

The President's Corner



Preparation for our annual fundraiser "Night at the Improv" is in full swing. This requires the effort and participation of all members to make this successful. We need support through collection of prizes, ticket sales, workers for the event for the silent auction and door prize operation. We do not need just large donations, although they will normally bring in more cash, nothing is too small for an auction item. Small donations can be added together for a combination auction package or basket.

Remember the old posters for Army recruitment where Uncle Sam is pointing and saying, "I want you for the U.S. Army". Our Rotary Club is pointing and saying, "We want you as part of the Rotary Fundraising Team". The team needs to raise funds to support all the worthy causes that we have in our community. Every member in our club is a member of this team. There are no bench warmers. We all can participate and share in the feeling that we helped in making this event a success. Volunteer, don't wait to be ask!

We all feel we need to give something back to the community and the world for our many blessings. We as a club can do nothing to benefit the community without funding. It is work, but it is better than the alternative, no money for us to carry on the good deeds and helping hands that are truly Rotary. We have a great club that needs each of us to help make the "Night at the Improv" a success to continue the humanitarian efforts of our Rotary club.

Don't be a bench warmer!

Night at the Improv
(A joint fundraiser with the Rotary Club of Lake Forest)
Date: Sunday, March 12, 2000
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Where: Irvine Spectrum Improv
Tickets (includes Dinner): \$35.00
Valet Parking \$6.00

17th ANNUAL ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST



Jarod Eggly
Mission Viejo High School



Jennifer Ping
Aliso Viejo High School



Jenny Spradly
Capistrano Valley High School

Last week we hosted our annual Rotary Speech Contest with this year's topic being: PLAN TO THE FUTURE: ACT WITH CONTINUITY, CONSISTENCY AND CREDIBILITY. Our three judges were from the Toastmaster Club. It was a very close contest. Our winner was Jennifer Ping who gave a very animated speech and Jennifer will compete in our area contest in March and the winner will move on to our District Conets in April and that winner will receive a \$500.00 prize and be a guest at our District Conference in May. All three contestants did outstandingly and our hats are off to not only Jennifer but Jerrod and Jenny as well! **Hats Off to Tim Strauch for putting it all together!**

AREA SPEECH CONTEST NOTICE:

Area Speech Competition will be held at the El Adobe de Capistrano Restaurant on Wednesday, March 8th 6:00 pm. This is the San Juan Rotary clubs regular meeting. The speech Competition is the program. There will be 8 contestants.

We need to let Art Galinda (San Juan Rotary President) know the numberof people attending one week prior to the competition. Jennifer's parents, club members, etc.

Please let Tim Strauch know if you plan to attend and if you will be treating your spouse to this great program! This is a terrific Voactiopnal Service Progra.m and newer members are especially encouraged to attend.

LAURA'S HOUSE TO BE JOINT VENTURE FOR THREE MISSION VIEJO SERVICE CLUBS

President Don announced that he will be meeting with the Presidents of the Kiwanis Club and the Lions Club at Laura's House on April 1st The purpose of the meeting is to plan a Community Service Project to benefit Laura's House which all three clubs can participate. This is the result of our joint meeting with these clubs, a few weeks ago spearheaded by our PP Fred Buckhalter

Rotary Report from Camrin Christensen ROTARACT, UNIVERSITY OF IRKUTSK

I am participating in the Irkutsk-Baikal Rotaract Club. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 6:30. The usual meeting format is: call to order, introduction of guests (the club is about a year and a half old and actively recruiting members), recent events, new business, upcoming events. Rotaract has become closely involved with two local Children's homes, where the members engage in a variety of tasks. Some members teach English (most of the members were students at the Siberian-American Business school and through Vladimir Donskoi and Rotary, spent a month living and working in the US) while others play with the children. Rotaract has also taken up the project of reconstructing one of the two Children's Homes. For complete story on her activities, go to the web at: <http://www.rotary5320.org/AmbassScholReports.html>

COMING EVENTS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- Feb. 8 - Speech Contest
- Feb. 15 - Nordstrom's sweetheart day, invite your spouse
- Feb. 22 - Elizabeth Heistand - Senior svcs. @ Mission Hospital
- March 7 - Scott Baily - Break the rules, close more sales.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Feb 12 District 5320 Foundation Dinner
- March 12 Nite at the Improv-Fund Raiser
- 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

- Feb 15 Len White
- Feb 22 Don Wile
- Feb 29 Lora Lee
- Mar 7 Victoria

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Robert J Duffy

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Sponsor: PP Rick Murray

BOB MCQUEEN VOTED ROTARIAN OF THE QUARTER



Congratulations to Bob McQueen, our Vocational Service Director who has been contributing greatly in time to Interact of MVHS and the formation of a Rotaract Club at Saddleback