

The President's Corner



MEMBERSHIP; probably the main focus of this year and coming years for, not only Rotary, but all service oriented clubs. Our club is no different than others in the retention of existing members and attracting of new members. It is the responsibility of every Rotarian to propose new members. Someone shared Rotary with you: now it is your turn to share Rotary with others.

Ideally, our hope for our club is to end the year with more members than we had at the beginning. Convert this hope into a reality. More members mean increased capacity for service and greater service creates a more community awareness of Rotary.

Our club, like most clubs, must grow in membership at least ten percent a year to offset normal attrition. If we only maintain, then no growth of our club ever occurs. Real growth requires a continuous, concerted effort on the part of all our members to attract potential members by sharing the good projects our club supports each year in the community and throughout the world..

Now is the time for us to review our achievements in membership growth. Each member should be able to answer "yes" to the following questions: "Have I done my share in building our club? Can I propose a qualified person for membership this year?" Act now. There are many service minded individuals out there waiting to be ask to join Rotary.

There are many individuals in our community possessing all the qualifications for membership who only want to the call to join us. Someone in our club will only need to ask them. Let that someone be you!

Don

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COMING EVENTS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- April 4 Adopt-A-Social Worker- Lois Duran, Director
- May 9 American Field Services-Exchange Students
- April 22 Tree Planting Program To be announced
- May 04 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
- May 4-7th District Conference Mission Inn , Riverside
- May 20th District Assembly
- June 3rd Corazon Mexico House Building Trip
- June 4-7th R.I. Convention Buenos Aires, Argentina

WHITE ELEPHANT

- April 4 George Cooper
- April 11 Bill Craycraft
- April 18 Jan Eisenbeisz
- April 25 Rich Frieder

SADDLEBACK VALLEY YMCA

Where does our money go? One place is the Saddleback YMCA where we recently donated \$1,000. Rotarian Tim Strauch is the Executive Director. Last week Tim gave us a very interesting program on the Y. Here is a summary:

In 1999 the Saddleback Valley YMCA

- ◆ Had more than 11,800 youth, students, adults seniors and families enjoying membership and programs. <
- ◆ 1,010 kids attended either weekly Day Camp or a one week Resident Camp during the summer as well as winter and spring break day camps. <
- ◆ Had 925 families participating in the parent/child Y-indian Guide/Princess/Maiden/Braves program. <
- ◆ 650 children were able to attend before and after school childcare for school aged children at 9 of the schools in the Capistrano Unified School District. <
- ◆ Taught over 600 youth to swim. <
- ◆ Had 1,050 kids participate in Itty-Bitty, After-school, and Youth Sports programs. <
- ◆ Provided Middle School Campus-Y Programs including LITs (Leaders in Training) for over 70 6th - 8th grade boys and girls.
- ◆ Had 10 high school students participating in the Youth & Government program and 20 in the CITs (Counselors in Training) at the Saddleback Valley YMCA summer resident camp.
- ◆ With 60 policy volunteers as board members and committee members, and over 500 program volunteers annually...the Saddleback Valley YMCA raised over \$105,000, as a result was able to financially assist 125 families in our community and subsidize programs to over 1,000 families in our community!

With your help the Saddleback Valley YMCA can attain its goal of \$115,000 for 2000!

Board Happenings

Opening Remarks Don Wile

There is \$18,000 available from the District for matching grants. Can we take advantage of any?. The grant process is slow and none of our projects are yet to the point to apply for these funds.

District awards; Each committee chair has received a packet of information to submit a District awards application. We need to promote our club and apply for these awards.

Foundations: Victoria Avery

Ambassadorial Scholars-Jennifer Seifert is a candidate for graduate school in Europe. Norm Miller may have another candidate.

Club Service: Ed Heeren

District Conference: We have a piñata that needs filled for the conference hospitality night. The board passed a motion to fill it with new issue Silver Dollars (\$100) and candy.

George Cooper presented a plan to create our own website separate from the District site. Cost is \$21 per month. The board passed the motion to create a website, <http://www.missionviejorotary.org>

We will have business cards printed for each member to use in solicitation of prizes and introduction of potential new members. They will have a line to print your name, nut have the P.O. Box, website, contact phone number, and e-mail address.

