 and was the third Rotary club to be formed in the City of Ventura. The club meets every Monday at noon at the Wedgewood Banquet Center located at 5880 Olivas Park Drive, a part of the Buenaventura Golf Course. The club has earned the reputation of serving one of the best lunches of any club in the county.

Although every Rotary Club is a part of Rotary International, whose headquarters is located in Evanston, Illinois, each club is run by its own officers and board of directors elected by the members. Ventura-South also has a committee structure set up, first to implement the Four Avenues of Service. Additionally, in order to help organize the various functions of the weekly meetings and to better communicate with the members, four additional committees have been established and are named after each of the Channel Islands: Anacapa; Santa Cruz; San Miguel, and; Santa Rosa

The mission of the Rotary Club of Ventura-South is to enhance the quality of life for the people of the community and the world by:

1. Developing and bringing to fruition annual club goals that exhibit the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."
2. Insuring that members exhibit their values to the community by adopting and adhering to Rotary's 4-Way Test;
3. Encouraging and reinforcing the ideals encompassed in Rotary International's Object of Rotary in the lives and activities of our club's members, and;
4. Supporting and celebrating the attainment of individual member's goals in life through the maintenance of close, long-term friendships based on trust, loyalty and respect.

**BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2006-2007:**

Club President	Kent Cambell
Immediate Past President:	Jim Griffin
President Elect	Bonaventure Wakam
Secretary	Scott Serbin
Treasurer	Susan Siple
Membership Chair	Melody Leonard
Foundation Chair	Dante Honorico
Club Service	Bonaventure Wakam
Community Service Chair	Marilyn Scott
Vocational Service	Karl Lassiter
International Service	June Welch

Foundation Board of Trustees

President	Dante Honorico
Treasurer	
Secretary	
Member at Large	Marilyn Scott
Member at Large	Guy Frick
	Dan Drake
	Larry Matheney

**CHANNEL ISLANDS COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Dennis Longwill  
 Bob Collins  
 Jerry Spencer

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Named in honor of Rotary's founder, the Paul Harris Fellow is awarded to honor an individual who has donated \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. The donation can also be made on behalf of an individual or family member who embodies the principles of Rotary. There are over one million Paul Harris Fellows. The funds donated are the major funding source for the Polio Plus Program.

The award is accompanied by a certificate, medallion and pin. It is usually given by the club president with special recognition at a club meeting. Ventura South boasts a high number of Paul Harris Fellows. The Paul Harris Donor Program (PHD) makes the process of donating very manageable for most of our members.

## PHD PROGRAM

This voluntary program allows participants to contribute \$25.00 per quarter as part of club dues. When the pool of donors has contributed \$1,000, a name is drawn and the Paul Harris Fellow is awarded to that individual. Many club members have received multiple Paul Harris Fellows by this process. Multiple recipients often name a family member or other significant individual to receive subsequent awards. See the club treasurer to sign up as a PHD.

## VENTURA-SOUTH ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION, INC.

Our club established its own IRS 501-C3 tax-exempt designation for the Foundation in order to manage funds designated for local and international charitable activities and allow donors to receive the tax relief benefit of the donation. These funds are club funds that are independent of Rotary International contributions. They are managed and distributed by officers and a board of directors made up of Ventura-South Rotarians. Sources of these funds are the major club fundraisers such as the "Trivia Challenge" and "Day of Golf". In addition, club members can contribute directly or make arrangements for a gift through a will or trust. Donations are tax deductible.

Funds from the Ventura-South Rotary Foundation are used to provide awards to local students through our Ray Stone Memorial Scholarship Fund. Ray was a charter member of our club and one of our first club presidents. Scholarship recipients have included participants in the local "T.E.A.C.h." program. This community based program enables individuals that have been through foster care to pursue educational goals.

These funds are also used for matching grant activities sponsored through Rotary International. An example of this is our water project that enabled a village in the Philippines to receive potable water in their homes for the first time.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The very essence of a Rotary Club is its members! With a well-rounded membership, everything that a Rotary Club stands for and provides becomes better for those in need, the community and each Rotary member. The goal for a Club's membership is an up-to-date and progressive representation of the community's business, vocational, and professional interests. Every Rotary Club member is responsible for membership – their own, for existing members and for recruiting new members!

