

## ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE REPORT

The Rotary Clubs of Poona (3130) and Mission Viejo (5320 Southern California) are promoting the Rotary Friendship Exchange Program between 7 Rotary Clubs in District 3130 with 7 Clubs in Dist. 5320. This project had the approval of DG Rtn Dr. Madhav Borate. This will build a bridge between the two Districts leading to more Interaction.

District 3130 has received a commitment from the following 7 clubs:

- a) Rotary Club of Pune Hillside Rtn President R D Dharmadhikari 43 members
- b) Rotary Club of Pune Far East Rtn. President J J Rane 52 members
- c) Rotary Club of Pune Downtown Rtn President Anil Patil 55 members
- d) Rotary Club of Khadki Rtn President Satish Gupta 45 members
- e) Rotary Club of Pune North East Rtn President Amish Parikh 24 members
- f) Rotary Club of Pune Contentment Rtn President Ram Ajwani 36 members
- g) Rotary Club of Pune North Pres Madhav Pol 87members

District 5320 is currently in contact with a number of clubs for the purpose of connecting with the above clubs with the possibility of becoming Sister Clubs. What involves is:

1. Start Exchange of Club Bulletins (RC's of Poona and Mission Viejo have started the same via E-mail / Internet).
2. Exchange Club Flags and Club History.
3. Introduce Club-to-Club RFE Family visits.
4. Thereafter, the results will depend on individual endeavors and sincerity of follow up.

Dr Richard Frieder of our club is the District 5320 Friendship Exchange Director and has enlisted the help of Dr Pushpa Chandwani and PP George Cooper.

## CRAFT TALKS



Dianne Peters told us all about communicating with telemarketing software as well as her extensive experience having worked in N. Y., Texas, Florida, Michigan and now California



Sammy Ho as A Senior Business Banker gave an interesting explanation on how he develops good banking relationships with qualified businesses. He also touched on his earlier career as a Disc Jockey.



## ROTARIAN OF THE QUARTER!

Congratulations to Bob McQueen for being chosen by the membership (vote) for his outstanding contributions in Vocational Service in promoting the 4 Way Test Bookmarks and our MVHS Interact Club as well as his involvement in Community Service with his very active participation in our Rotary Goods Bank and Adopt A Social Worker programs.



## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

John Raisin receives his Special Recognition Pin by Membership Director Ed Heeren for sponsoring three new members this year. This is in addition to his Eagle Leadership Commitment Pin given to John earlier in the year for sponsoring a new member. John's commitment to Rotary is also reflected in his work as our Publicity Director.



## RICHARD BROWNING CRAFT TALK....

New member, Richard Browning tells us his tale of two cities as he, upon retiring, decided to settle in Seattle but somehow landed in Mission Viejo ( which we appreciate) with his wife Elizabeth Ann. Richard retired from Westin Hotels as a Project Director in Seattle. He is a Washington University Alumni member

## AREA SPEECH CONTEST WINNER

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo's area contestant, Chris Hogan was named winner at the recent Area Speech Contest Run-Off. Chris will now compete at the district level so hopefully we will see him in action at the District Conference in May. Chris is a student at Mission Viejo High School.

**TENTATIVE LION KING SOCIAL EVENT..** See Dianne Peters if you would like to join your fellow Rotarians for an evening out at the theater! Transportation provided.

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- 3/19 - Steve Bell, American Cancer Society - Relay For Life
- 3/26 - Katie Scolari, UNICEF / Rotary Partnership
- 4/2 - Craft Talks
- 4/9 - Sargent Anderson, Camp Pendleton / USMC Update
- 4/16 - Frank Van Nostrand, Public Affairs Specialist - Future of Social Security
- 4/23 - Dan Jung, Director Strategic Programs, City of Irvine - OC Great Park
- 4/30 - Dr. Raghu Mathur, Chancellor - S. Orange Co. Community College Dist.
- 5/14 - Sandi Medrano, Coordinator - Mission Viejo Housing Rehabilitation Prgm.

## WHITE ELEPHANT

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mar 19 Norm Miller     | March 26 Steve Mugg        |
| April 2 Richard Murray | April 9 Dennis O'Connor    |
| April 16 Diane Peters  | April 23 Jim Peterson      |
|                        | April 30 Marilyn Philabaum |

## COMING EVENTS

- Christmas In April March 27, 2002
- Improv Fund Raiser April 14, 2002**
- AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!!!**
- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast May 2, 2002 MVCountry Club
- Teacher Appreciation May 10, 2002 Laguna Cliffs Marriott
- District Conference May 16 -19 2002
- Scholarship Awards May 20, 2002
- Rotary International Convention June 23-26 2002

**Next Board Meeting: Wed April 3 , 2002 7am**  
**Bill Kersten's Home**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB!



To celebrate his **88th** birthday, Bob raffled off a full unopened bottle of **Irish Creme Whiskey...** and the lucky Irishman was non other than Dennis O'Connor!

Bob is a Past President of our club (1983-84) and served as Secretary for a number of years.