

## INTERACT CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO HS 2002-2003



Interact Coordinator Bob Queen introduced the incoming officers of the Interact Club of Mission Viejo High School at our May 28 meeting. Shown with Bob is John Flynn, Vice President and Sina Khanifar, President. They will serve for one year (July 1, 2002-June 30 2003). Mission Viejo Interact is sponsored by Rotary International, District 5320 and your club.

## Rotary receives 2002 Gates Award

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman Luis Vicente Gay on 30 May received the 2002 Gates Award for Global Health on behalf of The Rotary Foundation. The US\$1 million award from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation was presented in Washington D.C., USA, at a dinner during the Global Health Council's 29th annual international conference. It recognizes Rotary's leadership and impact in the field of public health, most notably its polio eradication efforts.

Rotary has contributed more than \$462 million toward polio eradication and mobilized 1.2 million Rotarians to help immunize 2 billion children in 122 countries. The award also recognizes Rotary's community service efforts to improve the health and welfare of those in need throughout the world.

"It is our hope that this award will help raise awareness of the crucial need to eradicate polio now - when we have the opportunity. It has been our pleasure and privilege to be associated with the Gates Foundation in the common mission of improving health care worldwide, especially in the area of polio eradication - a cause so close to every Rotary member's heart," said Gay. "I assure you that our commitment to global health will not waver. Encouraged and motivated by the tremendous support of the Gates Foundation, our dedication to this cause will only grow and become even stronger." "What has been achieved since Rotary International courageously committed to eradicate polio defies description. Polio cases have declined by 99.8 percent," said Bill Gates Sr., chairman of the Gates Foundation. "Rotary gave us a whole new model for what private/public partnerships can achieve and how they best function. Rotary dramatically lifted our sights regarding the level of funding volunteers could deliver. They showed us what solid sincere advocates could do to raise funds from governments ... and engage heads of state in global health issues." Gates also said that Rotary's global health initiative has forever changed the popular image of service organizations as parochial do-gooders whose efforts only meet the needs down the street.

## THE WELCOME MAT IS OUT FOR JIM LEACH



The welcome mat is out for new member Jim Leach who is sponsored by Len White. Jim is with Cox Communication, Vice president of Government Affairs. Jim's office: 29947 Ave De Las Banderas, RSM Ca 92688. Office Phone: 949 546-2406 Home: 24 Lawnridge Dove Canyon, Ca 92679 Home Phone: 949 709-0976 Welcome, Jim to the Rewarding Worlds of Rotary!

## TEN PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS ACHIEVED THIS YEAR

Past president Victoria Avery enthusiastically announced that a bountiful number of Paul Harris Fellows (10 to be exact) was achieved this year and a total of over \$6,000 has been donated to the Rotary Foundation in achieving the Paul Harris Fellows (PHF). Of this amount, \$2,000 was designated as matching funds to help sustaining members to become PHF

Each Paul Harris Fellow equals a \$1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation

This is the largest group attaining PHF at one time in our clubs history except possibly during the Polio Plus Campaign of 12 plus years ago.

Congratulations!!

**Dan Avery #2**

**Victoria Avery #3**

**Pushpa Chandwani #1**

**George Cooper #5**

**Jack Keegan #3**

**Bil Kersten #3**

**Bob McQueen #1**

**Norm Miller #5**

**Scott Walker #3**

**Len White #2**

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### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

6/18 - Laura Cohen, Director, Rancho Mission Viejo Land Conservancy  
**6/25 LIBANO REPORT**- Rev Brian Cooper CSV will give us a full report on our joint World Community Service Project between Rotary Club of Libano, Colombia and Rotary Club of Mission Viejo.  
Fr Brian is incoming President of his club.  
7/2 - Rochelle Mendonis - Canine Companions for Independence

### WHITE ELEPHANT

June 18 Jack Wallace      June 25 Victoria Avery

### COMING EVENTS

**Rotary International Convention June 23-26 2002**

### Our Annual 4th of July Faire

**See Dennis O'Connor for Your Assignment Preference**

**Club Awards Dinner to be held in July...watch next bulletin for date...It will be at the Frieder's home**



## BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA PRESENTED CHECK

Acting President, Bob McQueen presented a check for \$1,000.00 on behalf of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Rotarian Jim Peterson, District Director of the Boy Scouts is shown holding the check as he thanks our club for its generosity. Jim plans to present a special Boy Scout Program in the not too distant future.