



THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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THANK YOU GEORGE COOPER!

So Many Years - So Many Bulletins - So Many Awards...



Left: Past President George Cooper, Webmaster

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has earned numerous District Awards for its Bulletins and Website thanks to the expertise and dedication of Past President George Cooper. George is "retiring" from his position as Bulletin Editor; but he will continue as the Club's Webmaster. The new bulletin editor,

Jim Hansen, said, "Based on personal experience, I realize how difficult it is to follow someone like George. I will certainly do my best; but it will likely take months just to get close to the quality of bulletins George has produced."

Upcoming Events and Programs

July 3 - No Meeting

July 4 - Mission Viejo Street Fair & make-up Meeting

July 10 - Regular Meeting

July 17 - Regular Meeting

July 24 - Regular Meeting (Fr. Brian reports on Libano Coffee & Housing Projects)

July 31 - Regular Meeting

MODEL UNITED NATIONS & INTERACT CLUB

Mission Viejo High School senior, Ricky H., spoke to the Rotary Club about his participation with the Club sponsored Interact Club and the Model United Nations (MUN) program at Mission Viejo H.S. Ricky has been involved with Interact for the past two years and with the MUN program for the past four years. He shared many exciting educational events in which the MUN students have been involved. This Harvard bound senior has participated with the MUN team in conferences at MVHS, UCLA and UC Berkley. In addition, he and MUN team have gone to Utah and even in Haarlem, Netherlands. Ricky explained how the MUN students act as ambassadors to nations and they represent the policies, interests and beliefs of the assigned country. He explained that the role-playing they do requires team members to complete research and develop a better understanding of other countries perspectives on international issues. He was very excited about the program and he has been inspired to eventually seek a career in a public service field - likely in the political arena.

The advisor to both groups, MVHS teacher Mr. Dominic Trevino, shared more information about each

program. He also took the time to thank the Rotary Club for the financial support provided over the years.

Below: Past President Jim Leach is giving a check to Mr. Trevino in support of the MUN Program and the Interact Club. Ricky is on the right.



FOURTH OF JULY STREET FAIR



The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo will again be participating the annual Mission Viejo Street Fair. This event is fun for the whole family. Dennis O'Con-

nor is the Club's coordinator for the event and if you have questions, or still need to sign-up, give Dennis a call. By the way, Dennis also needs helpers to stay after the fireworks show to help pack up the supplies, tables, chairs, and other booth items.

At the Club's booth, members will be selling old fashioned root beer floats. The booth will remain open during the Street Fair and will close when the Fourth of July Fireworks Show begins at 9:00 p.m. The booth is always popular - especially as the day warms up.

There are booths for all ages; so bring the family. Children will enjoy the game booths, all ages will enjoy the booths selling cold drinks, the booths selling all

types of delicious food, and the musical groups playing throughout the day.

WHITE ELEPHANT

- July 3 - No Meeting
- July 10 - Dr. Steven Fish
- July 17 - Dr. Richard Frieder
- July 24 - Robert Germeroth
- July 31 - Bill Greenfield Sr.
- Aug. 7 - Bill Greenfield Jr.
- Aug. 14 - Jim Hansen
- Aug. 21 - Ed Heeren
- Aug. 27 - Bill Kersten
- Sept. 3 - Heidi Larkin-Reed

WHY OUR DRUG LAWS HAVE FAILED...



Above: Judge James D. Gray speaks at the June 26 meeting. Judge Gray completed his undergraduate degree at UCLA and his law degree at USC. After serving in the U.S. Navy JAG Corp, he became a prosecutor working in out of Los Angeles. He has been a judge in O.C. for the past 24 year.

O. C. Judge, James D. Gray, spoke on the topic: "Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed and What we can Do About It." During his presentation, Judge Gray referred to his book with the same title. He discussed the rising crime rates and the unbelievable quantities of illegal drug being prosecuted in current and recent court cases. He expounded on what he believes to be the five major reasons we have not seen changes in the drug laws. He reminded Club members that the largest case crop in California is marijuana. He also shared that the largest drug case to date in the L.A. area involved a case consisting of 19 tons - an unbelievable amount of drugs. His thesis is: "With drug prohibition we have no control over drug production, sales, or use. By legalizing drugs - with medical and law enforcement controls - we can better control the use and better prevent misuse/illegal use to the

benefit of all." His book is titled: *Why our Drug Laws Have Failed and What We Can Do About It.*

DEMOTION DINNER

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Demotion Dinner to be held for illustrious Past President Jim Leach. The Dinner is tentatively planned for July 29. More to come at upcoming meetings...

