

President's Corner



What does Rotary mean to me?

A question that often has many answers, but as I reflect on this past year, I find that it has been the most rewarding year of my life.

Thanks to all the terrific support of you , my fellow Rotarians, I have had the opportunity to lead this great Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. If you had ask me if this was ever a personal dream or even a possibility, I would have said emphatically, No!

What started with the trip to Singapore to the International Convention and has ended with a house build in Mexico, has been a year beyond any dream of giving back to this world the kindness and good fortune that God has bestowed on this lowly body.

Rotary has become a large part of my life. The ideals that are part of being a Rotarian have meshed with my own basic values such that it would be unthinkable to not be a member of Rotary. This past year has been a chore at times, but even chores have silver linings. Most times have been ones of seeing others work and pull together to common goals.

As Rotarians, it seems difficult to form our lips into saying no. In our club this is certainly true. Everyone when ask, served; when needed, was there; when nothing seemed possible, made it happen. I can't say thanks for the support with sufficient meaning to convey the deep thanks that I feel for the help and guidance that each of you provided to me this past year.

So, in this world each of us have choices and decisions that are ours alone to make. Some choices are made lightly, but turn into major changes in our life. I have had many major changes happen in my life, some I had no control over and others that I treated too lightly. These choices lead us on our path through life. I can truthfully say that my choice and decision to join Rotary was treated lightly, however, it has turned into a choice that has changed my life forever.

Thanks,
Don

MISSION VIEJO ROTARY REMEMBERS THOSE ROTARIANS NO LONGER WITH US

Overlooking Oso Creek, our club's Memorial Grove lies silently and peacefully amongst the trees and flowering bushes planted in 1998 by our club. Our club gathered there early Tuesday morning June 6th in prayer.



In dedication to the memory of Mission Viejo Rotarians and all who strive to promote the ideals of world peace and the preservation of this planet earth.
SERVICE ABOVE SELF

In Memory of these Rotarians

- Ted Becker Phil Norris
- Fred Butcher Robert Schuk
- Dr. M. Gellman Gunnar Schwartz
- Tom Grimes Dave Terrell
- Shawn LeFevre
- Lawrence "Doc" Wiggins
- Hans Zoblein

LA PAZ OPTOMETRIC AND ROTARY MEETS THE CHALLENGE OF BETTER EYESIGHT FOR CHILDREN AT THE DOOR OF FAITH ORPHANAGE...

Staff members of La Paz Optometric headed up by Dr Frieder and Dr Rob Henslick assisted by Cheryl and Pete Santoro and Rotarians Dr Pushpa Chandwani and Nanek Chandwani who also checked on the physical health of some 65 children. They discovered that 16 children needed glasses which La Paz Optometric and Elite Optical will supply at no charge. [Elite Optical is donating the lens]. The exam was held at the Door of Faith on Sunday June 4, 2000. A special thanks to these folks for this World Community Service Project.

EACH YEAR, A COST OF \$1500.00 IS DONATED BY LA PAZ OPTOMETRICT AND ELITE LENS TO CARRY OUT THIS WORLD SERVICE PROGRAM!



SEVEN YEAR OLD NEEDS TRANSPLANT SURGERY... MISSION VIEJO ROTARY HELPS WITH DONATIONS Rob Henslick brought to our attention the plight of seven year old Kelsey Wise to help her win the battle against severe pancreatitis by helping to raise a needed \$125,000 for surgery. The board agreed to match up to \$600.00 in donations from club rotarians. As of this report a total of **\$1245 was donated. Rotarians Care!!**

HELP!! 4TH OF JULY STREET FAIRE I could use additional help on two parts of the set-up process. On July 3, from 4PM to 6PM to help clean and load the equipment at my house. On July 5 from 8AM to 10AM I need help in clean-up, loading, and returning equipment to the storage building. I will have the sign-up sheets for manning the booth at Tuesday's meeting. Thanks...LEN WHITE

COMING EVENTS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- June 20th Barbara Casserly with the Joints in Motion Training Team - Arthritis Foundation.
- June 27 Bruce Lian, Public Affairs Officer with the CA Highway Patrol

SPECIAL EVENTS

June 25th President Don's Roast!
Sunday 6:00pm at the Valentina Restaurant
located in Portola Plaza next to the Theater
July 4th Rotary Street Faire

WHITE ELEPHANT

- June 20 Bill Kersten
- June 27 Dave Leckness
- July 4 Street Faire
- July 11 Bob McQueen

ROTARY CLUBS OF LAKE FOREST, LAGUNA HILLS, MONARCH BEACH, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO AND MISSION VIEJO JOIN FORCES WITH CORAZON TO BUILD A HOUSE IN MEXICO SATURDAY JUNE 3RD



Rotarians from our club included Richard, Susan and Adam Frieder, Bob Henslick, Pushpa and Nanek Chandwani, Fred Buckhalter, Jim Peterson and President Don and Pam Wile. Other firends of Rotary included Cheryl, Pete Santoro from La Paz Optometric and Raul (friend of Kathy Haze).

INTERACT CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO H.S RAISES \$220.00 FOR OUR ADOPT-A-SOCIAL WORKER PROJECT...

Interact Coordinator, Bob McQueen reported that the Interact club purchased gift certificates of \$110.00 from Target and \$110.00 from Albertson's Super Market to be used in the project. Please continue to bring snacks and baby supplies and let Bob McQueen know if you have any larger items to donate such as furniture and he will arrange a pick-up and our Social Worker will see that a needy family receives same.