



THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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ROTARIANS RECEIVE "GRACIAS" SMILES!

On the weekend of December 1, several Rotarians, family members, and guests, completed an annual trip to the Door of Faith Orphanage in Baja, Mexico. The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has been supporting the Door of Faith Orphanage through this outreach project for two



Santa delivers: Santa (Bill Greenfield, Jr.) delivering gifts.

decades. Coordinated by **PP Dr. Richard Frieder**, the Rotary Club provides annual eye exams. (including frames and lenses as needed), and Christmas gifts for each of the approximately 100 children who call the orphanage home.

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December is Family Month

Upcoming Club Events...

- (1) Tuesday, December 25: No Meeting - Christmas Day*
- (2) Tuesday, January 1: No Meeting - New Years Day*

Upcoming District Events...

- (1) February 22 - 24: District Conference Weekend at the Hyatt Regency Newport*
- (2) February 23: World Understanding and Peace Day*
- (3) February 23: Rotary's Anniversary*

DOOR OF FAITH ORPHANAGE

(Orphanage, from Page 1)

Each year there are two major accomplishments: 1) eye exams and 2) gifts for the children - delivered by Santa himself. As in the past, this year's eye exams were completed by **Rotarians Dr. Richard Frieder and Dr. Aaron Sako**. The two optometrists were assisted by **Rotarian Pushpa Chadwani, MD**, other Rotary Club members, family, La Paz Optometry staff, and friends throughout the day. Completing approximately 100 eye exams in four our five hours leaves no time for play. Workers were allowed a short lunch break at noon and were back at work until all of the exams were completed!

In addition to the eye exams, an exciting element for everyone involved is Santa's arrival from the North Pole. **Santa (Bill Greenfield, Jr.)** delivered a gift to each child in the orphanage and he received a bright "Gracias" smile from each one of them.

The orphanage Director, D.J., and his wife Lynette have been in charge of the orphanage for the past fourteen years. The orphanage typically cares for children ranging in ages from infants to 18 years and currently cares for 100 children. D.J., his wife, and a very small staff coordinate everything from 80 tubs of laundry per day to getting nearly 100 children ready for school each week day and for church on Sundays. D.J. and Lynette said, "We love what we do and we are never bored. Putting together over 100 breakfasts, lunches, and dinners daily, taking care of sick children in the middle of the night, getting 100 children to the public school in town each weekday, and getting through the chores of a normal day leaves little room for boredom."

The orphanage in monitored and restricted by Mexican government; but receives no money from the government and is totally funded/supported by donations of food, equipment, and much needed cash to help with electric bill, gasoline bills, etc. The paperwork for such an operation is a full time job for Lynette; yet she does much more. She is "Mother" to the children. Lynette said, "Extremely satisfying moments are like the times when our 'graduates' calls me on Mother's Day to wish me a happy day!"



Photos: Left, Dr. Aaron Sako and PP Dr. Richard Frieder taking gift to the cars. Right, Dr. Frieder reviewing directions with a small group before leaving for Baja.

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Photo Left: A helper pointing to a letter on the eye chart during an eye examination.



Photo Left: Susan Frieder, Dr. Aaron Sako and Dr. Richard Frieder in the "exam room."



Photo Left: Bill Greenfield, Jr. (Santa) handing out gifts.



Photo: The Director of the Door of Faith Orphanage, D.J., and his wife Lynette.

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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YMCA CHRISTMAS PARTY

by George Cooper

The YMCA's Annual Holiday Party was held at the Saddleback Valley YMCA in MV on Friday, Decbemer 7, 2007 from 5:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. Dinner was provided and highlighted by a visit from Santa Claus and a round of Christmas carols. This is an event in which our club has traditionally been visible by attending and mingling with the crowd, which traditionally has included city officials, members of the YMCA, and some of the needy families in our community who receive assistance for the upcoming holidays. Our Club has approved a donation of gift cards which six deserving local families received that night.

Rotary was well recognized by the YMCA staff and profusely thanked for the help in making the party a success as was **Rotarian Bob Duffy** who also serves on the YMCA Board.



“THOUSANDS OF WRECKED AIRCRAFT”

A TALK GIVEN BY G. PAT MACHA, AVIATION ARCHAEOLOGIST

At the December 4 Rotary meeting, Pat Macha shared some of his research pertaining to lost aircraft. As a former history/geography teacher, Mr. Macha has always been interested in history. Due to his relationships to flying through his family and friends, when he retired from teaching he continued his avocation, (aviation archaeologist), with added enthusiasm.

During his talk, Mr. Macha shared personal stories of aircraft wrecks found throughout the United States. Through his research, he discovered the names, places, and circumstances of numerous wrecks. His stories are of military B-17s, P-40s, P-51s, T-33s and of private planes, such as a crashed Piper Cherokee and more.

In addition to his research, Mr. Macha is an author, consultant, and public speaker. Mr. Macha’s enthusiasm for his avocation was visible during his presentation and if interested, he can be contacted at (949)916-6306 or you may visit his website at: www.aircraftwrecks.com.



CASA - COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES



Photo Above: Erin Wolf receives a check from President Alpino from the Rotary Club of M.V. in support of CASA.

The guest speaker at the December 11 Rotary meeting was Erin Wolf from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advoca-

tes). Ms. Wolf grew up locally, graduating from El Toro High School and she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Ms. Wolf explained that CASA coordinates court appointed volunteers that help support foster care children. CASA volunteers meet one-on-one with a foster child and act as his or her mentor and advocate. The volunteers visit the children on an average of two times per month equaling 10 to 15 hours per month. The visits may be spent taking a

child on an outing, sporting event, out to lunch, etc. In addition, the volunteers interact with all professionals involved in the case and make recommendations directly to the court, ensuring the child’s best interests are not overlooked. There are approximately 2,500 children on the foster care lists in Orange County and there are currently nearly 500 CASA volunteers. There is always a need for more volunteers.

If you are interested in more information about this program, you may contact CASA at (714) 619-5155 or visit their website at: www.casaoc.org.



**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 #7

Fun - Rotary is fun, a lot of fun! Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.

Reason #8

Public Speaking Skills - Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.

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

**District
Conference
Reminder**

The District Conference will be held this February 22 through 24 at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. The event is \$25 per person and has all of the makings to be a wonderful event.

If you have questions or wish to know more, please feel free to contact the coordinator for the Club, **Ross Boling**, at the next meeting.

WHITE ELEPHANT

Dec. 18 - Jack Wallace

Jan. 8 - Nick Alpino

Jan. 15 - Brigette Archer

Jan. 22 - Victoria Avery

Jan. 29 - Linda Blench

Special Thoughts

Bill Greenfield, Jr. reminded us: We are thankful for the return of Bill Greenfield, Sr. from his short stay at Saddleback Hospital.

Bob Bridges reminded us: We are thankful for the ongoing recovery of PP Jim Leach's wife, Dot, from recent surgery.

Nick Alpino reminded us: We are thankful for the release from the hospital of Nick's father.

We are thankful for all of our blessing and we continue to pray for all in need during this Holiday season.

SHARE ROTARY

Nicholas Alpino (Charlenne)
 Group Travel
PP Brigitte Archer
 Mortgage Broker
PP Victoria Avery (Dan)
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Linda Blench (Karl)
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 Incentive Promotions
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Dr. Steven Fish (Sue)
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PP Dr. Richard Frieder
 (Susan) Optometrist
Bill Greenfield Sr. (Sandra)
 International Operations

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 Financial Planner
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 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?