



# THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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*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

President: Nick Alpino  
Vice President: Gary Poertner  
Secretary: Linda Blench  
Treasurer: Bill Kersten

Directors: Past President Jim Leach; Club Service: Bill Greenfield, Jr.; Community Service: Brian Skalsky; International Service: Dr. Pushpa Chandwani; Vocational Service: Gary Poertner; and Club Officers

## ROTARY AND THE ROSE PARADE



A few weeks ago, **PP Ross Boling** gave members and guests an update on the then upcoming Rose Parade and the Rotary Float. Well, the float can be seen in action - photo take January 1 - at left.

Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee's entry into the 2008 Tournament of Roses Parade, entitled "Sharing World Literacy Day," celebrated the leadership in service by Rotarians worldwide. Eight International Exchange Students on the float represent different parts of the Rotary World. The theme of this year's parade was "Passport to the World's Celebrations" and this was Rotary's 28th consecutive year

*(See Rose Parade, Page 2)*

January is Rotary Awareness Month

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

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

### **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**

*(Rose Parade, from Page 1)*

of participation in the annual Rose Parade in Pasadena, California. Rotary is an organization of business and professional people united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Since this was not a project of Rotary International, no Rotary International funds were used for the Float. *(The above information and photo were gathered from the Rotary Website)*

## **WHITE ELEPHANT**

Jan. 15 - Brigette Archer

Jan. 22 - Victoria Avery

Jan. 29 - Linda Blench

Feb. 5 - Robert Blohm

Feb. 12 - Ross Boling

**PP JACK KEEGAN COMPLETES HIS AIRPLANE**



**Pilot and PP Jack Keegan**, a past president of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, always wanted to build his own airplane. Jack bought a kit plane and spent approximately two years painstakingly building and assembling parts in a hanger near his new home in Flagstaff, Arizona. A couple of years ago, Jack sold his business in Southern California and retired to Flagstaff, Arizona where he had his retirement home built.

Several months ago Jack

shared details of his airplane project with club members when he was invited to be the guest speaker at a regular Tuesday morning meeting.

**Bill Kersten** keeps in touch with Jack and furnished the pictures. Bill tells us the plane is a turbo-prop and travels about 300 mph.

Thank you Bill and Jack for furnishing this story and the final photos of the recently completed, and painted, aircraft.

**Top Photo:** Before final painting  
**Lower Photo:** Painted and ready!

**OCTA UPDATE AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE**

Tami Warren, Public Outreach Manager for the Orange County Transit Authority, Spoke at the January 8 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. She discussed the OCTA 25-year Transportation Plan. She explained that transportation planning is an ongoing project; but, the current plan is looking to the year 2030 and setting goals that will meet the expected needs at that time. The area of Orange County covered by the planning runs from the 55 Freeway south to San Diego County line - a huge area.

Ms. Warren named freeway congestion, roadway congestion, weekend congestion, rail and other transportation coordination, economic growth, quality of life issues, and more as issues being studied. She said the county is expected to grow by 20% by the year 2030 and the OCTA's "Major Investment Study" will furnish the needed data to best plan for meeting the needs for transportation at that time, and along the way.

Ms. Warren's presentation was thorough and very informative.



**ROTARY OF MISSION VIEJO 2008-2009  
LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS**

The following is a list of leadership appointments approved for 2008-2009:

President- Gary Poertner  
President Elect- Scott Walker  
Past President- Nick Alpino  
Secretary- Linda Blench  
Treasurer- Bill Kersten

Club Service- Brigitte Archer  
Community Service- Dagmar Richter  
International Service- Pushpa Chandwani  
Vocational Service- Bill Greenfield Jr.

Membership- Jack Wallace  
Foundation- Victoria Avery  
Webmaster- George Cooper  
Club Newsletter- Jim Hansen

Fine master-Dave Leckness  
Song Leader- Victoria Avery  
Backup Fine master and Song leader- Verl Nash



*President-elect Gary Poertner (Photo by Bill Kersten)*

**TWENTY HAMS, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX POUNDS OF FOOD, AND MORE...**



**PP Bill Kersten and PP Bob McQueen** have again been busy during the past Holiday Season. Bill and Bob delivered 20 hams, 176 pounds of food for needy families through the foods bank and social services for the county.

In addition, they filled a van full of supplies for the Door of Faith Orphanage in Baja, Mexico - one of the Rotary Club's ongoing projects. The Club thanks Bill and Bob for their endless efforts to support the needs in our local community and beyond!



**LIBANO HOUSING PROJECT - ROTARY OF MISSION VIEJO**

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo continues with one of their international service projects - the Libano housing project. The Club's Libano connection, Father

Brian, keeps the Club informed and has furnished the photographs below. **PP George Cooper**, the Rotary Club's coordinator for the project, continues to give the

members updates and share the progress of the project supported by Rotary of Mission Viejo and other individuals.

LIBANO HOME BUILDING PROJECT REPORT



Families of the building project with the first 5 houses under construction in the background.



Libano families (top photo) and housing project (bottom photo)

**SHARE ROTARY**

**Nicholas Alpino** (Charlene)  
 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 Dist. Superintendent  
**PP Dr. Richard Frieder**  
 (Susan) Optometrist  
**Bill Greenfield Sr.** (Sandra)  
 International Operations

**MEMBERS**

**Bill Greenfield Jr.** (Sherry)  
 Education  
**Jim Hansen** (Cathy)  
 Public Sch. Admin. (Ret.)  
**PP Ed Heeren** (Virginia)  
 Aircraft Sales  
**PP Bill Kirsten** (Carol)  
 Computer Service  
**Carol Kersten** (Bill)  
 Honorary Member  
**Daniel "Joe" Lavoie** (Kathryn)  
 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  
**Dagmar Richter**  
 Banking, Branch Manger  
**PP Dave Rukstalis** CLU/ChFC  
 (Ladona) Insurance Empl. Benefits  
**Dr. Aaron Sako** (Mako)  
 Optometrist  
**Brian Skalsky**  
 Industrial Hygienist  
**Norm Syler** (Luella)  
 Historian  
**Steven Vincent** (Marilyn)  
 Commercial Prop. & Casualty Ins.  
**Scott Walker** (Debbie)  
 Financial Planner  
**Jack Wallace** (Jeanne)  
 Residential Real Estate

**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?