



THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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

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LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY PRESENTATION AT ROTARY OF M.V.



Left: Jennifer Schramo, Gail Stevens, Brian Stevens, and Jean Montague - July 31 presenters.

Jean Montague and her co-presenters Jennifer Schramo, Gail Stevens and Brian Stevens, shared messages and information regarding the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Jean coordinates a fundraising and awareness program for the Society. Gail is a Leukemia patient and a RN at Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo, Brian is Gail's brother, and Jennifer is a trainer for the Society's "Team in Training" program.

Club members learned that the "Team in Training" program is a support program, a fundraiser, and an awareness program sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Club members and guests

are encouraged to get involved and the local "Teams in Training" program currently has participants from the age of 16 to to the age of 76 years. Participants can earn money for the Society and approximately 75% of all funds will go towards research for finding a cure for Leukemia and Lymphoma. Areas of participation include: cycling, running and triathlons. For more inform on "Teams in Training," visit the Web site www.teamintraining.org/mail and for more information on the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, visit their Web site at www.LLS.org.

Upcoming Events and Programs

August is International Service Month

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

Aug. 28 - Jeff Bott, from the Transportation Corridor Agency, with an update on the 241 Toll Road extension.

Sept. 4 - TBA

Sept. 11 - TBA

PP JIM LEACH
HONORED AT
DEMOTION DINNER

PP Jim Leach was honored at the Club’s recent demotion dinner. The dinner was well attended and everyone had a great time celebrating Jim’s wonderful year as President.

Several speakers shared comments and personal reflections on Jim’s year as President. Jim was a dedicated, enthusiastic, and supportive president and all members will fondly remember his “This Day in History” openings. His presidency will be remembered as a great year for the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo! Of course, the Club is very excited to be beginning the 2007-08 year with the Club’s new president, Nick Alpino.

Below: PP Jim Leach and Scott Walker share congratulatory remarks at the Demotion Dinner.



Below Left: Bob Blohm in his Sunday best. Below Center: Norm Syler recites “This Day in History” in Jim Leach fashion.

Below Right: Verl Nash, Victoria Avery, Jack Wallace, and Dave Leckness pose for a photo during the festivities.



WHITE ELEPHANT

- Aug. 21 - Ed Heeren
- Aug. 27 - Bill Kersten
- Sept. 3 - Daniel Lavoie
- Sept. 10 - Jim Leach
- Sept. 17 - Dave Leckness
- Sept. 24 - Tom McKinnon
- Oct. 1 - Bob McQueen
- Oct. 8 - Steve Mugg

PROJECT DEAF OF INDIA

Reporter: Verl Nash

The speaker at the August 7 meeting was Rotarian Dr. Raj Desai. Dr. Desai is a member of the Newport-Balboa Rotary Club. He was born in India and completed undergraduate studies and his Master of Arts degree in his home country. He was then awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to attend school in Boston where he completed a PhD in biology. He stayed on as an assistant professor for three years after his degree program. He moved to Stanford and remained there for 6 years and then to Orange County as the department chairman of Cancer Research at UCI. He later went into private practice. He has been President of the American Cancer Society and founding President of the Indian Doctors Association in Southern California. Following his retirement, he became the Founding Chairman of Project Deaf of India.

His talk had to do with his recent visit to India and his visit with the President of India, Dr. Abdul Kalam, with whom he discussed his goals of Project Deaf of India - with good results. His talk with President Kalam stressed three things he feels are necessary to combat the deafness in children in India: 1) Immunization of all children with the Mumps, Measles, and Rubella vaccine, 2) Early detection of deafness in children, and 3) Education for those children who are deaf. He felt his talk with Dr. Kalam was very productive one and they are now vaccinating children in 12 of the 28 states in India.

Dr. Desai has a daughter who was born deaf and found that there were no private deaf schools in Orange County. There are now 6 and the programs are continuing to grow.

Lip reading and sign language are two things that are being taught so the young people can become productive citizens.

Club members and guests also learned that one month old babies can be fitted with hearing aides. This tremendous task has been supported by grants from Rotary and also from the Indian government. A great talk by a very positive person.



Above: Dr. Desai sharing information from Project Deaf of India.

SHARE ROTARY

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

On-line make-ups - <http://www.recswusa.org/info/f/31>

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 Financial Planner
Jack Wallace (Jeanne)
 Residential Real Estate
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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?

MEMBERS

Bill Greenfield Jr. (Sherry)

BRING A GUEST

“ESCAPE FROM HIGH-TECH HAVANA”



Ariel Coros was the guest speaker at the regular Club meeting held on August 14. Mr. Coros entered the United States in 1995, has become a U. S. citizen, and is the founder of The Aptive Group - an enterprise to support innovation, technology, and problem-solving for clients. During his very interesting talk he shared some of his experiences growing up in Cuba during the 1980s and 1990s. He explained that, at the very young age of 15, he was involved in an entrepreneurial life style. He, and

his co-workers, began to design, build, and distribute home made satellite dishes for sale. Mr. Coros explained some of the difficulties of his desired life style that were present by the cultural and governmental setting of Cuba. His photos presented visual images to go along with his story. He shared the explanation of his mother’s “escape” and his own moving to the United States. Club members and guests were treated to an excellent, and informative, talk.

Photos in this edition of the Rotary Bulletin were taken by Bill Kersten and George Cooper.

Above: Ariel Coros shared the “Escape” from Cuba.



THANK YOU JACK WALLACE!

Jack Wallace coordinated the *Read by Nine* program for the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Thanks to his efforts, the Club submitted eight full boxes of books to add to the Rotary sponsored program. The Club is very appreciative of all that Jack did to make this another successful program for the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Thanks Jack!