



Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise

The Simi Sunriser

Making Our World A Better Place

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New Generations - Savi Bhim

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- ♦ **Proposed New Member**
- ♦ **Super Bowl Party - Sunday 2/3/2008**
- ♦ **Save the DATE - Saturday 2/23/2008**

LAST WEEK'S MEETING MINUTES



As **Steve Smith** introduced Lora, he reminded her that she is six months along in her presidency.

Lora Simonsgaard mentioned that January is Rotary Awareness Month. She also sent out a special thank you to **Tony Maddox** for taking pictures of members who are missing pictures today.

She also talked about the Community Service Day on January 19. A whole giant gymnasium will be filled with booths (booze?) and prior to that there will be an Inter-Faith Breakfast at the Thomas Lakin Gymnasium in the Valley. Rotarians will be serving breakfast and is in need of volunteers. Volunteers should meet at the Regal Center at 5:00 a.m.



Jerry Shaffner reminded everyone that the Super Bowl is coming up. Show up and have fun. Sign ups are on the table so he has an idea of how much food to make.

Bill Klepper reminded everyone that **Ernie Gilbert's** son is serving in Iraq. Ernie's son has mentioned that soccer balls would be appreciated over there. Bill is looking for 100 deflated soccer balls to send to Iraq. The soldiers use them to make friends with the children. Bring in a soccer ball over the next few weeks and Bill will make sure they are mailed over there.



Steve Pietrolungo said there will be a moonshine (not full moon) hike this coming Sunday evening. He will send out an e-mail with the details. They will probably meet at Simi High between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m.

Mel Vines announced that there will be a Vocational Service committee meeting immediately after today's meeting. Anyone interested is welcome to join this group.



Henry Fierro let everyone know that the last day of next month, February 29, will be beginning of Simi Sunrise's visit to their sister club in Mexicali. The club there is excited to have us back. Let Henry know if you are interested in going. If you cannot get Friday off, you can come on down and join the group on Saturday.

B.J. Anderson reminded everyone that the Rotary International Convention will be at the Los Angeles Convention Center on June 15-18. Some of the people that members have worked with internationally are coming to stay with us in Simi Valley. B.J. asked who was willing to open their home and host a visitor or two. If you are unable to commit to this today because you need to talk to your spouse, get back to B.J. as soon as you can if you can help.



LAST WEEK'S MEETING MINUTES - con't



Lora Simonsgaard spoke about the gala at the end of March. There will be a Powerpoint presentation that evening of projects our club has done over the years. If you have photos to share, please get them in as soon as possible. **Gary Stewart** will be putting together the presentation.

Hal Reniger talked a little about the Master PRLS program. In PRLS you can learn more about Rotary and improve your communication skills. Hal mentioned he went after his wife told him . . . again that he needed to go. You can have fun, meet people from other clubs, have lunch, and the club pays for it. It's just like working at the DMV. Hal urged members to sign up for this opportunity.



Michelle Foster said that she has good news to share! **Joanne Abruzzese** has volunteered to coordinate transportation for our guests during the Rotary International Convention. She mentioned that many people offered to provide transportation and told them Joanne would be calling them. For those members who did not offer, Joanne will be calling you.

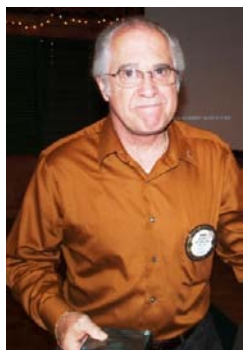


SAVE THE DATE!!!!



"Rotary Gives Thanks Workday" at Camp Rotary will be Saturday morning, February 23rd! The Rotary clubs of Simi Sunrise, Simi Noontime, Simi Sunset, and Moorpark Clubs will join together to work on this project. See Kurt Fredrickson (kurtf@fuller.edu) for more information.

TEAMPLAYER OF THE WEEK



Doug Wieben for getting Rick King out for our event in March.

GUESTS - Welcome!

Janay Garrick, guest speaker

John Grayson, guest of **Greg Gonzales**

Dayle Campla, guest of **Greg Gonzales**

Ted Mackel, guest of **Eric Little**

Scott Blough, guest of **Craig Foster**



Scott Blough



Ted Mackel



Janay Garrick



John Grayson and Dayle Campla



Virtue is never left to stand alone. He who has it will have neighbors.

-- Confucius, Chinese philosopher (551 BCE - 479 BCE)

No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the heart that makes a man rich.

-- Henry Ward Beecher, clergyman, abolitionist (1813-1887)

Character, in the long run, is the decisive factor in the life of an individual and of nations alike.

-- Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President (1858-1919)

We are all manufacturers. Making good, making trouble, or making excuses.

-- H.V. Adolt

RAT FINK

Ray Cruz was today's rat fink.

Ray mentioned that he has been in the club for five to six years and this was the first time he has been asked to be rat fink. He has some stories to share with us.



Ray grew up in the South Bronx, and he wanted to talk about baseball and how it relates to Rotary. He played stickball in the streets, learned about baseball in the sandlots, and was drafted by the Yankees at the age of 16. He hurt his arm at a young age but was able to attend college on a Yankee scholarship. Baseball relates to Rotary because it involves teamwork, picking up others in a slump, and learning to bunt.

Rotary members who bring the spirit of baseball to Rotary are:

- **Ed Chapin** who recruited Ray to join Rotary. Dr. Chapin was also there for him on a Sunday morning when Ray's daughter chipped her tooth.
- **Greg Stratton** and **Elaine Freeman** who introduced Ray to the Board of Directors of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center.
- **Joanne** and **Pat Abruzzese** who allow Ray to emcee at the Music and Arts Festival.
- **Mike McCaffrey**, a Giants fan, who reminds Ray of the first baseball game he went to with his dad.
- **Rodney Skidmore** who has four boys, three of them play football, but he does have one normal boy who plays baseball.
- **Tony Maddox** who told Ray once that he used to play baseball in Indiana. They don't play baseball in Indiana.
- **Cindy Jacoby** who works so hard behind the scenes for the Simi Valley Educational Foundation.
- **Dick Strayer** who allowed Ray to go to India and took him to Mexicali.
- **B.J. Anderson** who is a dancer; B.J. has rhythm.



Soccer Balls for the Troops!



Ernie & Carolyn Gilbert's son, Chris, is in the 10th division mountaineering unit in Baghdad. The club would like each and every member to purchase and bring one deflated soccer ball. William Klepper will collect the balls, Ernie Gilbert will do the shipping! Our goal is a minimum of 100 soccer balls. Thanks!

PROGRAM



Janay Garrick from New Life Home Trust was today's presenter. New Life Home Trust is based in Kenya in Africa. Their mission is to rescue abandoned babies putting a priority on babies who are HIV positive.

Jenay shared some startling facts. Worldwide, there are 2.1 million children who are HIV-positive. Ninety percent of these children are in sub-Saharan Africa. Only 4% of these children have access to lifesaving therapy.

There are 300 babies abandoned daily in Kenya. New Life Home Trust has opened up five rescue homes and are committed to working for the at-risk children in Africa. There are 161 children in their care. Twenty to thirty percent of the rescued babies are HIV-positive at admission. With the proper treatment and care, 75% convert to HIV-negative by age two.

New Life Home Trust wants to be a springboard for adoption. They work to facilitate adoption by age two. Ninety percent of adoptions occur right in Kenya; ten percent are international.

Rotarians can help by participating in the Child Sponsorship Program, mobilizing teams to come to Kenya, rescuing a children's home or buying a vehicle. New Life Home Trust is open to other ideas and appreciates the consideration.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER



Proposed new member Scott Blough.

Scott Blough is in commercial lending and works for National Bank of California. He lives in Simi Valley with his wife Stephanie and they have a new son of 6 months. He is actively involved in the community serving on the General Plan Advisory Committee and the Simi Valley Police Foundation Board. Scott's interests are reading and sports. Scott Blough is being sponsored by Craig Foster.



SUPER BOWL PARTY!!!

Jerry's Super Bowl Bash

Sunday February 3rd, 2008

Jerry's House

1321 Gibson Avenue

Simi Valley



Pre-Game Tailgate Party Starts at 1 PM

Must RSVP!!!!

Sign Up on rotary Sheet or Call Jerry

(805) 404-0732



Jerry is cooking so
BRING YOUR APPETITE!

Game Starts at 3 PM. Kids Welcome.

