



THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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 Meeting Times: 7:10 a.m. to 8:30 a.m

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THE ROAD TO BAGDAD

On Tuesday, February 19, the Rotary’s guest speaker was Mr. Richard Bellis, retired U. S. Marine and Mission Viejo resident. Mr. Bellis



Photo: Richard Bellis, guest speaker on February 19, 2008

shared his personal opinions and some historical facts about the United States’ involvement in Viet Nam, Korea, and the Middle East. Many questions and comments followed his presentation; making for an interesting meeting. Club members were stimulated by the presentation and Mr Bellis’ personal opinions.

March is “Read Across America” Month

Upcoming Club Events...

March 4 - Presenter will be Heidi Keller, Executive Director; Donna O’neil Land Conservancy: “Preserving our natural resources”

April 13 - Esperanza Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Upcoming District Events...

March 16 - District 5320 Singing Contest Finals at UCI.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Co-chairmen **Bill Greenfield, Jr., Bob Duffy, Dennis O'Connor, and Rick Murry** will be the driving force behind this years Fund Raiser. Mark your 13, 2008 for this extremely be shared at each meeting



Esperanza Pancake Breakfast calendars for Sunday, April worthwhile event. Details will from now until the event.

ENTHUSIASM FOR ROTARY

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Submitted by Jack Wallace

Just like Spring does to our weather, Rotary renews itself each year at this time. All the plans for the past year have been achieved or are in progress. Enthusiasm sometimes wanes from the constant effort to keep on track. Spring cleaning opens windows and rejuvenates a household. In Rotary, Spring cleaning can “open windows” by attending any or all of the conferences to renew enthusiasm for Rotary and the good that we can do through this great organization.

This is a time of renewal for all of us to attempt to make each club meeting. We are a small club with relatively few members. It is important that we make meetings to :

- support our club
- keep our club attractive to new members
- keep ourselves current with what our club is doing
- provide a good audience for the speakers who donate their time and energy to provide us a program each week
- maintain continuity of our club and our activities
- keep up our Rotary enthusiasm
- share the excitement that occurs this time of year with the planning for the changing of the guard.

Our club functions as a team. Each member provides his or her unique outlook and experiences that make us different from other Rotary Clubs. A team always loses when one of the members is absent. Join with fellow members each Tuesday and share the unique enthusiasm and goodwill that each member brings to the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo!



ROTARY OF M.V.

HOSPITALITY BOOTH

Friday night, February 22, 2008, the hospitality booth at the District 5320 Conference was set up and manned this year by Rotarians **Dennis O'Connor, Bill Kersten, Norm Syler and Jim Hansen**. In addition, Rotarian **Jack Wallace, and his lovely wife Jeanne**, helped at the booth. These Rotarians tried to establish a booth consistent with President Nick Alpino's vision. Unfortunately, **President Alpino** was hospitalized during the week with pneumonia and he was not able to attend the hospitality event. In keeping with this year's theme, President Alpino envisioned the booth as "A stop in Australia" with Australian meat pies and Australian beer. Due to his sudden illness, the team switched to shrimp, (without the bar-B), cheese, crackers and plenty of Fosters - "the beer of Australia." O'Connor and Kirsten promised to stay at the event until the beer was gone - one way or another.



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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THREE-TIME CANCER SURVIVOR - MATT JONES

Guest speaker for the Tuesday, February 26 meeting was Mr. Matt Jones. Matt is a three-time cancer conqueror, author, and speaker. He shared a part of his miraculous story of being diagnosed with cancer, beating it, having it return, beating it, having it return for a second time, and beating it again. His personal story of cancer recovery was interesting and very motivating.

At one point in his recovery process, Matt struggled to walk five yards; but, he was determined to recover and he set a goal of running in, and finishing, a local marathon - all 26.2 miles.

Two and one-half years after leaving the hospital for the third time, Matt was on the starting line of the San Diego Rock 'N' Roll Marathon. He completed the race in six hours and nine minutes; but, the time was not important - finishing was!

Matt left club members with three thoughts for living: 1) visualize victory; 2) take action; and 3) continually check your attitude.

Mr. Jones' two books, *Going through Hell? Don't Stop* and *Life's a Marathon* have each been praised. For more information, go to www.MatthewDJones.com or call 213.291.8973.



DISTRICT 5320 CONFERENCE



The District 5320 Conference was a great success. The Conference and was highly praised.

Rotarian Gary Poertner reported that the events, activities, and even the food were spectacular. **Rotarian Ross Boling**, one of our own club members, had numerous assignments for

Both Ross and Gary encouraged all members to make plans to attend the upcoming Rotary International Conference in June.

REMINDER: VETERAN'S MEMORIAL AT SADDLEBACK COLLEGE



WHITE ELEPHANT

- March 4 - Dr. Pushpa Chandwani
- March 11 - George Cooper
- March 18 - William Craycraft
- March 25 - Robert Duffy
- April 1 - Paul Dyke
- April 8 - Steve Fish

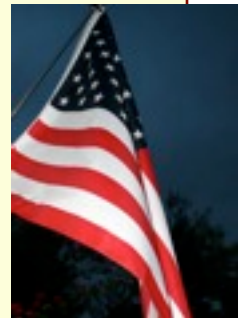
Veteran's Memorial at Saddleback College

Join the ceremony presenting the Veteran's Memorial. Students, faculty, school administration, honored guests and visitors are expected to be present on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. for this special event.

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has donated to this memorial and all Rotarians and guests are invited.

When:
Wednesday,
March 5, 2008

Where:
Saddleback
College quad
area



SHARE ROTARY

Nicholas Alpino (Charlenne)
 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)
 Medical Sales
Robert Bridges (Betty)
 Robotics Engineer
PP Barry Brownell (Ety)
 Restaurateur
Dr. Pushpa Chandwani
 (Nanik) Medical Doctor
PP George Cooper (Margaret)
 Adhesive Distributer
PP William Craycraft
 Sales/Marketing
Cu V. Ngo (Thi)
 Production Management
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 School Admin. (Ret.)
PP Ed Heeren (Virginia)
 Aircraft Sales
PP Bill Kirsten (Carol)
 Computer Service
Carol Kirsten (Bill)
 Honorary Member
PP Jim Leach (Dot)
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Dave Leckness (Nancy)
 Printing
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 (Pravena) Honorary
PP Dr. Tom MacKinnon
 (Jeannine) Dentist
PP Bob McQueen (Mary Jo)
 School Administrator
PP Steve Mugg (Susan)
 Consultant
PP Richard Murray (Paula)
 Attorney, General Practice
PP Verl Nash (Suzanne)
 Education
PP Dennis O'Connor (Bonnie)
 Real Estate

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Gary Poertner (Adair)
 Community College Administrator
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 Banking, Branch Manger
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 (Ladona) Insurance Empl. Benefits
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 Optometrist
Brian Skalsky
 Industrial Hygienist
Norm Syler (Luella)
 Historian
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?