

The President's Corner



November brings us into Foundation Month. Victoria Avery is the Foundation Chair and will be

discussing this years contribution to the Rotary Foundation with each of you. **Our club total pledge for this year is \$5000 including any club matching funds.**

"The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs."

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a not-for-profit corporation that promotes world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs.

At the end of every contribution year, each Rotary district's contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are divided into two funds: 40 percent is credited to the World Fund (WF) and 60 percent is credited to the District Designated Fund (DDF).

The 40 percent credited to the World Fund is used by the Foundation to pay for the worldwide programs available to all Rotary districts, regardless of specific contributions. The 60 percent credited to the DDF is used by the district to fund the Foundation programs in which it chooses to participate, such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, credit toward the sponsor portion of a Matching Grant, or an extra Group Study Exchange.

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"ROTARY DOES THINGS BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO".....DG Judith Prather, PhD addressing our club last Tuesday at her annual visit.



"I wish each of you could be District Governor for just one year so that you could visit each club and see the many accomplishments." Judy also reminded us that Rotarians has created the largest foundation in the world and has been voted as the world's best run foundation with a return of 150% after three years of what we invest (after expenses). This has created the largest scholarship program world wide. Judith reported that contributions to our Polio Plus (eradication of polio and other childhood diseases) to date amounts to over 380 million dollars but Rotary goes deeper and wider when a cost analysis shows that when we add in all the personal services provided by Rotarians to implement and run the program...the total becomes a staggering 12 billion dollars! Judith defined our district's purpose as a conduit...back-up....supportive and expertise role

NEW MEMBER PROPOSED

Name: Tim Taylor
Resides: Mission Viejo
Organization: Manager of Casta del Sol An Adult Gated Community in Mission Viejo.
Classification: Community Management
Note: Former Member of our club
Proposed By: Fred Buckhalter

WHITE ELEPHANT

Nov 2nd	Bill Kersten
Nov 9nd	John Koschwanez
Nov 16th	Dave Leckness
Nov 23	Bob Mc Queen
Nov 30th	Norm Miller

ANNUAL WALK AGAINST DRUGS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



The crew served steaming free hot dogs to over 500 hungry walkers out of the largest crowd ever (3500 men, women and children) to participate in the City of Mission Viejo's annual event. Shown above are Tim and Valerie Strauch, "Gentle" Fred Buckhalter, next to Community Service Director, Dick Paradzick, Bob Germeroth, Sgt-at-Arms, followed by first lady Pamela and President Don Wile, and lastly our Treasurer, Bill Kersten.

COMPLETION OF INDIA CLOTHING DRIVE



"From 19th to the 28th of September (1999), we went to the poor tribal villages and gave them numbered identity cards and asked them to come to the gymnasium of Good Shepherd Public School on the 29th of September. The clothes were distributed to them and we found that they were overwhelmed to receive same. The total number of beneficiaries were over 3000 inclusive of children."

"Our sincere thanks to Mr Richard Frieder, from District 5320, who had taken so much strain to see that this project came through. Our thanks also to District 5320, California, USA and Rotary Club of Mission Viejo for having sent us clothes valued approximately 6000 pounds."

"Rotarians, Rotary Ann's and Inner Wheel members were present to open up all the boxes, sort them, pack them in pick up bags and wrote the type of clothing and size."

Srinivas Rao, President, Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, District 3200, India

COMING EVENTS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Nov. 2 Tracy Lyon, topic: Protecting Our Children
 Nov. 9 Ken Waters, Korea - Rotary GSE Experience

SPECIAL EVENTS

Dec 4 Trip to Door of Faith Orphanage
 Dec 19 Christmas Party-Deans Club
 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

**BOARD MEETINGS SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
 7AM WILE RESIDENCE**

"OPEN THE WINDOW AND LET IN SOME FRESH AIR"....Brussels conference inspires Rotarians to look ahead

While urging Rotarians to have the courage to effect change in Rotary for a better future, RI President Carlo Ravizza -- speaking at Presidential Conference 2000: Brussels -- also emphasized continuing the long-term goal of uniting people through world understanding.

"This can be best achieved by educating young people, provision of fresh water as a basic right for all people, and recognition of the rights of women," Ravizza said. "Rotary must become a more powerful and influential non-government organization. Rotary can be the driving force for tolerance and world understanding."

More than 500 Rotarians and 225 guests from 52 countries gathered in the capital of Europe from 8-10 October for the conference. They heard Ravizza remind them to plan carefully for the next Council on Legislation, to carefully consider the appointment of delegates to the Council.

"The future of Rotary depends on you -- not the board of Rotary International, not the president of Rotary International, or any other authority," he said. "The future depends on our clubs and Rotarians."

Ravizza pointed to a number of topics that need to be reviewed, including membership, classification, attendance, bureacratic administration, corporate membership, the timing of district conferences, and the development of the role of assistant district governors.

"Every now and again you have got to open the windows of your home and let in some fresh air," Ravizza said. "We have to do the same thing for Rotary."

**RISE AND SHINE...
 GIVE ROTARY A FRIEND!
 Be Generous!**