The Rotary Club of Ventura - South Membership Committee has a Chairperson (who is a member of the Board) with three to five committee members. Their focus is keep existing members active and contributing and to develop activities that will attract new members. They are part of the whole Club effort to create genuine excitement and goodwill that generates a recruitment momentum.

## **BECOMING A ROTARIAN**

With an association of 32,000 autonomous clubs in over 200 countries, Rotary International is the world's largest service organization. Membership is vital to a Rotary Club's operation and community service activities. It is important and necessary for a Club to continually expand the Club with committed members who have the interest and ability to get involved in service and humanitarian projects.

## **THE RED BADGE PROGRAM**

The Red Badge Program is designed for new members to have a sense of belonging to the Club and an understanding of the Rotary purpose as quickly as possible. Through a series of new member requirements, such as serving as meeting greeter, attending new member activities, participating in a club event, a new member will soon get to know fellow members and develop an understanding of the club's activities. After six months and the fulfillment of the Red Badge requirements, the member is awarded with the permanent blue Rotary badge.

## **THE BENEFITS OF ROTARY**

Becoming a Rotary member provides the opportunity to:

- Learn about and become connected to your community.
- Work alongside others in addressing community needs.
- Interact with other professionals in your community.
- Assist with Rotary international's humanitarian network of professionals.
- Develop and use leadership skills.
- Involve your family and friends in promoting service efforts.

## **RECRUITMENT**

Membership is by invitation only. A Rotarian may, and will likely invite a potential new member to the Club for a meeting and talk to the person about the benefits and attributes of Rotary. However, it is the Club that invites individuals to become members.

Prospective members must:

1. Hold – or be retired from – a professional, proprietary, executive, or managerial position of employment or endeavor; and
2. Have the capacity to meet the Club's weekly attendance or community project participation requirements; and
3. Live or work within the locality of the Club or the surrounding area.

## **TWO MOST TYPICAL PATHS TO MEMBERSHIP:**

1. Sponsorship – A Rotary Club member becomes aware of an individual who represents the interests and ideals of Rotary and meets the three conditions listed above. The member invites the person to the Club to either introduce them to the Club or provide them with the opportunity to learn more about the Club and becoming a member. The member continues to invite the person to the Club's meeting as a prospective member, i.e. as a Guest of the Club and becomes the prospective member's sponsor.
2. Contact a Member – An individual becomes aware of Rotary in general or of the Club and contacts a member to express their interest. The member uses the contact opportunity to talk about the Club and benefits and rewards of being a Rotarian. The member should then invite the person to a meeting that may then result in additional invitations as a Guest of the Club and a sponsoring of the new member.

Individuals can learn more about Rotary and establish contacts through a search of a variety of web sites:

- Rotary International – Regions
- Rotary Club Locator
- Go Rotary! (for District 4250)

## **MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION:**

Rotary uses a classification system to encourage a vibrant cross-section or representation of the community's business, vocational and professional interests among members and to develop a pool of resources and expertise to successfully implement service projects. The classification system is not used to limit membership.

A classification describes either the principal business or the professional services of the organization for which the Rotarian works or the Rotarian's own activity within the organization. Examples of classifications include dentistry, banking, insurance, travel industry, attorney, medical professional, local government, retail, communications and so on.

## **MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Rotary Club membership carries with it certain responsibilities:

1. Members are expected to attend weekly programs of the Club.
2. On the rare occasion that meetings are missed, the member is expected to attend another Rotary Club that week as a make-up or attend other rotary meetings and activities that qualify as "make-up" events.
3. Members are required to pay annual dues to their Club, their District and to Rotary International. These amounts are combined and the member is invoiced on a quarterly basis.
4. Members are expected to participate in local or international activities or projects of the Rotary Club.
5. Members are required to attend Basic PRLS (Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar) and are highly encouraged to attend Advanced PRLS.
6. Members are expected to aspire to and volunteer for leadership positions such

as a project chair, a committee member or chair or board positions.

