

*The President's Corner*



Welcome to the year 2000 and all that it may bring to each of us. Hopefully it brings good health, good friends, peace and understanding, and new opportunities to serve others.

Within Rotary, this is Rotary Awareness Month. We need to reflect on what Rotary has done for the world and what is left to do. We should all be alert for the opportunities to change Rotary, not stay in a project or a rut just because we always have done it this way or not done this. In other words, be aware! Don't take for granted that someone else will do it or that we all ready do enough.

In the beginning of this year in Singapore, R.I. President Carlo Ravizza ask us to have the courage to change and to even discard the timeworn traditions and attitudes within Rotary. In the remaining portion of this Rotary year, he is asking us to be aware and take action. Not action to change for change sake, but to change to build a continuity of commitment toward what ever goal our club endeavors to do. We should be doing those actions that have relevance and will help build membership as others in the community can identify with the causes and projects that make up our action list.

Membership. This is the one action item on the list that needs continual effort to keep on track. New members bring new thoughts and new action items to the club. This is absolutely necessary to continue to address the increasing needs within our community. We all have the task of inviting that special acquaintance to a club meeting or Rotary event to increase our visibility of the needs of Mission Viejo.

Be aware! Look for the opportunities to challenge a tradition. Be aware! Someone is waiting to be ask to become a Rotarian. Be aware! Don't be complacent, energize the club with new ideas and start new traditions. If everyone is aware, then our club will grow with new projects, more members, and new projects. **-Don**

**DEC 15, 1999 BOARD MEETING NOTES**

**Foundations: Don Wile for Victoria Avery**

- ◆ Foundation Dinner – February 12, 2000 at King Richards Antiques Center in Whittier. Cost is \$50 per person and the Opportunity Drawing is \$10 per tickets. For every 10 tickets you sell, you get a \$10 credit towards your Paul Harris contributions. Tickets will be distributed at Tuesday's meeting.
- ◆ Paul Harris – Past R.I. President Herb Brown will be presenting Paul Harris fellows to anyone who attends the foundation dinner.
- ◆ Foundation Opportunity Drawing Ticket Sales & Tracking Requirements – Victoria will keep track of the tickets and tracking for Paul Harris.

**Club Service: Ed Heeren**

- ◆ District Conference – May 4-7 in Riverside. The club will pay \$2.50 a member plus \$50 fee for the hospitality suites and the hospitality suites will be set up for us. We will have a piñata to put in it anything we like.
- ◆ Kiwanis & Lions Meeting – January 4, 2000: Meeting at Casta Del Sol and each club will bring one check for their breakfast. The meeting will be run as our normal meeting and each club president will have an opportunity to speak.

**Community Service Don Wile for Dick Paradzick**

- ◆ Esperanza Chuck-E-Cheese Christmas Party – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1999
- ◆ Maximus House – The club purchased a Christmas tree and provides about \$25 per person for gifts for the 6 people who live at the house. Kathy Haze has volunteered to follow through and coordinate the project.
- ◆ District Aids Awareness – June 2000. District 5320 will have a booth at the Aids Walk and the district is asking for a \$50 donation from each club. The board pass the motion to support the project and donate the \$50
- ◆ Adopt-a-Neighbor – We will send a \$500 check to the charity in Mission Viejo. Passed by the board.
- ◆ Esperanza School – Fred motioned that we recognize the two individuals who for 14 years have donated their time to his event. They set up the tables and get the kitchen going for us. The vote was unanimous to present them each with a plaque in recognition.
- ◆ Adopt – A-Social worker: B. Bridges suggest that we look into this and identify needs and help local families.
- ◆ F. Buckhalter suggested that we recognize the individual in Don Lewellen's office who does our taxes. It was suggested that we have a plaque made in recognition of her service to our club.

**Vocational Service: Bob McQueen**

- ◆ Lake Forest Rotary Test Book Recycling for Shipment to Malawi, Africa – collecting science, math and books that are being recycled. Bob McQueen will look into the Saddleback School District to see if books are available. Currently, Saddleback Valley sends the books to Indian reservation in New Mexico and Arizona. Every 5-7 years the school district buys new books. Perhaps we could ship the books within the states. Surplus books are available from the district and Bob McQueen will look into seeing if we can attain the books for the program.
- ◆ RYLA – We will not be sending any students this year, the students were involved with the leadership symposium.
- ◆ Reading Tutor Project – Will be offered 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester. District is paying teachers to stay after school to help with the project, however they need reading materials. Looking at phonics for the reading tutor project.
- ◆ Language Arts Assistance Program, LAAP, a reading program for first through third grade students. Bob McQueen suggested that we provide students with phonics lessons. Cost \$503.85.
- ◆ Rose Parade Float Assembly – Interact students were interested, but no additional help is needed.

**International Service: Bob Bridges**

- ◆ Door of Faith – Great trip. Good Christmas party. However, Rich Frieder brought the incorrect eye exam equipment so we will return in February to complete the eye exams.
- ◆ Corazon – Tustin, Monarch Beach, Lake Forest, Laguna Hills and possibly Laguna Niguel will join us for this project which will be in May or June.
- ◆ Krishna – Friendship Exchange Program: Incoming District Governor will be here next year at the Anaheim meeting and he would like to meet our incoming district governor. Don will arrange.

**Treasures Report Bill Kersten**

As of December 14, 1999 – Trial Balance

<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>
Doc Wiggins Foundation	17,671.13
Future Teachers Award	3,547.29
Citizens Business Bank (Paul Harris)	1,081.00
Citizens Business Bank (Operating Acct)	4,145.89
Union Bnk of CA (Charity Acct)	6,741.83
Union Bnk of CA (Charity Acct): Fund Raisers	.00
Union Bnk of CA (Charity Acct): Misc.	.00
Accounts Receivable	3,790.36
Undeposited Funds	.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,977.50</b>

**COMING EVENTS**

**WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

- Jan 18 **Project: Deaf India Update by Dr Raz Desai**
- Jan 25 **District Conference Preview- Ed Hardenberg**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Feb 12, 2000 **District 5320 Foundation Dinner**
- May 04 2000 **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**
- May 4-7th **District Conference Mission Inn , Riverside**
- May 20th **District Assembly**
- June 4-7th **R.I. Convention Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**WHITE ELEPHANT**

Jan 18	Tim Strauch	Feb 8	Jack Wallace
Jan 25	Terry Vuozzo	Feb 15	Len White
Feb 1	Scott Walker	Feb 22	Don Wile

**◆ Nominations for Officers for 2000/2001.**

- ◆ President: Ed Hereen
- ◆ President-Elect: Bill Kersten
- ◆ Secretary: Jan Eisenbeisz
- ◆ Treasure :Jack Wallace

**CRAFT TALKS**

Shown in action at our January 10th meeting are Kathy Haze (Classification: Human Services) and Tim Taylor (Classification: Community Manager). Kathy gave us a run down on her activities with "Women Helping Women" as a good Community Service Project and Tim talked about being General Manager of Casta del Sol and how he has had to keep resident Rotarians Fred, George and Norm in line!