BOB HAYASHI

Visiting Rotarian Bob Hayashi of Hawaii was recognized for 53 years of perfect attendance.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION GOES TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF M.V.

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has been awarded a 2006-07 Presidential Citation. The recognition was accepted by then President Jim Leach. The Club successfully maintained its membership at the level expected. Congratulations Jim for leading the Club to such a feat.

Make-up Area Clubs

Anaheim - Mondays, 12 p.m., Edison Field, 2000 Gene Autry Way

Coto de Caza/RSM - 7:15 p.m., Dove Canyon Country Club

Dana Point - Wednesdays, 7:15 a.m., Ritz Carlton Hotel Monarch Beach

Laguna Beach - Fridays, 12 p.m., Hotel Laguna, 425 S. Coast Hwy.

Laguna Niguel - Tuesdays, 12 p.m. at the St. Regis Hotel, 1 Monarch Beach Resort, Dana Point

Lake Forest - Wednesdays, 12 p.m. at Baker's Square, 23515 El Toro Road

San Clemente - Thursdays, 12 p.m. at the San Clem. Inn, 2600 Ave. del Presidente

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SEVERAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADS RECEIVE CHECKS TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION

Eric, Kathryn, Kyle, Alexandra, Munya, Carlan and Michelle receive scholarship checks from the Rotary Club of

Mission Viejo to help them with their continuing education. The students, graduates of Mission Viejo H. S., Silverado H. S., and Trabuco H. S., were selected by their respective high schools for outstanding achievement and potential.



GARAGE SALE ENDS

Right: Carol Kersten at the site of "Her" Garage Sale. She has been instrumental in collecting funds for Rotary of M.V.

Carol has worked "the" garage sale for the past 6 yrs.

The Club salutes Carol for her past years of dedication.



We look forward to seeing her at many of the upcoming Rotary events.

Thank you Carol! You have set an example for all Rotarians!

SHARE ROTARY

Nicholas Alpino (Charlene)
 Group Travel
PP Brigitte Archer
 Mortgage Broker
PP Victoria 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
PP Barry Brownell (Ety)
 Restaurateur
Dr. Pushpa Candwani
 (Nanik) Medical Doctor
PP George Cooper
 (Margaret) Adhesive Distributer
PP William Craycraft
 Sales/Marketing
Cu V. Ngo (Thi)
 Production Management-Retired
PP Calvin I. Droege
 (Bobbie) Attorney
Robert J. Duffy (Moraima)
 Financial Advisor
Paul Dyke (Kathleen)
 Computer Service
Dr. Steven Fish (Sue)
 School Superintendent
PP Dr. Richard Frieder
 (Susan) Optometrist
Robert Germeroth (Joré)
 Engineer
Bill Greenfield Sr. (Sandra)
 International Operations

MEMBERS

Bill Greenfield Jr. (Sherry)
 Education
James Hansen (Catherine)
 Public School Admin. (Ret.)
PP Ed Heeren (Virginia)
 Aircraft Sales
PP Bill Kirsten (Carol)
 Computer Service
Carol Kersten (Bill)
 Honorary Member
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 (Rusty) Chamber of Commerce
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 (Kathryn) Mortician
PP Jim Leach (Dot)
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Dave Leckness (Nancy)
 Printing
Don Lewellen (Judy)
 Certified Public Accountant
John Lucas (Susan)
 Food Service Manager
PP Col. (Ret.) Krishna Mathur
 (Pravena) Honorary
PP Dr. Tom MacKinnon
 (Jeannine) Dentist
PP Bob McQueen (Mary Jo)
 School Administrator
PP Norm Miller (Pauline)
 Piano Tuner
PP Steve Mugg (Susan)
 Consultant
PP Richard Murray (Paula)
 Attorney, General Practice
PP Verl Nash (Suzanne)
 Education
PP Dennis O’Connor
 (Bonnie) Real Estate

BRING A GUEST

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 Administrator
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 ChFC (Ladona) Insurance Empl.
 Benefits
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 Optometrist
Brian Skalsky
 Industrial Hygenist
Norm Syler (Luella)
 Historian
Steven Vincent (Marilyn)
 Commercial Prop. & Casualty
 Ins.
Scott Walker (Debbie)
 Financial Planner
Jack Wallace (Jeanne)
 Residential Real Estate
Breanna Weeks
 Events Organizer

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THE FOUR-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?