### **MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

Annual Member Minimum Annual Obligations (billed Quarterly):

Raffle Prize	\$ 25.00
Lunches	\$ 658.00
R I Dues	\$ 53.00
District 5240 Dues	\$ 40.00
Ventura South Dues	\$ 160.00
Fines/Business Promotion	\$ 100.00
R I Foundation Giving	\$ 50.00
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Total Annual Amount	\$1,086.00

### **THE PRLS PROGRAM**

The goal of PRLS, begun in 1993, is to provide a set of training sessions wherein current and future Rotary leaders could learn to become more effective in their leadership roles.

# PAST AND PRESENT ROTARY PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

## PROJECTS:

- Clean Drinking Water for Ibaan, P.I. - 2006
- Kids Kingdom Orphanage in Ensenada, Mexico
- Ventura Sports Park Contribution, Rotary Centennial Project – 2006
- LIGA – Surgery for children of Mexico
- Regular support for Polio Plus Program of Rotary International
- Cameroon Diabetes and Cancer Clinics

## PROGRAMS:

- Scholarships for college-bound Foster teens through TEACH
- Adult Literacy Program through Ventura County Library Services
- Neo-Natal Care Unit at Ventura County Medical Center
- Interact Club Support at St. Bonaventure H.S.
- Career Day at St. Bonaventure H.S.

## ACTIVITIES

- American Cancer Society Walk-a-Thon
- Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing
- Sponsoring a Rotary Club in the Ukraine
- Rose Parade Float Decorating
- Ventura Beach Community Clean-Up Day
- New West Symphony Sponsor for Grade School Classes
- Election Day Polling Place Support
- Our Kids Foundation
- Entrepreneur of the Year Recognition
- Sponsoring a Club Member to Assist with India's Polio National Immunization Day -

## CLUB FUND RAISING EVENTS:

- Annual Golf Tournament
- Trivia Challenge
- Interact Club Baked Goods Raffle
- Weekly Club Raffle
- President's Weekly "Pay to Brag"

## OTHER ROTARY CLUBS IN THE AREA

A listing of these clubs is provided as a quick reference for "make-up" meetings in addition to providing encouragement to visit other clubs and expand your Rotary experience!

### Monday

12:00 PM      Ventura South, Wedgwood Banquet Center, Buenaventura Golf Course

12:00 PM      Santa Paula, Logstons Restaurant, 824 E. Santa Maria Street – Santa Paula Airport

### Tuesday

7:00 AM      Camarillo Breakfast Club, Spanish Hills Country Club

7:00 AM      Conejo Valley, Plug Nickel WLW

12:10 PM      Simi Valley, Grand Vista Hotel

12:10 PM      Oxnard, Marriott Courtyard Hotel

5:45 PM      West Simi Valley Twilight, Sizzler, Canoga Park

6:00 PM      Simi Sunset, 1555 Town Center Way, Community Room

### Wednesday

7:00 AM      Ventura Marine, Sheraton Four Points Hotel

12:00 PM      Camarillo Noon, R. S. Banquet Hall

12:00 PM      Westlake Village, North Ranch Country Club

12:10 PM      Ventura, The Derby Club, Ventura Fairgrounds

### Thursday

7:00 AM      Newbury Park, Country Harvest, 3345 Kimber Drive

7:00 AM Oxnard Sunrise, Tomas Café, 622 South A Street  
7:10 AM Simi Sunrise, Grand Vista Hotel, Simi Valley  
12:00 PM Ventura East, Poinsettia Pavilion  
12:00 PM Thousand Oaks, Los Robles Greens Golf Course  
12:05 PM Fillmore, Memorial Building  
6:30 PM Port Hueneme, La Dolce Vita Di' Mare

Friday

12:00 PM Conejo Valley Centennial, Hyatt Westlake Hotel  
12:00 PM Moorpark, Moorpark Country Club  
12:00 PM Ojai, Soule Park Country Club

## ROTARY CLUB OF VENTURA – SOUTH / QUICK REFERENCE

When: Every Monday, 12:00 Noon to 1:15 PM

Where: The Wedgwood Banquet Center  
.....at the Buenaventura Golf Course  
5880 Olivas Park Drive  
Ventura, California 93003

Contact: Kent Campbell, Club President (805) 647-7654  
Melody Leonard, Membership Chair (805) 340-8777



