



The Cogwheel



Rotary Club of the Santa Ynez Valley Newsletter

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Upcoming Clubs Meetings

- Jan. 6 Polio Plus Today - Jim Lewis District 5240 Polio and International Chair.** Jim will update Club on status of Rotary's Polio eradication in the World. Jim is an accomplished authority on Polio as he has lived with it most of his life. Polio World eradication has been Rotary #1 objective since the mid 80's. Our Club has raised over \$40,000 to support this cause. Only 2 Countries remaining with Polio in World; Pakistan & Afghanistan!
- Jan. 13 "VRBO"- Vacation rentals by Owners - Leanne Schlinger will be speaker.** Leanne is president of the SY Vacation Rentals. Her point of view is that VRBO need to be regulated. Permitting, on-site inspections, limiting number of guests & cars are her recommendations. This is a "hot" topic right now, as the Board of Supervisors has had much discussion lately on VRBO in the unincorporated areas in Santa Barbara County.
- Jan. 20 Dr. William Gallivan will be speaker.** His topic will be Knee replacement surgery updated.

Important dates

- January 2 Bocce** Buellton Marriott Jan. 2 @ 10:45 AM. All Club members are invited to participate It a great time and allows you to better acquaint yourself with your fellow Rotarians. Any questions contact Gary Schoen at gshane2@comcast.net or 688-6777.
- January 14 Rotary Board Meeting** @ Solvang Friendship House at 5 PM, all members are invited.
- February 3 Foundation Board meeting** @ 5 PM at C&D CPA's, 690 Alamo Pintado, Solvang.
- March 15 Architectural Contest** - David Goldstein, a local architect, started this "contest" to encourage and inspire students to become Architects. The winner gets \$300 and an opportunity to attend a month-long architectural career workshop at Cal Poly in the summer.

Dictionary Project

Since 2005 our Club has supplied dictionaries to the 3rd Grade classes of the Santa Ynez Valley. This year our Club gave 265 dictionaries to the students at 8 schools; Ballard, College, Los Olivos, Oak Valley, Santa Ynez Valley Charter, Santa Ynez Valley Family, Solvang, and Santa Ynez Valley Christian Academy. Dick Smullen has been in charge, organizing and delivering the dictionaries. Many thanks to Dick!

Holiday Party at St. Mark's Church

Our "Christmas Party" was on Saturday, December 19th, it was a huge success! There were nearly 60 in attendance, largest Holiday party in years! It was a great night; entertainment, good food, open bar, singing and great fellowship! Thanks to Gary Schoen and Committee for organizing a terrific evening. Jeff Little won contest for the Worst Holiday Joke!

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of Paul Harris Fellows to Betty Johnston, Jim Johnston and Thomas Karpf. Betty and Jim have been "Meeting Greeters" for the past 5+ years plus have done outstanding work on raising money for Sponsorships for 4th of July. Thomas has worked hard at 4th of July and Danish Days for many years.

Santa Sleigh/Parade

For nearly 40 years our Club has participated in the Solvang Christmas parade and taken Santa & his sleigh through the neighborhoods for the Valley children. Thanks to Ken Andersen for continuing this Club tradition.

Bell ringers for Salvation Army - Again this year our Club supported the Salvation Army by ringing the bell. 90% of monies raised stay here in SY Valley to support the needy. 16 Club members spent 2 hours of their weekend ringing bell.

For more information on our Club click on the following links;

Website <http://www.santaynezvalleyrotary.org>

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12/20/12
Dear Santa Ynez Rotary,
Thank you for my dictionary. I really appreciate it. The dictionaries are great for independent reading. I am very happy that you chose this school. I am learning to speak my language because of the dictionaries you gave us. Our teacher didn't want us to take it home. Does it take a while to put up the fire works?
I hope you had a good time visiting our school.
Your friend,
Saira

[Link for Santa's Sleigh Pictures](#)



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