



# THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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

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## THE MISSION VIEJO H. S. CHAMBER CHOIR MEMBERS SING FOR THEIR BREAKFAST



At the December 18 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, the Mission Viejo High School Chamber Singers were guests. Set up by **Program Coordinator, Scott Walker**, the singers were a suggestion of PDG and **regular visitor, Jack Jones**. As it turns out, it was a great suggestion. The students, under the direction of teacher/choir director Mr. John Elg, were amazing. Rotarians and guests alike were uplifted by the wonderful Holiday songs. Everyone is looking forward to their next visit with the Club.

January is  
Rotary Awareness  
Month

**Upcoming Club**  
**Events...**

(1) *Tuesday, January 29:*  
*Saddleback College Model*  
*U.N. Students*

**Upcoming District**  
**Events...**

(1) *February 22 - 24:*  
*District 5320 Conference at*  
*the Hyatt Regency Newport*  
*Beach*

(2) *February 23: World*  
*Understanding and Peace Day*

(3) *February 23: Rotary's*  
*Anniversary*

## ***THE ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO RECEIVES A DONATION FROM LA PAZ OPTOMETRY***

**Rotarian Dr. Aaron Sako** delivered a check from La Paz Optometry to the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo as part of a final segment of the recent Club fundraiser. The Rotary Club is very appreciative to La Paz Optometry for their support. Accepting the check, (in the photo by Bill Kersten), is **Fine Master Dave Leckness** along with Dr. Sako.



## ***TEN GOOD REASONS, FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, TO JOIN ROTARY***

**Note: The following are some of the great reasons to be a Rotarian. They are being reprinted from the March 1, 2004 Issue of The Spoke and Wheel.**

Reason #9 - Citizenship in the World - Every Rotarian wears a pin the says, "Rotary International." There are a few places on Earth that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome - even encouraged - to attend any of the 29,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.

Reason #10 - Assistance when Traveling - Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many Rotarians in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advise, etc., while traveling have found assistance through Rotary.

**PLEASE SHARE ROTARY!**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO PP GEORGE COOPER

PP George Cooper of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has been honored with an assignment as a monthly columnist for the District 5320 News - the Rotarian news of Rotarians, Clubs, and Rotary International. George has been a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo; but he was also a member of the Rotary Clubs in Syracuse, N.Y., Chicago, IL., and Mount Prospect, IL. George has been a Rotarian for more than fifty years. He will focus his articles on Rotary's past from his perspective. George's enthusiasm and expertise will surely be a welcome addition to the District 5320 News.

Congratulations George!



*Photo Left: PP George Cooper. George has been a Rotarian for more than fifty years. His expertise is invaluable.*

## WHITE ELEPHANT

Jan. 8 - Nick Alpino

Jan. 15 - Brigette Archer

Jan. 22 - Victoria Avery

Jan. 29 - Linda Blench

### 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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**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?