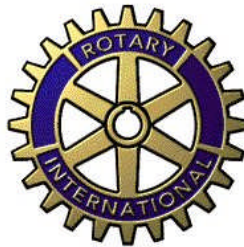


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Tuesday Morning 7:10am-8:30am



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DISTRICT EVENTS

2/24 Foundation Dinner
3/2-3/4 PETS Conference
4/7 District Assembly
4/27-29 RYLA CAMP
**2007 RI Convention in
Salt Lake City, 17-20 June**

COMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Feb 20th The Importance of International Service-A presentation by members of our International Service Committee.
Feb 27 Esperanza School Video plus Linda Blench Craft Talk.
March 6 Model United Nations-Saddleback College Students.
March 13-Former R.I. Exchange Student, Blake Erickson, sharing how the experiences impacted his life.
March 20 Area Water Update - Mr. Bob Jordan, Water Quality Manager with Santa Margarita Water District.

March 25th Sunday Pancake Breakfast for Special Olympics (Esperanza School)

WHITE ELEPHANT

2/20 Aaron Sako
2/27 Scott Walker
3/6 Breanna Weeks
3/13 Nick Alpino
3/20 Brigitte Archer
3/27 Victory Avery



Report from **PROJECT DEAF INDIA**



Rotarian Dr Raj Desai of the Newport Balboa club is shown with the President of India whom he met on his recent trip to India on behalf of Project Deaf India.

.I just returned from India after a 3 week stay. I addressed 3 Rotary district conferences in 3 parts of India as a key note speaker. The district conferences are large with an audience of 2000 to 3000 Rotarians
My highlight of the visit was to meet the President Abdul Kalam, (photo , left) with an half hour chat discussing the above project goals
I also brought a MG application from GOA club They have combined all 14 clubs with their share of funds for a MG on EARLY DETECTION OF HEARING LOSS AT BIRTH AND INTEREVENTION A great project for the whole state. The total grant is of \$ 50,000 Just like last grant where your club gave a generous share, I request you to be a partner in this MG to get maximum funds from DDF of our district All needed signatures are being obtained.
Warm regards,
R.G. Desai MD, Ph.D., Chairman, Project Deaf India
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CORRECTION: In our last issue we reported that the India population increased over 6% per year and is now going up 7%. These figures related to India's economic growth not population growth which has slowed from historic rate of 2.2 percent a year to 1.7 percent today .India's economy grew at 6% a year from 1980 to 2002 and at 7.5% a year from 2002 to 2006 – making it one of the Worlds best performing economies for a quarter century. In the past two decades, the size of the middle class has quadrupled (to almost 250 million people), and 1 percent of the country's poor have crossed the poverty line every year per talk by Rot Krishna Mathur

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Play Ball!!!

Our Angels Outing
Angels v. Chicago White Sox
May 4, 2007 at 7:05
Big Bang Friday night !!!
\$15 per ticket, 50 tickets available

See Cal for tickets!

Program Meeting of February 6, 2007

A HUMAN TSUMANI.....People living on less than \$1.00 per day...Killing has become a sport...Two million have died....Clean water and a little food and shelter is all they want!!!

What a mess they have in Africa. (Chad and Sudan and Darfur a province in Sudan)

Mr. Lee Bycel is a Senior Advisor, Global Strategy, with International Medical Corps gave a talk this morning about the problems in Africa. Chad which is next to Sudan in East Africa has taken 300,000 refugees from Darfur as it has been hit with genocide, a "cleansing" in a political sense. It was pointed out that a billion people in the world live on less than \$1 per day. Killing in the area has become a sport for those who wish to have or keep power and feel that they are the only ones who should have a say in what goes on.

Mr. Bycel showed slides about their work and how they have tried to help in medical ways and humanitarian ways to keep alive survivors of this "human tsunami". Clean water, a little food and shelter is all that some of them are wanting. The IMC helps in the training to live as well as they can under the trying circumstances in which they live. The IMC vehicles used to be protected and honored but recently they have become targets for the opposition to any help for the "others". Two million have died in Sudan since this "holy civil war" has begun.

Mr. Bycel is hoping to get the word out that in giving, people should give strategically and check out different charities. IMC uses well over the minimum 80% of collected funds to advance their causes. They offer training and health care to local populations and medical assistance at highest risk and with the flexibility to respond rapidly to emergency situations, IMC rehabilitates devastated health care systems and helps bring them back to self-reliance.

This was an outstanding program with an excellent speaker and AV show to go along.

Verl D. Nash





It is Roses time and so we present two roses between a thorn(?) or is it a diamond in the rough?

Mike Jagerman of Towne Jewlers (Mission Viejo) gave a wonderful presentation about the jewelry business and he brought with him some expensive watches and diamonds. See story.

Meeting Attracts a Full House Celebrating Valentine's Day

The Valentine Day celebration had red roses on the tables, diamonds as the subject of the speaker, and spouses (and one fiancé) as guests.

Mike Jagerman started his talk with his personal Valentine Day story. As a young man working as a photographer but interested in a career change, he answered an ad for a trainee in the jewelry field. The woman who placed the ad in time became his wife and partner in their own jewelry store.

