



**PAST PRESIDENT
DON "Pick Me" WILE'S
TRIBUTE TO ROTARY AS
HE BIDS FAREWELL (for
now)!!**

Dear Friends in Rotary,

I cannot leave Southern California without saying how much each of you has given to Pamela and me through our years in Rotary. Your support and helping hands were always there when needed. Pamela and I are leaving a loving, giving community of friends and relatives.

Words cannot express the emotions that I feel in leaving the **Rotary Club of Mission Viejo**. Always wanting to give back some of the blessings I have received in this life, Rotary turns out to be a perfect match for this desire. My life at times has been consumed with Rotary. After serving as your president, I thought, enough already. It turned out that this experience changed my life forever. There is no going back. I still feel the responsibility to be supportive and involved in each project that our club undertakes.

I will miss all of you, but especially Jack Keegan, who introduced me to Rotary. He has been a true friend and I will miss the welcomed call of "Buckster" at meetings and events. Also my mentor, George Cooper, who was such a tremendous help during my year as president, I hope someday to be as giving and true a Rotarian.

You, the **Rotary Club of Mission Viejo**, are very unique. This club has done a tremendous amount for the few members that we have been able to maintain. Giving 100% to achieve success in a project, fundraiser, or club service has been the trademark of membership. I have always been proud to say I was a member.

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.**

You will always be in our hearts and minds, as we become members of a new community. We hope that we find more friends like you that will expand our circle of love and our commitment to community service.

This is not good-bye, but a farewell that has expectations of seeing you again either in Portland or when we visit Southern California.

Yours in Rotary,

Don

ROTARIAN TELLS OF TERRORISM IN MID EAST



Col. K.S. Mathur of Pune India Rotary presented his experiences in Indian with terrorism to the Mission Viejo Rotary on Tuesday Sept. 18.

While India has faced insurgency and later terrorism since its inception as a free democracy, the scourge of terrorism has been faced by the USA only for the last few years. In spite of several actual terrorist acts directed against the US interests, there has been a complacency and a false sense of security amongst the citizens of the USA.

In spite of several actual terrorist acts directed against the US interests, there has been a complacency and a false sense of security amongst the citizens of the USA. The cold war ended and the USA has emerged as the major super power. A counter threat that has also developed and grown in strength in the Islamic fundamentalism with its own agendas directed against the democracies of the world.

The devastation caused by the terrorists against the USA on 11 Sept., 2001 was directed against our established values-its position as a leading world economy and military power. This may not be the lone act of terrorism perpetrated against the USA. The citizens have to understand this sad reality. The fight against terrorism is not fought at a national level alone, it will be a long fight.

Our survival, like India's finally depends on the kind of tolerance and mutual respect for which Gandhi gave his life. Let the terrorist not succeed in creating a divide and suspicion in the ethnic minorities that make the USA.....**Reported by John Raisin**

Editor's Note: Krishma is an Honorary member of our club and has been and will continue to be involved in Rotary's Friendship Exchange Program. Krishna is Past President of the Poona Club. He has been a member of the Poona club for 20 years. He is also a retired Colonel and spent 25 years in the India Army seeing plenty of action.

FLAG, CANDLE AND BELL MEMORIAL

At our meeting on Tuesday September 18th..one week later...

Mark "Ziggy" Wilczynski presented our club with a burning candle and American flag as a memorial to those who perished on 9-11. Ziggy is a veteran of WWII and served with the Polish Resistance Army and a member of the MV Historical Heritage Committee as well as the Veteran Memorial Task Force. Ziggy was also a member of the Memorial Building Committee helping to build the Veteran's Memorial in front of the Senior Center. Several members of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo also worked on the committee with Ziggy.



The candle, flag and our bell (WHICH HAPPENED TO BE IN THE PICTURE) is now flying on both our website as well as the district website....as a memorial AND THE BELL REMINDING US OF OUR LIBERTY!!

CLUB DONATES \$1,595.00

The Board of Directors approved sending \$1,000 to the Rotary Club of New York to help victims of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. In addition, club members added \$595.00 to bring total from our club to \$ 1,595.00

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

October 2 - "Heart Heros" Carol Catalano, R.N.
Mission Hospital Cardiac Rehab.

WHITE ELEPHANT

Oct 2 Aaron Sako	Oct 9 Tim Strauch
Oct 16 Scott Walker	Oct 23 Jack Wallace

COMING EVENTS

Entertainment Books Now to-December 31st 2001

Walk Against Drugs October 20, 2001
Door of Faith Vision Screen TBA
Pancake Breakfast October 14, 2001
Yard Sale FundRaiser November 10, 2001
Chuck E Cheese Party December 11, 2001
Sports Pool FundRaiser December 15, 2001
Club Christmas Party Dec 16, 2001 MVCountry Club
Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm
Christmas In April March 27, 2002
Mayor's Prayer Breakfast May 2, 2002 MVCountry Club
Teacher Appreciation May 10, 2002 Laguna Cliffs Marriott
District Conference May 14-16 2002
Scholarship Awards May 20, 2002
Rotary International Convention June 23-26 2002

Next Board Meeting Wed Oct 3rd , 2001 7am YMCA

ROTARY YARD SALE

Fundraiser

**Saturday November 10, 2001
0700 to 1300 Hours
atConstancia Cul-De Sac (Keegan's House)
Save any appropriate items
including large pieces of furniture
Note: Please exclude rummage sale type items**

STORK ARRIVES WITH THE 25TH GRANDCHILD

Margaret and George reports that on September 8, 2001,their daughter Sheila and son-inlaw Brian presented them with their 25th Grandchild....Kelly Grace O'Shea. Sheila and Brian have all boys (five) and so this was very exciting