

BOARD HAPPENINGS

Treasurers' Report 9/10/98
 Bill Kersten reported the following :
 Operating Account \$4,754
 Charity Account \$9,011
 Doc Wiggins Fund \$15,096
 Payable: \$1615
 Budget: Based on numbers submitted,
 \$15,160 total planned charity outlays.
 Fundraisers Planned; Entertainment
 Books, Super Bowl and College Bowl,
 Opportunity Drawings, Night at the
 Improv events must raise \$8,000 to
 meet the budget.
 It was moved and passed that each
 member will be assed \$43.00 for one
 Entertainment Book and encouraged to
 sell 3 books.

International Service: Corazon Project
 Planned for Spring 1999 with Cota de
 caza, Lake Forest, and Laguna Hills
 Clubs.

Vocational Service: Reading Program
 updated by President Jack . Recruiter
 for the Quarter program to be
 considered with a military representative.

Community Service: Tim Strauch
 named new Director. Don Wile reoprted
 that Working for Wardrobes wants a
 working relationship with our club and
 Community Service to follow up.

Club Service: Don Wile announced
 that the Club Christmas Party at Tigras
 Country Club will be held on Dec 20.
 Approx cost \$30.00 per person.

WHITE ELEPHANT SCHEDULE

N. Miller Oct 6th
 D Leckness Oct 13th
 R Paradzick Oct 20th
 J Peterson Oct 27th
 Ben Shipin Nov 3rd

The Internet and Rotary Listings
www.ROTARY5320.ORG
www.ROTARY5320.ORG/MVR.html
 Rotary International
www.ROTARY.ORG
 The Rotarian Magazine
[www.rotary.org/publications/magaines/
 the_rotarian](http://www.rotary.org/publications/magaines/the_rotarian)

POONA REPORT

Letter from Col Krishna S Mathur (Ret) PHF...Honorary member of our
 Club and Past president of the Poona, India Club.



07 Sept 98

Dear George,
 It is always a great pleasure hearing from you,
 and to get news of our Sister Mission - Viejo
 Rotary Club. This letter, its contents and the
 copies of 'Spoke and Wheel', plus what you have
 put on your Rotary web have been particularly
 gratifying. We have to increase the frequency of
 our exchanges.

The Queen has been dethroned and King Jack
 has assumed the throne ! Our felicitations to the
 Queen for an eventful Rotary year and Goodluck to the new emperor Jack. We
 hope he is able to achieve all that he has so clearly outlined in your Bulletin. We
 hope that the Friendship between our two clubs will be further strengthened in
 Jack's year.

We are delighted by the contents of your Bulletin. We are enthused at
 being able to give more news about our sister club in the Poona Service Wheel this
 year. Good Work George.

I am very touched by your enclosing the write-up on the Memorial Grove
 and look forward to paying my respect to the Plaque and the Grove during my next
 visit to Mission - Viejo. My compliments to Norm Miller.

Besides the Bulletins, which will be informative, I am enclosing a handout
 for our Clubs Fund - Raiser. It occurs to me that Mission - Viejo Rotary could
 perhaps think of a black - tie Ball as a Fund Raiser. I know that the idea is very
 close to the heart of my wonderful friend Fred Buckhalter. Just a suggestion since
 you asked.

Our Younger Grand - daughter Ambika has been left in our care by Sanjay
 and Pammi. She is a delight and is keeping both Pravena and me and our
 household on ourtoes!

Our Younger Son Tarun got married on 9th of August and we have
 another daughter - in - law Rinku in our family. Their being in Pune is good for us.

Our Love to you and Margaret.

Yours in Rotary,
Krishna



Karen under a Rotary sign in Cairo, Egypt

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR REPORT

From Karen Walsh September 13, 1998

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone has had a great summer. I have been traveling for
 the last two months. I went to Greece, Israel and Egypt for the first part of the
 summer. And after a bit of a break in England, I went to Russia, Poland, the
 Czech Republic and Italy. Most of the time was spent in Greece, Egypt,
 Russia and Italy. I passed through the others for up to five days. With the
 exception of a flight from Egypt back to England, the rest of the trip was done
 by land and sea, so I was able to see the land- and sea-scapes along the way. It
 was an amazing trip and even more interesting and fun than I had imagined it
 would be. My camera burned through 20 rolls of film and I filled up a
 notebook, scribbling as I went. There is far too much to put into a letter, so I
 will be putting together an album of the highlights of my photographs to bring
 with me when I get home.