They and their two children reside in Mission Viejo and their store, Towne Jewlers, is also located in Mission Viejo. Mike was once a member of our Club with he and his wife, Ruth, being very active.

While useful information was provided about selecting jewelry and the worldwide diamond industry, two items which he passed around the Club drew considerable attention.

One was a watch with endless features. The most unique was an emergency transducer which when activated gave your location to worldwide emergency rescue services.

The second was a 5 carot yellow diamond set in spectacular ring. Price, \$89,000.

WHY ROTARY?

- 1. Friendship** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
- 2. Business Development** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other.
- 3. Personal Growth and Development** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
- 4. Leadership Development** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.
- 5. Citizenship in the community** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
- 6. Continuing Education** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.
- 7. Fun** Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
- 8. Public Speaking Skills** Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.
- 9. Citizenship in the World**
Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." There are a few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome — even encouraged — to attend any of the 29,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.
- 10. Assistance when Traveling** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling .has found assistance through Rotary.

11. Entertainment Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service.

12. The Development of Social Skills Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

13. Family Programs Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.

14. Vocational Skills Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation, to serve on committees, and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.

15. The Development of Ethics Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

16. Cultural Awareness Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.

17. Prestige Rotary members are prominent people who are leaders of business, professions, art, government, sports, military, religion and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals — people who make decisions and influence policy.

18. Nice People Rotarians above all are nice people — the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of "it is nice to be important but it is important to be nice."

19. The Absence of an "Official Creed" Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

20. The Opportunity to Serve Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else; to sense the self-fulfillment that comes in the process; and the return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding.

Share Rotary

MEMBERS

Bring A Guest

Nicholas Alpino (Charlene)- Group Travel
PP Brigitte Archer - Mortgage Broker
PP Victory Avery (Dan) -General Insurance
Linda Blench (Karl) Contract Negotiator
PP Robert Blohm -Senior Active Agriculture
PP Ross Boling (Janet) -Incentive Promotions
Robert Bridges (Betty) -Robotics Engineer
Robert Brown-(Joanne) Investments
PP Barry Brownell (Ety) - Restaurateur
Dr Pushpa Chandwani (Nanik) -Medical Doctor
PP George Cooper (Margaret) -Adhesive Distributor
PP William Craycraft -Sales/Marketing
Cu V. Ngo (Thi) Production Management-Retired
PP Calvin L Droege (Bobbie) -Attorney
Robert J Duffy (Moraima) - Financial Advisor
Paul Dyke (Kathleen) Computer Service
Dr.Steve Fish (Sue) School Superintendent
PP Dr. Richard Frieder (Susan)- Optometrist
Robert Germeroth (Jore') -Engineer
Bill Greenfield Sr (Sandra) International Operations)
Bill Greenfeild Jr (Sherry) Life and Health Insurance
James Hansen (Catherine) Educator
PP Ed Heeren (Virginia)- Aircraft Sales

PP Bill Kersten (Carol) -Computer Service
Carol Kersten (Bill) -Honorary
PP Heidi Larkin-Reed (Rusty) Chamber of Commerce
Daniel "Joe" Lavoie (Kathryn) Mortician
Jim Leach (Dot) -VP Government Affairs
Dave Leckness (Nancy) -Printing
Don Lewellen (Judy) -CPA
John Lucas (Susan) Manager -Food Service
PP Col (Ret) Krishna Mathur (Pravena) - Honorary
PP Dr Tom MacKinnon (Jeannine) Dentist
PP John McEwan (Jack) Code Enforcement (Retired)
PP Bob McQueen (Mary Jo) -School Administrator
PP Norm Miller (Pauline) -Piano Tuner
Steve Mugg (Susan) -Consultant
PP Richard Murray (Paula) -Attorney-General Practice
PP Verl Nash (Suzanne) - Education
Dennis O'Connor (Bonnie) -Real Estate
Gary Poertner (Adair) -Community College Administration
PPDave RukstalisCLU/ChFC (Ladona) Insurance Employee Benefits
Dr Aaron Sako (Mako) -Optometrist
Scott Walker -Financial Planner
Jack Wallace (Jeanne)- Real Estate Residential
Breanna Weeks- Event Organizer

MAKE-UP AREA CLUBS

www.rotary5320.org/Meetings.html

•**Monday Anaheim 12 Noon**

Edison Field 2000 Gene Autry Way- Anaheim

•**Tuesday 12:00 pm Laguna Niguel**

St Regis Hotel ,1 Monarch Beach Resort, Dana Point

Coto de Caza-RSM 7:15pm

Dove Canyon Country Club 22682 Golf Club DrT.C.

•**Wednesday 7:15 am Monarch Bch Sunrise**

Ritz Carlton Hotel Monarch Beach Dana Point

•**Wednesday 12:00pm Saddleback Valley/Lake Forest**

Baker's Square @ 23515 El Toro Road, Lake Forest,

Thursday 12Noon San Clemente

San Clemente Inn 2600 Avenida del Presidente

•**Friday 12:00pm Laguna Beach**

The 4 Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and Better **FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?