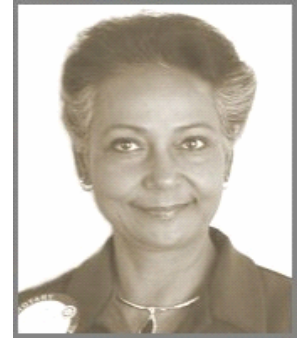


Club # 684 District 5240
Chartered March 10, 1959

Ring out the old, ring in the new;
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

- Lord Tennyson, 1850



President's Message

A Good Holiday Story

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon, the man by the window, described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could see it. In his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

**Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy,
despite our own situations.**

YIS,
Deepa



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Some Holiday Pictures



City of Joy Trip Winners



**Congratulations
To**

**Lorena Cortez
Robert Geiger
Meghann Shean
Ryan Silsbee
Morgan Stevens
Rebacca Tanney**

**Wishing you & your
family all the best
for 2006**

**From
2005 –2006
Board of directors
RC of SYV**

**Dictionary
Project**



**Club members will
distribute
To
3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders**

**Please see
Barry Shulman
&
Sign up**

Know Your Board

Jim Vreeland



I was born in Adrian Michigan on August 4th, 1964. I lived in Michigan for twelve years before I moved to Texarkana, Texas in 1978. I graduated from Texas High in 1982. I stayed in Texas for another six years before moving to my current place I call home in Solvang California in 1988.

I was married for nine years and have three children: Jessica who is 14, Jackie who is 13, and finally James (Jimmy III) who is 8.

I am currently the General Manager for Jim Vreeland Ford, but I have also worked at other Ford Dealerships around the state including: Bronk Vreeland Ojai Ford in Ojai, California, Bonanza Ford L/M in Sonoma, California, and Jim Vreeland's Santa Barbara Lincoln Mercury in Santa Barbara California. I have held almost every position within an automobile dealership.

My favorite sport is baseball. In fact, in my senior year of high school, our team went to the 5A state championships. But, unfortunately, we did not win. However, later that summer, playing American Legion we did win the Texas State Championship. I also received a baseball scholarship my first year of college.

The reason I joined Rotary was to get more involved in our beautiful community. I was sponsored by Dick Smullen.

**Thank you "City of joy"
Selection Committee**

**Jeff Cotter, Joe Dugan, Jeff Little, Mary Jo
McNamara & Rudy Van Enoo**

For a job well done

Thank you

**Cogwheel editor – John Grelick
Website updater – Fred Krug**

For a job well done

Future Programs & Events

- December 28 - Dark
Enjoy the Holidays
- January 4 - Hans Gregersen
Director-World Bank
- January 10 - Board of Directors Meeting
4:00 PM Los Padres Bank Conference
- January 11 - Club Assembly
- January 18 - TBA

District Meetings

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

Attendees
Pres. Deepa Willingham
PE David Wyatt
PEN John Rasmussen

Rotarian-of-the-Day

Judson Clark

Son of Rotarian Lana Clark

President Deepa honored one of our sons by naming him as the Rotarian-of-the-Day. He is the son of one of our newer members, Lana Clark. He graduated from the Santa Ynez Valley high school and joined the Army in 2002 for a four-year term. He is a member of the 82nd Airborne stationed in Ft. Bragg, NC. He is a communications specialist and is responsible for all communications between the troops in his unit, whether done by radio, satellite or computers. Last year he served with his unit in Iraq at Balad, which is north of Baghdad. He has been serving in Afghanistan this year with other soldiers to help provide stability to that government, train their police and army and rebuild communities with schools and other community services...*truly Rotarian-like activities*. His family and our club's greater family were thrilled that he was one of the soldiers chosen to come home for the holidays. It was our pleasure to welcome him and name him *the Rotarian-of-the-Day!!*

Thank you Judson...you make us proud!



**"For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning."**

-T.S. Eliot