As it happened, I arrived in Russia on the morning of the day that
 they devalued the ruble the first time. Of course, I had changed some of my
 money at 6:1 in the morning and it went up to 8 that afternoon. I was also
 there when they sacked the Prime Minister. It was hard to find local English-
 language newspapers, but my friend and I were staying with friends who live/
 work in Moscow, so we did get some insight into the situation. We had
 moved on before they blocked the banks, so things did not seem very serious
 while we were there. Still, we were unable to withdraw money from ATMs
 using our Western cards because the Russian banks were artificially
 protecting their "change rates. If we used their machine, we would get the
 higher market rate for the ruble that Western banks were using, instead of
 their own protected one.

The sights were amazing. The Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg
 was like a combination of the Louvre and Versailles - beautifid art in a
 beautiful palace. I was often distracted by the inlaid floor or the gilded
 ceilings and had to remind myself to take a look at what was on the walls. We
 also went out to Peterhof Palace near St. Petersburg on the Gulf of Finland.
 Red Square was enormous! Saint Basil's cathedral was breathtaking. I saw
 dead Lenin. He didn't look green, as reputed, but he didn't look too good
 either. The country seems to have so much potential, and the people seem to
 be justifiably frustrated of the way things are being run, but have little hope of
 things improving. One street vendor that I spoke to said that for years, people
 have been putting as much of their savings away in dollars under mattresses -
 anywhere but in the banks. After I let when they blocked withdrawals, I
 understood why.

I met an English friend in Italy. We went to Venice, Siena, two small
 hill towns, and what must be the world's most scenic youth hostel in
 Menaggio on Lake Como. It was a much more relaxed trip, with a less
 aggressive sightseeing agenda, so it was a great way to relax. We had a lot of
 fun people-watching, taking walks and trying out a few of the local wines.

Tomorrow is my last Rotary luncheon. I will not be speaking, but
 visiting my host club once again. My host counselor, Nigel was wonderful
 throughout the year. I am sure that we will stay in touch. On Wednesday I'll
 attend the District Meeting so I can bring back any interesting new for you. I
 only have ten days left in Cambridge and enough to do to fill a month! There
 are so many sad good-byes coming up, but I look forward to all the reunions.
 The leaves are turning. The temperatures are dropping into the forties. The
 wind has a definite bite and California is calling me home. See you in
 October!

Karen

COMING EVENTS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

October 6 Craft Talk
 October 13 Heart Healthy Mission Hospital-
 Terry Graham
 October 20 Model UN Program
 October 27 City Maintenance Service
 Keith Rattz
 November 17 World Kids Voyage
 Capt. Eric Blackburn

SPECIAL EVENTS

Oct 3 (Sat) Getty Museum Tour/Picnic
 Bus leaves YMCA at 9:45 am
 4 Hour tour with Picnic Basket
 Lunch-Bus Departs at 3:00PM
 Oct 25 Foundation Dinner(District)
 Dec 5 Trip to Door of Faith
 Dec 20 Club Christmas Party
 Tijeras Country Club

1999

April 23-25 R.I.District 5320 Conference
 May 6 Annual Prayer Breakfast
 June 13-16 R.I. Convention- Singapore

WE MISSED YOU!

Sept 15th Meeting	Sept 22nd Meeting
L Anderson	J Duffner
V Avery	R Frieder
J Keegan	R Jones
R McNay	W Kersten
J Peterson	R McNay
D Rukstalis	D Rukstalis
	T Strauch
	T Vuozzo
	T Wessel

MAKE UPS

Jim Peterson University of Minnesota Rotary

VISITING ROTARIANS

Leonard Gibbons	Laguna Hills
Jack Clement	Laguna Hills
Chuck Showalter	Laguna Hills

VISITING GUESTS

Tom Anderson	Guest of Lora Lee Anderson
Kathleen McManahey	Water District
Carol Sanders	Water District
Richard DeVoe	Guest of Rick Jones

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