



Club # 684 District 5240
Chartered March 10, 1959

*"To put the world right in order,
We must first put the nation in order;
To put the nation in order,
We must first put the family in order;
To put the family in order,
We must first cultivate our own
personal life;*

We must first set our hearts right."

- Confucius



President's Message

December is Family Month. In our club, family has always been very special to us. Our members have been married for an average of 31 years, have collectively raised 199 children, and are enjoying and spoiling 235 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. Of course the grandchildren number has been single-handedly inflated by our own Bob and Sharon France, who, as of today, have 22 grandchildren and growing! We have grieved together when one of us has been taken unexpectedly through an untimely death, we have banded together when disaster or illness has struck our distant or close friends, we have shared fellowship with those in our club as well as those in our community and our District, we have been proud when one of our children has traveled to a distant hostile land in the discharge his duty, and we have rejoiced when one of us has successfully beaten all odds against cancer and has welcomed three grandchildren in 14 months! We have been proud also to offer a myriad of programs that help our elderly, augment our library, provide educational and financial assistance to our youth, provide holiday celebrations to our community, and we have been proud to spread the Rotary message as a beacon of hope to bring peace in the world. Yes my friends, Family of Rotary is well and kicking in our club and I am proud!

I am proud also that, in addition to our own Family of Rotary, we have embraced many global families, be it in Costa Rica, India, Mexico, the Philippines...just to name a few. We have opened our hearts and pocket books to embrace those who are less fortunate than us. This year alone we would be continuing our work in the Philippines, we will be sending our high school kids to India to learn first-hand the meaning of poverty, we will be acquiring land to help build the first ever PACE Learning Center for the education of impoverished girls in Calcutta, we will be building 10 "Pisos" (cement floors) for poor families in Oaxaca, Mexico, we will participate in Polio Eradication's National Immunization Day, we will welcome Nil Erturk, our Youth Exchange Student from Turkey, into our Valley and we will welcome a Group Study Exchange team from Guatemala. Rotary has taught us well and we have whole-heartedly embraced *Will and Ariel Durants' notion, "The family is the nucleus of civilization."*

And for this I am grateful!

YIS,
Deepa

Come and join us at:

**The Royal Scandinavia Inn
420 Alisal Road, Solvang, CA 43464
Wednesdays 12:15 PM**

**Family Program
December 14, 2005
Cartoonist Leigh Rubin**



SERVICE Above Self

RI President

Carl-Wilhelm
Stenhammar

District Governor

Sally Adelblue

Asst. Governor

Bill Abel

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Richard Harrison

Club President

Deepa Willingham

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David Wyatt

Past President

Nelson Owens

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Kris Kersten

Club Service

David Wyatt

Community Service

John Rasmussen

**Vocational/Youth
Service**

Bob Moir & David Lourie

International Service

Greg Pensa

Club Foundation Chair

**2005 Salvation Army Bell Ringers
(At the Corner of Copenhagen and Alisal)**

Sat 11/26	9:00-11:00	Barry Shulman	736-3601
	11:00-1:00	Paul Hanberg	688-5349
	1:00-3:00	Elle Seymour	688-8858
	3:00-5:00	Don Oaks	688-5969
Sun 11/27	9:00-11:00	Greg Pensa	686-1057
	11:00-1:00	Rudi Van Enoo	688-0312
	1:00-3:00	George Johnson	686-2705
	3:00-5:00	John Rasmussen	688-3682
Sat 12/3	9:00-11:00	Kris Kersten	688-9786
	11:00-1:00	Tami Jo Dotson/Jim Victor RC of Solvang	686-9779
	1:00-3:00	Rick Zander	452-6885
	3:00-5:00	Dan Powell	717-1850
Sun 12/4	9:00-11:00	Verva Enoch	688-0207
	11:00-1:00	Deepa Willingham	698-6910
	1:00-3:00	Gerry Foxwell	688-0303
	3:00-5:00	Bob Moir	688-1781
Sat 12/10	9:00-11:00	Nelson Owens	688-7290
	11:00-1:00	Linda Jackson RC of Solvang	688-0701
	1:00-3:00		
	3:00-5:00		
Sun 12/11	9:00-11:00	Mary Jo McNamara	688-5254
	11:00-1:00	Rich Saferite	448-3099
	1:00-3:00		
	3:00-5:00	Paul Matthies	688-8515
Sat 12/17	9:00-11:00	Carl Butler	688-1548
	11:00-1:00	Len Dalberg	688-4687
	1:00-3:00	Bob Rasmussen	688-4677
	3:00-5:00	Butch Phillips	688-1054 717-090
Sun 12/18	9:00-11:00		
	11:00-1:00	George Johnson	686-2705
	1:00-3:00	Randy Jones	688-6418
	3:00-5:00	David Lourie	693-5699

