



# The Simi Sunriser

December 17, 2009



## Help Those Who Can't Help Themselves

We all get too caught up in what to buy our friends, family, and co-workers during the holidays, but sometimes we put little thought into the different ways to donate to the less fortunate. There are millions of people in the who aren't able to celebrate because they don't have the money to do so. Here are ten ways to donate and do what you can to help those who are less fortunate this holiday season.

- 1. Angel Trees:** Local businesses and possibly your employer as well, will usually have an angel tree up for the holidays. Angel trees are the perfect way to donate because you will have a list of exactly what the child needs and wants.
- 2. Toys for Tots:** If you don't have access to an angel tree, you always have the option to donate through the Toys for Tots program sponsored by the Marines.
- 3. Canned Goods:** Less fortunate families need food all throughout the year, but during the holidays is always a wonderful time to donate. Watch for good sales at your grocery store and buy several cases of canned goods when they go on sale and help a family by giving them something to eat this holiday season.
- 4. Coats:** Many unfortunate people don't have coats or the means to buy one. Donating your old coats is just another small way to help the less fortunate this time of year.
- 5. Animal Shelters:** People aren't the only ones who are less fortunate. Every year thousands of pets are sent to animal shelters. Usually animal shelters don't have enough resources to take care of all these animals. Whether you donate money, toys, food, or treats remember all our furry friends and donate to this wonderful cause.
- 6. Our Troops:** Unfortunately, it's very easy to forget our troops overseas this holiday. You may not see them as needy individuals, but you have to remember that most of these troops are away from their loved ones and need to feel loved. Donating to our troops can be as simple as sending a card or finding an organization that will be sending stockings to our troops this year.
- 7. Neighbors:** Many of us have people in our neighborhood that are less fortunate. Donating to your neighbors may not be as easy. You may find that your neighbors are very proud and will refuse donations. This is the time for sharing and even if your neighbor refuses a donation you try to give to them directly, consider leaving the gift on their porch. This allows them to not have to show a brave face in front of you.
- 8. Shopping:** Another easy way to donate this holiday is to shop at stores that donate part of your total to charities. Several stores at will donate a certain percentage of your total to the less fortunate.
- 9. Donate Your Time:** Donating your time this time of year is very easy. You can either donate your time to a homeless shelter or to a woman's shelter. You could also help collect cans in your neighborhood to donate to places that will be taking up canned goods. You could even help an elderly person do their shopping this year. It doesn't have to be through a specific organization, there are lots of people in your neighborhood that could use your help this year.
- 10. Ask Around:** When all else fails and you aren't sure how to donate call around to places like the health department, the food stamp office, etc and find out how you can help. These places will know of several people who need your help. They, of course, won't be able to give you names, but will be able to tell you what is.

The feeling you'll get from donating is one that money can't buy. You'll never receive a gift that makes you as happy as the gift of giving. *(Excerpt from article.)*

## A Look Ahead to Next Week's Meeting

December 24, 2009

**NO MEETING**

December 31, 2009

Greeter:	Jack Scroggins
Greeter:	Ron Hyrchuck
Attendance Table:	Cal Youel
Invocation:	Joe Grinstead
Flag Salute:	Harvey Mahler
Guest List:	Greg Gonzales
Rat Fink:	Marshall Shrago

## Events Coming Up

December, 2009

19 Holiday Party

## This Week's Birthdays and Club Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Jim Robison	December 18
Jim Visage	December 21
Arun Sharma	December 29



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## What You Missed This Week!!!

**Tony Maddox** opened our meeting by singing a couple of holiday songs and wishing us all a Happy Holiday.

**Tim Shannon** thanked the Grand Vista Hotel staff for their work ever Thursday morning. They are Sergio, Johnny, Sean and Mike.

**Stella Ortiz** was inducted into our club this morning and she was brought in by Mike McCaffrey.

**Bill Fox** thanked everyone for their work in the Bike Assembly project where more than 200 bikes were assembled. We were a little short-handed this year, but they all were completed.

**Gary Stewart** was Rat Fink this morning and he shared a video he created about all the wonderful things our club did in November and December including the Thanksgiving dinner, the painting at the schools, bike assembly, but especially Tim Shannon mopping the floors.

**Bill Fox** was the Rotarian in the Spotlight this morning for the work he did on the Bike Assembly project.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Doug Feco** is selling Foundation cards for \$25 each and Wheelchair cards for \$37.50 each.

**Monica Berlin** reminded us that our club Holiday Party is this weekend.

### PROGRAM



Joe Howry, Editor from The Star talked about the newspaper industry today and the difficulties affecting it; the paper itself and the problems they have with costs and reduced revenues; and the danger if newspapers go away.

## Service Calendar

January 7, 2010

Greeter: Steve Johnson  
Greeter: Gary White  
Attendance Table: Ron Hyrchuck  
Invocation: Gregg Hartman  
Flag Salute: Ron Coons  
Guest List: Jarrod DeGonia  
Rat Fink: John Bagnal

January 14, 2010

Greeter: Claudia Kirkpatrick  
Greeter: Mel Vines  
Attendance Table: Daryl Kleintob  
Invocation: Cal Youel  
Flag Salute: Johny Garner  
Guest List: Nancy Hawthorne  
Rat Fink: Herschel Berger

January 21, 2010

Greeter: Jerry Shaffner  
Greeter: Gary Stewart  
Attendance Table: Ted Mackel  
Invocation: Harry VanDyck  
Flag Salute: Mitch Green  
Guest List: Andy Keowen  
Rat Fink: Larry Borovay

January 28, 2010

Greeter: Wayne Snyder  
Greeter: Al Smith  
Attendance Table: Joel Rothman  
Invocation: Dave McCormick  
Flag Salute: Pam Perry  
Guest List: Dorinna Timbol  
Rat Fink: Lora Simonsgaard

## Proposed New Members

Proposed New Member:

Jim Arledge

Sponsor:

Jim Lowry

Classification:

Fire Chief

## Welcome

Michael Foster

Joe Howry

Candice Ortiz

Bob Weikal



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Give a Paul Harris Fellow*

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A \$1,000 contribution to The Rotary Foundation gives you the opportunity to make somebody a Paul Harris Fellow. This gift also has a positive effect on many people... *Yes, you can make a difference!*

If you would like to give a Paul Harris Fellow, contact Pat Abruzzese at [abruzzo@att.net](mailto:abruzzo@att.net).



Please join us for the  
Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise

## Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 19th  
at 6:00 in the evening

at the beautiful home of

Monica and Joe Berlin  
425 Longbranch Road  
Simi Valley, CA 93065

Come celebrate the season  
with friends old and new.

**POTLUCK PLUS \$10 PER PERSON  
HOSTED BAR**

Please bring a potluck dish  
that's enough to serve 8-10 people:

Last Name.....Course

A-F.....Appetizers

G-L.....Salad or Side Dish

M-R.....Main Dish

S-Z.....Dessert

**PLEASE RSVP ON EVITE.COM BY DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**