



THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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ROTARY CLUB OF M.V. REACHES OUT TO INDIA! *August 21 Meeting*



Left: Prafull Karnik shares of work in India that has received Rotary support.

Reporter: Verl Nash

We had a very full and interesting program at Rotary on August 21. One segment included Prafull Karnik, (photo above), a Past President of the Thane East Rotary Club of India. Prafull gave a short report on the work that is being done in India

with our club's contributions and the contributions of Rotary International. Prafull has been a visitor at our club before and thanked the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo for past financial support.

Upcoming Events and Programs

***September is "New
Generations Month"
(Youth Programs)***

Sept. 4 - TBA

Sept. 11 - TBA

Sept. 18 - TBA

Sept. 25 - TBA

**DRUGS AND ALCOHOL IN
“THE O.C.”**

Reporter: Verl Nash

The second part of the August 21 program was highlighted by Mike Darnold of San Juan Capistrano who is a Past District Governor (93-94) for our District. He talked about some of his problems as an alcoholic and his recovery and his new job as director of Coastal Mountain Youth Academy. The Academy accepts alcoholic and addicted teens and young adults. Mr. Darnold and his guest speaker, a young resident at the Academy, made this program sure hit hard at the fact that many of us are unaware of just how many kids are into alcohol and drugs. At the present time there are only 18 beds for youth in need of this support in Orange County. The projected number of beds needed has been estimated to be significantly higher than that - about 10% of the kids in Orange County.

The Coastal Mountain Youth Academy offers: a drug free environment; a consistent nurturing relationship; rich ongoing interactions; opportunities to find solutions; structure with clear boundaries; ongoing relationships with parents and community; and opportunities which allow adolescents to become the person they prefer. The programs provide students/youth with the tools and motivations to become life long learners and an environment which allows adolescents to progress through the developmental stages in their own style and at their own pace.

Mike then introduces a 17 year old girl who is in the program and she talked about her experiences and how

DAGMAR, WELCOME TO ROTARY!

Below: Jack Wallace and PP Jim Leach welcome Damar. (Photo by Bill Kersten)



The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo officially welcomed Dagmar Richter to the Club this past Tuesday. Dagmar was born in

Prague, but moved to the United States many years ago. She worked in real estate for approximately twenty years and now is in the banking business - she is a branch manager in Mission Viejo. Tuesday she shared a little about herself and her recent vacation to Alaska. She and her ten year old granddaughter loved the trip and were extremely impressed by the scenery and wildlife.

The Club extends a warm Rotary welcome to Dagmar.

great it is to be in the academy program. Very sad commentary on life for many of our kids but so great to hear about a program and from one of the participants and how good they are beginning to feel about their new life.

Club members and guests were very impressed with the presentation.

Below: PDG Mike Darnold shares interesting information regarding teen drug and alcohol addictions. (Photo by Bill Kersten)



WHITE ELEPHANT

- Sept. 4 - Daniel “Joe” Lavoie
- Sept. 11 - Jim Leach
- Sept. 18 - Dave Leckness
- Sept. 25 - Tom MacKinnon
- Oct. 2 - Bob McQueen
- Oct. 9 - Steve Mugg
- Oct. 16 - Richard Murray
- Oct. 23 - Verl Nash
- Oct. 30 - Dennis O’Connor
- Nov. 6 - Gary Poertner

**THE TOLL
ROADS -
AN UPDATE ON
THE 241**



Above: Jeff Bott, representing the Transportation Corridor Agency, speaks at the August 28 meeting. (Photo by Bill Kersten)



Above: Brian Lockert added insight to the "Toll Road" presentation. (Photo by Bill Kersten)

Jeff Bott, representing the Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA), spoke at the August 28 Rotary meeting. He shared facts and fiction regarding the 241. Jeff explained that the TCA is a not-for-profit public governmental

agency; not a private company. He reminded members and guests that the Agency has completed thorough studies regarding the 241 Toll Road and the current recommendation is their best option to meet all of the restrictions and regulations while relieving the growing traffic congestion caused by continued growth in South Orange County. He went on to explain a lease-hold option on the Camp Pendelton property, current legislation being considered, the planned growth of 14,000 homes and 300 businesses in the newly developing Rancho Mission Viejo area, and much more.

Jeff shared his response to the Surf Rider Foundation, the Sierra Club, and other groups and organizations opposed to the Toll Road extension. Jeff was knowledgeable and very informative.

As always, club members and guests are more effective citizens when they listen to both sides of an issue and remain well informed.

**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

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

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 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?