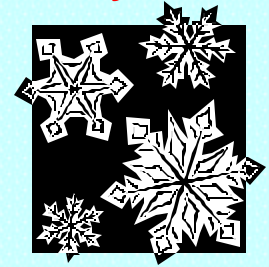
For help:

Don Oaks @ 680-1818

Please say Hello to New Members

**Miki Holden
Dan Powell**

Family Events



December 14, 2005

**Spouses Invited
Special Program
by
Cartoonist
Leigh Rubin**

December 16, 2005

**Christmas party
at the Alisal
Please see
PP Ken Mills
for Sign-up**

December 21, 2005

**Santa's Visit
Children's party
at the RSI 12:00 PM**



City of Joy trip

**High school kids travel to
Calcutta, India
Feb. 11 – 26, 2006**

**Chaperons:
Deepa Willingham
Bob Hinrichs**

**19 essays submitted
Competition to select five
begins**

Know Your Board

Jeff Cotter



I am one of the few truly "native" Californians left. I was born and grew up in Los Angeles. I attended UCLA, although I probably could not get into the school if I were applying today.

Patti and I moved to the valley in the fall of 1979 to pastor the Santa Ynez Valley Presbyterian Church. I was blessed with 10 wonderful years as pastor. Out of that experience came some great friends and experiences. I felt the entire Valley was my "parish", and I and the church were able to start some programs to meet some of the Valley's needs. Among these were the counseling center and Valley Haven.

I left the church to direct the grants programs of several private foundations. Part of my job was to find good projects for other donors to support along with the foundations I directed and to take donors to project sites to see how their funds were helping people. Most of our funds supported local charities. Some went for international projects like Rick Zander's. I was blessed to be able to go to some of the most remote places on the planet and meet some great people. During this time, I started the Valley Foundation and raised the first funds for its endowment. That foundation still gives away about \$250,000 each year to Valley charities. I then went from foundation work to private consulting for fundraising and spent about 10 years raising funds primarily for capital and major gift campaigns across the country. I recently directed the fundraising for our Centennial Project.

I wanted to retire at something before I died, so this year I retired from the ministry and from fundraising and have gone into real estate full time. I am able to stay home and enjoy the Valley and, best of all, work next to my outrageous wife, Patti.

It has been my privilege to serve our club as President and chair several committees and special project events. Rotary becomes more important to me each year.

**Special program
To include Our families**

November 30 – At the Lutheran Home

**Please attend
To show them we care**

**No meeting
on
December 28, 2005**

Enjoy the Holidays

Future Programs & Events

- November 30 - Special Program Ken Mills
At the Solvang Lutheran Home
- December 7 - Dian Howe
Poinsettia Pick-up
- December 14 - Special Family Program
Cartoonist Leigh Rubin
- December 16 - Club Christmas Party at the Alisal Ranch
- December 21 - Santa's Visit
Children's Party

District Meetings

MPRLS 5
December 10, 2005
Arroyo Grande, CA

Mid-Term Seminars
January 28, 2006
Santa Maria, CA

Attendees
Pres. Deepa Willingham
PE David Wyatt
PE Nominee

Rotarian-of-the-week

PP Verva Enoch

Member since January 1, 1996

President Deepa honored PP Verva by naming her the Rotarian-of-the-Week. This honoree is a native Californian, born in Whittier, CA. She graduated from Montclair High School and earned her B.S. degree from the University of Laverne while raising three teen children. Her commencement ceremony was attended by two of her grandchildren. She and her spouse, Bruce, have been married since August 1993. Professionally, PP Verva has been a partner with C & D LLP for 15 years. She is responsible for taxation and business valuation analysis for the firm. For her CPA exam, she scored as one of the top five candidates in California and one of the top 100 in the US. She has a NACVA business valuation credential and teaches others to prepare for the CPA exams. She joined our Rotary club in 1996. She was the second female President of our club in 2000-2001, she is a PHF, she has served as the Foundation Secretary for many years, she has served as the 4th of July major donor solicitation chair. This year, on top of her duties in the Foundation, she is serving as the club Historian. Her knowledge of trivia, particularly sports trivia, is phenomenal as is her ability to pay attention to details. She is a person of deep commitment to our club, our Foundation and to our community...*we are honored to call her the Rotarian-of-the-Week!*

November Anniversaries

Allen & Virginia Cooper – 42 Years
Don & Suzi Oaks – 44 years
Rick & Esther Zander – 37 Years

December Anniversaries

Joe & Janis Dugan – 21 Years
George & Sally Jones – 48 Years
Randy & Debbie Jones – 18 Years
Nelson & Sandi Owens – 13 years
Ron & Nancy Rutter – 43 Years
Elle & David Seymour – 40 Years
Barry & Fran Shulman – 34 Years
David & Nancy Wyatt – 9 Years

**“In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our
past and bridge to our future.”**

Author Alex Haley