



THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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

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Meeting Place: Casta del Sol Golf Club, Mission Viejo, CA
Meeting Days: Tuesdays
Meeting Times: 7:10 a.m. to 8:30 a.m

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ROTARY FOUNDATION

PP VICTORIA AVERY SPOKE ABOUT THE FOUNDATION



Left: Victoria speaking to the Club on September 4. (Photo by Bill Kersten)

PP Victoria Avery spoke about the Foundation at the September 4 meeting. She reminded members and guests that Paul Harris set up Rotary based on the Foundation concept where donated funds continue to grow while interest is used to support the many worthwhile causes supported by Rotary. She noted that Rotary is one of the major contributors to fighting Polio and Rotarians may take partial

credit for the near elimination of the disease worldwide. She stated, "One of Rotary's goals is to change people [improve their situations] one person at a time." Victoria has been a proud member of the Mission Viejo Club for sixteen years because she loves what Rotary does for people. Victoria encouraged all members to sustain their Paul Harris Foundation donations. If members are interested in doing so, please contact Club Treasurer Bill Kersten.

Upcoming Events and Programs

September is
"New Generations"
Month

Oct. 27 - Club Fundraiser

Nov. 17 - District Foundation Dinner

Feb. 21 to Feb. 24 - District Conference at Hyatt Regency-Newport Beach

Board Meetings are scheduled the first Thursday of each month at 7 a.m. at Casta del Sol Club House

Guest speakers and/or programs are scheduled for each meeting. Meetings are

CRAFTTALK - BRIAN SKALSKY

We received a very interesting talk from Rotarian Brian Skalsky, an industrial hygienist with his family owned business. Born in Richmond, Virginia, Brian, (with his parents), moved to California at a very young age. He attended elementary, middle, and high school in Mission Viejo. After graduating from Capistrano Valley High School, Brian went on to Duke University where he played soccer. Brian also has a degree in biology with a minor in education from U. C. Irvine and hopes to continue his education by attending law school.

In his occupation, Brian checks and monitors environmental systems. The company tests the air for lead, mold, asbestos, etc. Brian explained that the key is to check the outside air and the inside air - they should be the same. If there are significantly larger spore counts in the inside air of a hospital room, classroom, home, etc., then there is a reason and a problem.

Brian is active in the community and ran for City Council during the last election. His interest in politics and his desire to help people keep him very busy.

Below: Brian Skalsky during his presentation to the Club. (Photo by Bill Kersten)



CRAFTTALK - NORM SYLER

Below: Norm Syler tells club members of some of his experiences in Rotary (Photo by Bill Kersten)



Norm Syler, a Rotarian for the past sixteen years, shared some of his experiences in Rotary at the September 4 meeting. He recently moved to Mission Viejo from Valley Center - in the Escondido area. He shared with Club members his many positions and experiences with the Escondido Club. Norm is a historian - he

taught history of Orange High School for twenty-five years - and his talk was formatted with a historical flair. Norm told the audience that one of his most memorable experiences was attending the International Rotary Conference in Australia.

Norm concluded by stating he is proud to be a part of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo because of all the wonderful projects in which the Club is involved. He said, "I am proud to be a small part of the largest and best service program [Rotary] in the world."

(See "Mr. Rotary," on page 4, written by Norm.)

WHITE ELEPHANT

- 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

ROSE PARADE 2008



Above: PP Ross Boling discusses the Rotary float for the 2008 Rose Parade. (Photo by Bill Kersten)

past three years and represents the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo well. Including his three years as a committee member, Ross has joined over 1,600 participants working on the Rotary International float for each of the past six years. He often spends the five days prior to the parade in Pasadena. In addition, he is in Pasadena monthly - the float project is an eleven month commitment.

The Rotary float is endorsed by Rotary International; but funded totally by Rotary members. A \$3.00 donation from each member of Rotary will fund the float for the 2008 Rose Parade.

On January 1, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. you can be proud to view another wonderful float presented for Rotary International.

Thank you Ross for your untiring dedication to this and other projects sponsored and/or endorsed by Rotary!



Above: Part of the Rose Parade presentation by PP Rose Boling. (Photo by Bill Kersten)

PP Ross Boling spoke on September 11 regarding the 119th Annual Rose Parade and the Rotary International Float. Ross has been a member of the Rose Parade Float committee for the

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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“MR. ROTARY”

by

Norm Syler

Let me add to what I said in my presentation about my Rotary experience. In the Escondido Rotary Club we had a member everyone called 'Mr. Rotary'. Before he died recently he had 56 years of perfect attendance. He had been a young club president, district governor, started 10 area Rotary Clubs, and headed the International Avoidable Blindness Program.

I recently went to George Cooper's home so he could prepare me to be the club historian. In his office I not only learned about the internet programs that he uses, but also about his extensive knowledge of Rotary International and his experiences in four different clubs. His family starting the coffee and housing project in Columbia exemplifies the true meaning of our motto, "service above self." I found out in my meeting with George something that most of you already knew - he is our club's 'Mr. Rotary.'

ENTERTAINMENT

BOOKS

The new *entertainment '08* books are available. They are only \$35 and the savings may be used throughout the county. Contact Aaron Sako to get your copies!

CLUB
FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for the upcoming club fundraiser scheduled for October 27. Rotary of Mission Viejo is joining Rotary of Costa Mesa and this will be a wonderful event. If you have items of services for the silent auction, contact Bill Greenfield, Jr. Admission will be \$60 per person or \$100 per couple. More to come...

SHARE ROTARY

Nicholas Alpino (Charlenne)
 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
Robert J. Duffy (Moraima)
 Financial Advisor
Paul Dyke (Kathleen)
 Computer Service
Dr. Steven Fish (Sue)
 School Superintendent
PP Dr. Richard Frieder
 (Susan) Optometrist
Bill Greenfield Sr. (Sandra)
 International Operations

MEMBERS

Bill Greenfield Jr. (Sherry)
 Education
Jim Hansen (Cathy)
 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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 Mortician
PP Jim Leach (Dot)
 VP Government Affairs
Dave Leckness (Nancy)
 Printing
Don Lewellen (Judy)
 Certified Public Accountant
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

Gary Poertner (Adair)
 Community College Administrator
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 (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

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?