Question of purchase of the Clubmate software for use as a secretary and treasurer resource was raised by Ed Heeren. Dick Paradzick is going to contact Nancy Bauhmann of Monarch Beach to see how they like the package since they purchased approximately 6 months ago. The vote to purchase or not purchase was delayed until next month.

Community Service Dick Paradzick

Adopt-a-Social Worker - Bob McQueen met with Robin Hoffman of the adopt-a-social worker program. Three different programs are offered. The motion the board passed was for the CALWORKS program. This program covers individuals and families with children in a Welfare-to-Work agency. We can help by providing material resources for those working toward becoming self sufficient, contributing members of society. We will be contacted by a case worker with a list of material needs. We then fill the order. This will be localized in the Saddleback Valley area. We need to add to next years budget. The board voted to start within the next month or so.

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is May 4th. Jan has most of the plans set. Pastors are invited. Need to get tickets soon.

Rotary Grove trees need attention. We will contact the city to see that all is okay. We will plan a future event, possibly on the city's Terra Neuvo day , for holding a meeting at the grove.

Vocational Service:Bob McQueen

Tutor program is going well. No new supplies are required at this time. Singing contest - Victoria stated that we have about 5 students going from Mission Viejo. The Board approved raising the funding to \$250 to provide each student with a \$50 Prize. Contest is on March 25th and 26th at the UCI Concert hall.

Teacher Recognition Dinner - For Capo Valley will be held on March 30th. G. Cooper ask about the Student-Teacher scholarship. This had been a standard scholarship by the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo and has somehow been left to drop. We will work on reinstating this program with Capo Valley and see about adding it to the Saddleback Valley plans for a teachers award banquet to start next year.

Bob ask of the AFS (American Field Service) support that we had provided in the past. We have not funded this as yet this year. He ask if Trabuco Hills H.S. might be a candidate for this program. Any decision on this has been shelved until next month, will we do more investigation.

Interact - Going well. Election of officers for next year will be held the end of April.

Rotoract-No meetings as yet. Leadership is difficult in a 2 year school. G. Cooper stated that Rotoract does not need to be a College connection. It could be a church, the YMCA, etc. Bob will look into these options.

Bookmarks; The Rotary bookmarks we provided to the library are all gone. The library has ask if we would supply more. A motion was passed to continue the bookmarks as our clubs 4 way test program. Bob will check to see the cost in quantities of 500, 1000, and 5000. We have the cutting die and this may be cost effective to increase the quantity of the order.

International Service: Bob Bridges

Worlds Kids Voyage: Eric has completed the school project and is now preparing his boat for another port. He has placed a plaque in the school wall for all his "Angels" that contributed to the school building fund. We are proud to have the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo listed as an Angel of this worthwhile international project.

Libano Barrio Project - The city is in the process of annexation of the land. The grant process is in the hands of Brian Cooper and the Rotary Club of Libano. As all things, the matching grant process is slow and deliberate. We are fortunate to have Brian in Libano to keep this moving toward completion.

Membership Jack Wallace

A suggestion was made to make a husband and wife be considered members under the Rotarians name. Our spouses are a very large part of our being a Rotarian, they are really members-at-large. The spouse could then come to meetings as a representative of the member. If both attend then the breakfast is doubled. We will address this at the next board meeting after we all do some research and discussion with the District and other clubs.

New Business Don Wile

Tables are available at the District Conference for use of clubs to promote club events and projects. The cost is \$50. A proposal to promote that we are the home of the District Internet WebMaster was submitted. The Board members agreed and we will get material together to create a display for this event promoting the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo and the website.

Treasures Report Don Wile for Bill Kersten

As of March 13, 2000 -	
Doc Wiggins Foundation	17,899.18
Future Teachers Award	3,583.23
Citizens Business Bank (Paul Harris)	51.00
Citizens Business Bank (Operating Acct)	1,191.93
Union Bnk of CA (Charity Acct)	724.80
Union Bnk of CA (Charity Acct): Fund Raisers	.00
Union Bnk of CA (Charity Acct): Misc.	.00
Accounts Receivable	4,190.50
Undeposited Funds	
TOTAL	27,640.64

The Internet Rotary Listings

Club: www.MissionViejoRotary.Org
District: www.ROTARY5320.ORG
Rotary International: www.ROTARY.ORG