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DOOR OF FAITH ORPHANAGE

The Guest speaker at the January 15 meeting was D.J., accompanied by his wife Lynette, from the Door of Faith Orphanage in Mexico. The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has supported the Door of Faith Orphanage for the past 20



years. The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, has annually visited the orphanage to deliver Christmas gifts, to complete vision screening and to furnish glasses to the children as needed. The eye exams could not be completed without the untiring efforts of Mission Viejo **Rotarians Dr. Rich Frieder and Dr. Aaron Sako of LaPaz Optometry.** D.J. and Lynette have been the directors of the orphanage for the past 14 years and have made significant progress for the children under their care. During his presentation, D.J. told Rotary members and guests that the orphanage housed 35 children when he and Lynette started and now they care for 114 children.

The orphans range in age from infant to 18 years. In one special case, the orphanage has continued to support one young man that came to the orphanage at 4 months old and is now 22 years old. This young

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February is World Understanding Month
Upcoming Club Events...

(1) April 13: Rotary of M.V. sponsored Esperanza School Pancake Breakfast

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

DOOR OF FAITH

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man is currently attending a local university in Mexico in which he is studying pre-law. D.J. said, “As any family would do, we want to support him through his educational endeavors.” D.J. added, “Almost all of the children at the Door of Faith complete a high school education - still a rarity in Mexico.”

D.J. told the audience that there are three key areas of focus for the orphanage. The areas are: 1) provide family for the children; 2) support and provide education for the children; and 3) give back to their local community and instill ongoing community service. The Rotary of Mission Viejo is proud to provide support through their goods bank, the annual vision screening, Christmas gift giving and more.

It may go without saying; but, the time, effort and dedication provided by D.J. and Lynette are of remarkable proportion. Members and guests were treated to, and thankful for, a thorough update on the happenings at the Door of Faith Orphanage. *(Photo by Bill Kersten)*

WHITE ELEPHANT

Feb. 5 - Robert Blohm

Feb. 12 - Ross Boling

Feb. 19 - Robert Bridges

Feb. 26 - Barry Brownell

March 4 - Dr. Pushpa Candwani

March 11 - George Cooper

March 18 - William Craycraft

March 25 - Robert Duffy

DISTRICT 5320 CONFERENCE

Don't forget to sign-up for the District 5320 Conference to be held February 22-24 at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. It is an easy on-line registration or you may use one of the hard copies handed out by PP Ross Boling at a recent meeting. See you there!



ROTARIAN NORM SYLER TELLS OF CLIFFORD “GAVVY” CRAVATH

Norm Syler, (a semi-pro baseball player in his early years, a history teacher at Orange High School for 25 years, past Executive Director of Escondido Historical Society and Museum, and Past President of the Rotary Club of Escondido), shared a program he titled, “Before the Babe” a the January 22 meeting. The presentation focused on Clifford Carleton “Gavvy” Cravath - the home run record holder before Babe Ruth. Norm shared the interesting history of Gavvy’s career in professional baseball during the early 1900s. Norm also included some interesting tidbits of his own experiences. Norm’s talk was filled with historical and interesting facts, humor, and he even had visual aids. All guests and Rotarians enjoyed the interesting presentation.



Photo above: Norm Syler discussing “Gavvy.” (photo by Bill Kersten)

By the way, Norm is in favor of Gavvy’s admission to Baseball’s Hall of Fame. If you agree, you can send Norm an e-mail and, well, who knows?

NORM SYLER THREW OUT THE FIRST PITCH

While a member of the Rotary Club of Escondido, Norm Syler was invited to “throw out the first pitch” at a San Diego Padres game. He accepted without hesitation. Afterwards, he was given

the ball, had it signed, and proudly displays it in his den. Norm was a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Escondido, including Past President of the Club, and is now living in Mission Viejo where he

has become an active member of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. The Club thanks Norm for his dedication to the community and Rotary Club projects and for sharing this event.

PHOTO BELOW: NORM WITH HIS FIRST PITCH BALL AND ROTARIAN SCOTT WALKER



SADDLEBACK COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)



On January 29, several students from Model United Nations (MUN) program at Saddleback College presented at the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Tuesday morning meeting. Five students from the MUN program shared personal goals, team goals, and presented a brief demonstration of the process used during competitions. The program participants, twenty-four students strong, competed this year in Anaheim and in Las

Vegas and are scheduled to compete this semester at U.C. Berkley and also in New York. At the Anaheim competition the team earned "Most Distinguished Delegate" honors. In the Berkley event, the Saddleback team expects to compete with approximately 1,500 other students from around California and in New York they expect to see 10,000 other students from colleges around the world.



Photos above: (Top) MUN Team members. (bottom) Gary Poernter presenting check to team from Rotary of M.V.

During their demonstration for Rotary, MUN team members played 4 roles. In actual competitions there may be 200 delegates from around the world.

ROTARY SINGING CONTEST



Photo: Some singers from the MVHS choir are expected to compete in the upcoming Rotary singing contest.

Singers from Mission Viejo High School and Laguna Hills High School will be competing for awards in the upcoming annual Rotary singing contest. The first round will take place on February 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Master on the corner of Oso and Marguerite Parkway in Mission Viejo. This year's competition will be coordinated by choir director Mr. John Elg and judges will be from the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Some singers may be selected to go on to District 5320 competitions.

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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?