



# THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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## CONVENTION 2008

At the November 20 meeting, **PP Ross Boling** shared details of the upcoming Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles. This will be the third time in Rotary’s history that the Rotary International Convention will be held in L.A. The two previous years were 1922 and 1962

and both set attendance records. The expected Rotarians - in the thousands - will be treated to an exceptional convention. The diversity of the L.A. area is an excellent backdrop for the visitors from countries around the world. Rotary featured events will be held at the Nokia Theater, the Hollywood Bowl, and

other famous venues adding to the excitement of the convention.

Rotarians may register on-line for the 2008 Convention by going to the Rotary Website. Host-Volunteer Forms are also available on-line for those interested. Remember, there will be thousands of visitors from around the world and Host-Volunteers are encouraged.

In addition to driving yourselves to the Convention, Ross suggests carpooling or the train, from the San Juan Capistrano or Irvine station, as alternate methods of transportation.

The Convention is shaping up to be one of the best ever and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact PP Ross Boling at the next meeting or via e-mail. *(Above: Ross Boling; photo by Bill Kersten)*

December is  
Family Month

### *Upcoming Club Events...*

**(1) December 1: Door of Faith Orphanage Outreach**

### *Upcoming District Events...*

**(1) February 21 - 24: District Conference Weekend at the Hyatt Regency Newport**

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

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





## ***HOLIDAY TURKEY DINNERS***

### ***Ten years of helping to feed needy families!***

Coordinated by **PP Bob McQueen** and **PP Bill Kersten**, the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo again purchased turkeys and all of the ingredients for the Holiday meals for twenty local families. This has been a ten year commitment thus far for the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Bob and Bill, working with local social services, coordinated the purchase and distribution of the food. Thank you Bob and Bill for your continued efforts.

*Below: Twenty Turkey Dinners ready for delivery to social services employees Naomi and Brenda - above left (Photos by Bill Kersten)*



## ***WHAT DO PRESIDENT NICK ALPINO AND FILLY "YO JOAN" HAVE IN COMMON?...***

...They are both winners! Rotarian and Club **President Nick Alpino** of Mission Viejo Rotary Club was on hand recently to see his Filly "Yo Joan" take her 4th win out of 8 lifetime starts at Santa Anita Rack Track in Arcadia, California.

Congratulations Yo Joan - and Nick!  
*(Bonoit Photo courtesy of Nick Alpino)*

# Vocational Visions: Opening Doors to Success



(Above: Photo of Ed Kenna, photo by Bill Kersten)

Ed Kenna, representing Vocational Visions, was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo meeting on November 27. Rotarian **Scott Walker** set up the speaker after fellow Rotarian **Norm Syler** suggested the topic may be of interest to members and guests.

Vocational Visions is program and training center for people with developmental disabilities. Vocational Visions works in partnership with the Saddleback Valley Unified School District’s adult education program is partially supported by the California Department of Developmental Services and the California Department of Rehabilitation. Vocational Visions typically supports qualified individuals from age 22 years and up. There are two main facilities in Mission Viejo and the clients collate, package, ship, etc. items for numerous entities.

In addition to the packaging facilities in Mission Viejo, Vocational Visions supports a very active Work Activity Program in which clients enter the work force. Carl Karcher Enterprises, Claim Jumper Restaurants, Home Depot, and Toshiba are just a few of the facilities working with Vocational Visions and their clients.

Vocational Visions will have their next *Enchanted Evening Event* in April 2008. It is one of their fundraisers and they hope to full the facility at Soka University. Mr. Kenna shared, “I am especially grateful to Claim Jumper Restaurants for funding our *Enchanted Evening Event* for the past four years.” As Rotary Club members may remember, the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has participated in this event in the past and it was very enjoyable.

## 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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## ATTENDANCE REMINDER

From Linda Blench



Get on your horses and race to the Rotary meeting. However, if you must miss, try a make-up at a local club or on-line. Please keep **Linda Blench** informed of any meeting make-ups you complete. She can be reached during meetings or at: [lindablench@yahoo.com](mailto:lindablench@yahoo.com).

## 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 #5 - Citizenship in the Community: Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. Then average Rotary club consists of he most active citizens of any community.

Reason #6 - Continuing Education: Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to a variety of speakers and timely topics.

Watch for additional reasons in upcoming issues of *The Spoke and Wheel*.

## HOLIDAY TRAIN A HUGE SUCCESS!



Coordinated by **President Nick Alpino**, the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo successfully supported our troops this Holiday season. Shipping boxes were filled with beef jerky, dried fruit, nuts, hard candies, Pringles, licorice, fruit bars, Tic-Tacs, gum, sweetened powdered drink mixes, tea bags, or gourmet coffee, CDs, DVDs, magazines, puzzles and many other items. The boxes were shipped to Iraq - along with hundreds of additional boxes - to help brighten the Holidays for U.S. troops.



## *President Nick Alpino and "A Roman Holiday"*

Look for a copy of the latest *Red County*. Go to page 42 to review Nick's article, "A Roman Holiday." Nick says, "I hope you will get a chance to enjoy my short 'Travel Tale.'"



## *Rotary and the Bill Gates Foundation*



(Photo: Bill Gates, from Gates Website)

*"Vaccines save lives. Too often, though, they are unavailable to the world's poorest children." (Gate Website.)*

The Bill Gates Foundation has offered a challenge to Rotary - The Gates Foundation has pledged a matching grant of one hundred million dollars, over the next three years, to help eradicate Polio on a global basis in conjunction

with Rotary International. **President Alpino** stated, "Be assured that Rotarians worldwide will do everything possible to raise the \$100 million. We want to stamp out Polio once and for all."

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### **WHITE ELEPHANT**

- Dec. 4 - Norman Syler
  - Dec. 11 - Scott Walker
  - Dec. 18 - Jack Wallace
  - Jan. 8 - Nick Alpino
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**SHARE ROTARY**

**Nicholas Alpino** (Charlene)  
 Group Travel  
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**PP Victoria Avery** (Dan)  
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 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)  
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 (Susan) Optometrist  
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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?