

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

12/3 - Tom Lochen - Craft Talk
 12/10 - Judy Prather, Rotary PDG - Our Environmental Future
 12/31 Mission Hospitals Response to Health Care Needs in Southern California- Jim Frey, VP

WHITE ELEPHANT

Dec 3 Bob McQueen Dec 10 Norm Miller Dec 17 Steve Mugg
 Dec 24 Richard Murray Dec 31 Verl Nash Jan 7 Dennis O'Connor

COMING EVENTS

- **Christmas Party December 8, 2002 at Mission Viejo Country Club Social Hour 6PM Dinner 7PM**
- **Visit to Door of Faith Orphanage, Mexico December 14, 2002**
- **Chuck-E-Cheese Holiday Lunch Party - Dec. 17th**
- **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Thursday May 1, 2003 at MV Country Club 7:30 AM.**
- **May 1-4 District Conference Flamingo Resort, Laughlin, NV**
- **June 1-4 International Convention Brisbane, Australia**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The nominating committee will submit the following to be officers of our club for Year 2003-2004 (July 1st 2003 thru June 30th 2004)

Ross Boling: President

Steve Mugg: Vice President, President elect 2004-2005

Secretary: Cal Droege

Treasurer: Bill Kersten

Past Presidents: Bob McQueen/Bill Kersten

This action will be taken at the next regular meeting of our club on Tuesday December 3, 2002 at which time nominations will be open from the floor and the membership will vote.

The Nominating Committee consists of the Current President, Incoming President and the last three active Past presidents:

BROKEN SPOKES: Experience is the comb that Nature gives us when we are bald...An old Belgium proverb

THE ROTARY CHALLENGE!

Iron Lungs, Crutches, Wheel Chairs, Quarantined signs, Contaminated swimming pools in developed nations, they are only a memory. But 45 years ago, every parent went to bed haunted by the nightmare of polio. Mothers and fathers dreaded waking up to find one of their children with a fever and a limp-the first tell signs of this crippling disease. In 1955, the prayers of parents all over the world were answered when Dr Jonas Salk developed the first polio vaccine. Although polio has disappeared in the industrialized countries, it was still a scourge in many developing nation

Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio

In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus, one of the most ambitious humanitarian programs ever undertaken by a private-sector organization. PolioPlus was the catalyst for the World Health Assembly's resolution in 1988 to eradicate polio. Today, thanks to Rotary's US\$500 million commitment and its leadership in mobilizing volunteers, the world is on the threshold of eradicating the polio virus

Great progress has been made. Fewer than 10 countries still have polio. The number of cases worldwide has decreased 99 percent since 1985. The greatest obstacle to victory is adequate funding. A \$275 million shortfall must be overcome in the period 2002-05.

For this reason, the RI Board of Directors and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have unanimously decided to launch a one-year campaign to help fill the funding gap. The campaign seeks \$80 million in cash and pledges during the period 1 July 2002 through 30 June 2003. (Pledges may be paid over a three-year period.) The money is needed for vaccine and its delivery through National Immunization Days, and surveillance systems needed to identify remaining pockets of the disease.

See Victoria Avery to do your part in our fight to eradicate Polio.

Service Above Self

ROTARY CLUB OF LIBANO

Dear Rotary Club of Mission Viejo,

October 10, 2002

Greetings from The Rotary Club of Libano, Colombia!! Many thanks for your Rotary Club book marks that you sent and for helping out with your most generous donation for the building fund and for the other projects that we have going. We have distributed the bookmarks to all the students in our town as part of the The Youth theme for the month of September. It is not only a useful gift, but bears a most necessary message to our youth.

Things have been very busy here as usual. I run from one project to another. We are now up to 100 food packages every month. 80 cans of powdered milk, and 140 children receive lunch in the schools. I am also traveling about Colombia working on securing funding for our building project. It looks like I may have an architect who would like to help us free of charge. That will be a great help and a great cost savings.

I continue to teach High School as well as on Saturdays. On Sundays I head out to the Parish in order to celebrate the sacraments. The Parish town has no medical facilities and so we are training some volunteers to administer medicines and emergency treatments. They must even learn to give injections and there is no one out there. The nearest hospital is here in town (Libano) which is a good hours drive so we need someone out there to at least do some basic treatment in order to get them to the hospital alive.

Things have been a bit crazy lately. We have no long distance phone communications as a phone tower was blown up. It usually takes a month or more to get things back up and running. [Editors Note: Since then the phones have been repaired]

November 2nd is our fundraising banquet where all the proceeds will go to the building project. Our hope is to raise \$1,000 which is a very large amount for our club given the poor economic conditions that exist here.

[Editors Note: The club raised \$2800.00 which was so unexpected and shows the effect the Rotary club must have on the community].

Thank you again for all your help and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Que Dios te bendiga

"Padre" Brian Cooper CSV

El Presidente del Club Rotario en El Libano, Tolima, Colombia

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PS I've enclosed our very first club bulletin. It is in Spanish

[Editors Note: I have it if anyone would like to view it. I did show it at an earlier meeting where I also read this letter]