THE SPOKE & WHEEL

The Official Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, California

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Meeting Days: Tuesdays
Meeting Times: 7:10 a.m. to 8:30 a.m

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS MISSION VIEJO

Left: DG John Brainerd with Club President Nick Alpino. At the July 17 meeting, John gave an update of District plans and events.

District Governor John Brainerd spoke at the July 17 meeting. He reminded the club members that the theme for this fiscal year is "Rotary Shares" and he discussed examples of Rotary sharing through local, national, and international projects.

The Governor went on to commend the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo for its local, national, and international projects. In addition, he inspired the club members to individually consider getting more involved at the District level. He shared examples of current club member involvement in district projects such as Ross Boling and John Lucas working on two of the important projects of Rotary.

The Governor continued and discussed Rotary International, Group Study Exchange, Rotary Foundation, Rotary Youth Programs, and more - continuing to inspire members.

During his closing comments, Governor Brainerd reminded club members of many upcoming events and he highlighted the Tailgate Event scheduled for Anaheim Stadium and the Rotary International Conference scheduled for June 2008. His speech was interesting and inspiring and members were honored by his visit.

Upcoming Events and Programs

August is International Service Month

August 7 - Rtn. Dr. Raj Desai and update on Project Deaf India

August 14 - Regular Mtg.

August 21 - PDG Mike Darnold and his guests will discuss teen drug addiction

August 28 - Regular Mtg.

Sept. 4 - Regular Mtg.

Sept. 11 - Regular Mtg.

FUTURE TEACHER!

Candice C. was selected as this year's recipient for the Future Teacher Scholarship offered by the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Candice graduated this June with an academic GPA of 4.97. She was active in the Model United Nations, Mock Trial, the Associated Student Body, and much more. She is a wonderful inspiration and certainly builds high hopes for the future of public education. She will be attending the University of California, Berkley this Fall where she plans to double major in history and English and hopes one day to become an English teacher.

The Rotary Club of M.V. offers additional funding for her when she enters a student teaching program upon completion of her degree. The Club sends congratulations and best wishes to Candice.

Below: PP Bob McQueen delivers a $500 check and congratulates Candice, the recipient of the Future Teacher Scholarship.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

As the first day of school for the 2007-08 school year approaches, PP Bill Kersten and PP Bob McQueen are working with local Social Services to supply needy children with book bags and school supplies. If you can, bring a new book bag or backpack and school supplies to one of the next two meetings and Bill and Bob will make sure the items get to the appropriate personnel.

If you would rather let Bob and Bill do the shopping for you, just call or email Bill with the amount you wish to donate and they will take care of the rest!

The club is very appreciative of Bill's and Bob's efforts in planning, organizing, and executing this project. Remember, they will even do the shopping for you; so give one of them a call.

READ BY NINE

Jack Wallace is coordinating the Read by Nine Program for the Club. He will have a box at at each of the next several meetings and will be looking to fill it with children's books. This project supports a Club goal as well as a District goal; so bring a children's book to share.

If you have specific questions, feel free to contact Jack Wallace.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on August 6, 2007 - the first Monday of the month - and will begin at 7:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Casta del Sol in the same room utilized for the weekly Rotary Meetings. As previously organized under PP Jim Leach, coffee will be available.

Any and all members are welcome to attend and observe the meetings. President Nick Alpino says, "We are in for a great Rotary year and I am happy to be of service."

WHITE ELEPHANT

Aug. 7 - Bill Greenfield Jr.

Aug. 14 - Jim Hansen

Aug. 21 - Ed Heeren

Aug. 27 - Bill Kersten

Sept. 3 - Daniel Lavoie

Sept. 10 - Jim Leach

Sept. 17 - Dave Leckness

Sept. 24 - Don Luwellen

A QUIZ FROM ROTARIAN NORM...

What type of Rotary Animal are you?

a) R.H.I.N.O. - Rotarian Here In Name Only; or a

b) T.I.G.E.R. - Totally Involved Giving Enthusiatic Rotarian

Submitted by Rotarian Norm Syler

LIBANO PROJECT

Reporter: Verl Nash

Our visitor from Libano, Colombia, Father Brian Cooper presented a great program on the success that the people of Libano. Father Brian is the son of George Cooper and is always welcome as a visitor to our Club and also as a program Presenter.

Father Brian talked about the success in the coffee processing that is now taking place in Libano. They have new machines that roast and prepare the coffee beans for sale. Although they are still on a very low production rate, there is hope that as they produce more coffee in the area and are able to prepare it for the market the profits will meet the needs of the community and the people in the area.

They now have two families living and working on the coffee farms and with two people employed full time in the processing plant it is a great start for an area that was almost wiped out by a coffee worm several years ago. The machinery was purchased by a grant from Rotary International that was started by the Mission Viejo Rotary Club and the Yorba Linda Sunrise Rotary Club. The Rotary District 5320 and the Libano Rotary Club and the Foundation grant provided $25,000 to the Libano Project.

In addition to the Coffee Processing housing project was begun and water, sewer, and electricity have been provided for the community and they are in the process of building 32 homes for people in the community. All work is done by hand and it is a slow process with bureaucratic red tape that must be met.

They are hoping that the government will be able to help them with grants but in the meantime they are going forward with the Coffee Processing and hope to be able to furnish 5,000 to 10,000 pounds of coffee for export. This would make it possible to finish the current housing and get ready for more.

The Mission Viejo Rotary gave Father Brian a check for $3000 that will certainly help in any project that the Libano town undertakes or finishes.

Above: Father Brian receives check from President Nick Alpino.

Make-up Area Clubs

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

Coto de Caza/RSM - Tuesdays, 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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SERVICE ABOVE SELF
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?