Please sign up by February 1st, 2008



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 24	Major League Baseball - Jay Johnstone
January 31	Motivational Speaker - Terry Paulson, Ph.D
February 7	Cajun - Jim Visage
February 14	Board Meeting/Star Program
February 21	Red Cross - Richard Senate
February 28	Club Assembly, Part 1 - Maggie Kestly
March 6	Library - Dale Redfield
March 13	Board Meeting/Star Program
March 20	Disaster Services - City of Simi Valley
March 27	Club Assembly, Part 2 - Maggie Kestly

BIRTHDAYS

Deb Davila	January 19
Gary Stewart	January 19

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries this week

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry Shaffner, sponsored by **Pete Cicciari** 5 years

New Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise Phone Number

New Phone Number: (805) 517-9000



SERVICE CALENDAR

Assignment	January 24	January 31	February 7	February 14
Greeter 1	Joe Grinstead	Bob Mitchell	Pam Richardson	Tim Shannon
Greeter 2	Randy Greene	Mike Mutal	Jack Scroggins	Marshall Shrago
Attendance Table	Christine Schweitzer	Jack Scroggins	Jerry Shaffner	Jeane Shannahan
Invocation	Claude Balikcian	John Behjan	Herschel Berger	Larry Borovay
Flag Salute	Jim Anglin	Dennis Barbee	George Bercow	Monica Berlin
Guest List	David Hart	Cindy Jacoby	Christine Schweitzer	George Kerr
Rat Fink	Elaine Freeman	Greg Gonzales	David Hart	Gregg Hartman

CLUB AND EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
February				
3	Rotary Superbowl Party	Jerry Shaffner's House	TBA	Jerry Shaffner
9	Master PRLS #2	Cal. Lutheran University	8:30 a.m.	
23	Master PRLS #3	Cal. Lutheran University	8:30 a.m.	
23	Rotarians at Work Day	Camp Rotary		Chuck Stapholz
March				
15	Master PRLS #4	Cal. Lutheran University	8:30 a.m.	
29	Simi Sunrise Foundation Gala			
29	Master PRLS #5	Cal. Lutheran University	8:30 a.m.	
April				
5	Combined Rotary Clubs Picnic	Tierra Rejada Ranch	TBA	Steve Pietrolungo
11	Basic PRLS	Cal. Lutheran University	8:30 a.m.	
May				
5	Huck Finn Fishing Derby	Rancho Simi Community Park	TBA	
24 & 25	Cajun Creole Music Festival			Jim Visage
June				
15-18	Rotary International Convention	Los Angeles Convention Center		
28	Demotion Party			



NEED A MAKEUP?

Meeting Day	Rotary Club of	Meeting Location	Meeting Time	
Monday	Mid SFV	China Olive Resturant.....	12:10 pm	
	Ventura South.....	Wedgwood Inn.....	12:00 pm	
Tuesday	Agoura Hills.....	Brent's Deli.....	7:00 am	
	Camarillo	Spanish Hills Country Club	7:00 am	
	Conejo Valley	Plug Nickel, Westlake	7:15 am	
	Fillmore Sunrise.....	El Pescador Resturant.....	6:45 am	
	Ojai West.....	Soule Park Golf Course.....	7:00 am	
	Oxnard	Courtyard by Marriott	12:10 pm	
	Simi Valley	Paul's Italian Villa, Simi Valley.....	12:10 pm	
	Simi Sunset	Paul's Italian Villa, Simi Valley.....	6:00 pm	
Wednesday	Camarillo Noon	Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo	12:00 pm	
	Ventura Marina	Sheraton 4 Points	7:00 am	
	Ventura.....	The Derby Club Seaside Park	12:10 pm	
	Westlake Village	North Ranch Country Club.....	12:10 pm	
	Woodland Hills	Woodland Hills Country Club.....	12:00 pm	
Thursday	Fillmore	Fillmore Cafe	12:05 pm	
	Newbury Park.....	Los Robles Country Club.....	7:00 am	
	North SFV	Odyssey Restaurant	12:10 pm	
	Oxnard Sunrise	Tomas Cafe	7:30 am	
	Simi Sunrise.....	Paul's Italian Villa, Simi Valley.....	7:00 am	
	Thousand Oaks.....	Los Robles Country Club.....	12:00 pm	
	Ventura East.....	Poinsettia Pavilion	12:00 pm	
	SVHS Interact	SVHS Work Experience Room	12:05 - 12:30 pm	
	Friday	Moorpark.....	Moorpark Country Club.....	12:00 pm
		Ojai	Soule Park Golf Course.....	12:00 pm
Conejo Valley-Centennial		Hyatt Westlake Plaza	12:00 pm	
Westlake Sunrise		Plug Nickel.....	7:00 am	
2nd & 4th Friday	SVAS/Apollo Interact	SVAS, room 407	11:15 am	

ONLINE MAKEUP www.rotaryclubone.org



CLUB INFORMATION

The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise meets weekly for fellowship, breakfast, and informative and interesting presentation from a guest speaker.

Meeting Time: Thursday at 7:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.
 Meeting Location: PAUL'S ITALIAN VILLA
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