

The President's Corner



Spring is right around the corner. New life will begin to sprout from the plants that have been dormant for the winter. A newness and freshness will fill the air. Spring is a time for renewal. Renewal of our theme to "Rise and Shine".

There are many opportunities remaining in this year to Rise and Shine and many more in preparation of a new year in Rotary. While this year is in its winter and its final projects and programs are in process, we need to be watchful that enthusiasm doesn't waver. So, as we are looking forward to the spring season of the new year with a resurgence of new life, new leaders, new projects and new enthusiasm, we have the need of enthusiasm for the remaining events of this year.

The remaining major events are:

- The District Conference in Riverside on May 4, 5, 6, and 7. That is a good place to renew spirit and share in the many good programs and projects Rotary has in the district.
- Also on the morning of May 4<sup>th</sup>, we have the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.
- The District Assembly is on May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a hands-on workshop for all incoming officers and new members to learn of the activities and plans for the rotary year 2000-2001. Instruction and information is available to obtain a greater understanding of responsibilities and opportunities of service. Place these date on your calendars.
- The Corazon house build is June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- District singing contest on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at UCI.

So as we look forward to the new opportunities in the coming year to "Rise and Shine", we have many chances remaining in this year for all to Rise to the challenges ahead and Shine as a Rotarian for the community and the world to see.

Don

PANCAKE GUYS!



Mike Madnikoff, Joe Rogal and Murray Peeler (absent from photo) arise early on our annual Sunday morning Pancake Breakfast and preparing the scene for our arrival. This includes setting up the grills, preparing the mix and arranging the seating...These three have been doing it as volunteers since the beginning starting about ten years ago. President Don is shown presenting each of the guys with a plaque honoring their volunteerism.

PANCAKE CHECK!



Dr. Ron Gray, Principal at Esperanza School accepts A check for \$2800 which is the proceeds raised at our Annual Pancake Breakfast and is used for sending Esperanza students to the Special Olympics

OUR SPEECH CONTESTANT WINNER!

Our contestant Jennifer Peng was voted 1st place at our Area Speech Contest held at the San Juan Capistrano Rotary meeting last week Jennifer competed against 7 other students from various high schools in the area. The contestants are sponsored by local Rotary clubs.

Jennifer won our club's contest at our February 8th meeting competing against two other contestants Jennifer is a student at Aliso Viejo High School.

Jennifer will move on to the District contest which is being held in April.

The winner of the District contest will receive a prize of \$500.00 and be a guest at our District Conference in May.

FIVE MISSION VIEJO ROTARY CLUB SINGERS TO COMPETE AT THE SEMI FINALS DISTRICT CONTEST

Our club is very proud to have five club sponsored singers from Mission Viejo High School competing as District Semi-Finalists at the UCI Concert Hall on Saturday Am March 25th. Finalists will be on Sunday March 26th Singers and Singing Classification are:

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| BECK, EMILY         | FEMALE MUSICAL THEATER |
| CALLIRGOS, JENNIFER | FEMALE MUSICAL THEATER |
| CEDENO, STEPHANIE   | FEMALE MUSICAL THEATER |
| MOON, COURTNEY      | FEMALE MUSICAL THEATER |
| MORRISON, MICHELLE  | FEMALE MUSICAL THEATER |

NEW WEBSITES FOR CLUB AND DISTRICT

Both District 5320 and our club's websites have been revised with a new exciting look and easier navigation. Our club also now has a new domain name for our website :

<http://www.MissionViejoRotary.org>

The districts website address remains the same as before:

<http://wwwRotary5320.org>

COMING EVENTS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

March 21 Roger Rustad, Director of Development to speak on Orange County Community Service Programs.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 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

- Mar 21 Fed Buckhalter
- Mar 28 Dr Pushpa Chandwani
- April 4 George Cooper
- April 11 Bill Craycraft
- April 18 Jan Eisenbeisz
- April 25 Rich Frieder

Improv Fundraiser Nets \$6500

Last Sunday night was not a day of rest for members and their spouses listed below as they produced revenue for our Charity Account at our Improv Fundraiser!

Don reports that approximately \$6,500 net was raised. He will have a final figure by our next meeting.

Thank you to all members and their guests who attended and/or supported the fundraiser.

Thank you to the following workers:

Committee members: Jim Peterson, Terry Vuozzo, Ed Heeren, Bob Bridges, Victoria Avery

Helpers at the event: Jim Peterson, Dave Leckness, Jack and Johann Keegan, Dan and Victoria Avery, Ron and Terry Vuozzo, Ed and Virginia Heeren, Kathy Haze, and Pamela Wile

RISE AND SHINE...GIVE ROTARY A FRIEND! ....Be Aware!