



THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEW VILLAGE DAM IN ASSOSE, INDIA BRINGING DRINKING WATER TO OVER 600 VILLAGERS AND THEIR CATTLE

Submitted by
PP George L. Cooper



Rotarian Dr. Pushpa Chandwani visited the project site (Village Assose, India) in January 2008. As a result of her visit, Pushpa met with the Rotary Club of Thane East, India, (District 3140), and they agreed on submitting a Matching Grant for this project:

A) Project: Construction of a check dam on a non-perennial stream and supply of pumps & water distribution system.

B) Need: The geology in the area does not permit high ingress of rain water resulting in acute shortage of drinking water during summer seasons.

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April is "Community Service" Month

Upcoming District Events

April 5 - District Assembly at Chapman University

April 18 - Rotarian Business Person of the Year Luncheon

June 15-18 RI Convention, L.A.

Upcoming Club Events

4/1 - Starr Avedisian, Principal - Esperanza Spec. Educ. School

4/8 - Solar Energy, speaker to be announced.

4/29 - RYLA students share camp experiences.

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C) Beneficiaries: With arrest of rain water by constructing a check dam, it will meet the water requirement of over 600 villagers and their cattle.

D) Duration : The project will be completed within two months of commencement. Since this is a concrete dam, no routine maintenance is required. However, any collection of excessive mud or sand which may reduce water holding capacity, will be removed on an annual basis by the villagers themselves. The electrical pumps will be covered for AMC by the villagers' association. No further monetary aid is required after completing the project.

- Total Project Financing: \$11,750.
- Rotary Club of Mission Viejo's contribution: \$2,000.
- Rotary Club of Thane East contribution: \$500.
- District 5320 Contribution is \$2,000.
- District 3140 Contribution is \$2,000.
- TFRI Matching Funds requested \$5,250.

At the completion of the project, Rotarians from The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo will visit the project and file a completion report.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

***PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, APRIL 13 FROM 8 TO 11:30 A.M.***

Just twelve days until the Rotary of Mission Viejo sponsored Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for Esperanza Special Education School in Mission Viejo. Esperanza is a part of the Saddleback Valley Unified School District of which one of our members, **Dr. Steven Fish**, is superintendent. Co-chairmen **Bob Duffy, Bill Greenfield, Jr., Rick Murray, and Dennis O'Connor** continue to make last minute preparations for this year's exciting event. The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has set the fundraising goal at \$15,000 to help the school meet specific needs.

The co-chairmen look forward to seeing all members on **Sunday, April 13, 2008 from 8 to 11:30 a.m.** for this extremely worthwhile event.

MEMBERSHIP

***MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
MEETING DATE SET!***

Members, please share the following information with your friends and neighbors.

Rotary Informational Meeting

Who: People interested in serving their community and finding out more about Rotary. There will be no pressure to join Rotary and follow-up contact will only occur upon request.

When: Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Casta del Sol Golf Club

27601 Casta del Sol Drive, Mission Viejo, CA

Why: Find out how you can be an active member of your community. Members will explain the benefits of being a Rotarian, discuss current projects, and answer questions.

Questions? Please feel free to contact Jack Wallace at: (949) 831-8635 or email Jack at: cjack4re@cox.net



**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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WHITE ELEPHANT

- April 1 - Steve Fish
- April 8 - Richard Frieder
- April 15 - Bill Greenfield, Sr.
- April 22 - Bill Greenfield, Jr.
- April 29 - Jim Hansen
- May 6 - Ed Heeren
- May 13 - Bill Kirsten



PROGRAM REPORT

***THE CITY OF MISSION VIEJO CELEBRATES IT'S
TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY***

At the March 18 meeting of The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, Former Mayor **PP William Craycraft** and Keith Rattay, Director of Public Services for The City of Mission Viejo, shared facts of the history of the City and details of the planned 20th Anniversary Celebrations taking place March 22 through March 29.

Mr. Craycraft has a wealth of information which he gained from his seventeen years on the City Council and his two terms as Mayor. He was able to share insight into the process Mission Viejo endured to reach city status. Mr. Rattay shared details of the events planned celebrating 20 years of cityhood.

The presentation was very informative and interesting.



Keith Rattay: Mr. Rattay shared highlights planned for Mission Viejo's 20th Anniversary.



PP William Craycraft: Former Mayor of Mission Viejo shared some history of the City. [Photos by Bill Kersten]



WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING!

*Written by a former child and
Submitted by PP George Cooper*

Each of us (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, teacher or friend) influences the life of a child. How will you touch the life of someone today?

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, 'Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'

LITTLE EYES SEE A LOT!

YOUTH SERVICE AND DISTRICT SINGING CONTEST



DISTRICT 5320 SINGING CONTEST...

Congratulations to the Mission Viejo High School singers and their choir director Mr. John Elg. Mr. Elg was very excited when he informed **Rotarian Gary Poertner**, coordinator of the contest, that all four participants selected by The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo were selected as award recipients in the finals. Mr. Elg stated, "This is the first time in my 27 years as a choir director in which all finalists are from Mission Viejo High School and all received awards."

Elisabeth Hunter - 1st place - semi-classical (musical theatre).

Drew Starr - 1st place - male semi-classical.

Sara Covey - 3rd place - female classical.

Michael Garamoni - 3rd place - male classical.

Congratulations to all the student participants and choir directors!



Top Photo: MVHS and THHS Singers.
Bottom Photo: This year's judges

The Mission Viejo H.S. student winners are:

"This is the first time in my 27 years as a choir director in which all finalists were from Mission Viejo H.S. and all received awards." *John Elg, MVHS Choir*

...AND PDG VISITS THE ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo was honored with a visit on March 18 from PDG Lane Calvert. Mr. Calvert came to help celebrate the news that four Rotary Club of Mission Viejo sponsored singers were selected as finalists in the Annual Rotary Singing Contest. Two students each received first place in their categories and two received third place in their categories. Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, the singers from Mission Viejo and Trabuco Hills High Schools, choir directors Sarah Warner and John Elg, and **Rotarian Gary Poertner**, Vocational Services Coordinator for their services and participation.



Photo: PDG Lane Calvert [Photo by Bill Kersten]

DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

When:

April 5, 2008 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where:

Chapman University

Why:

To familiarize yourself, or update your knowledge, regarding Rotary activities such as: The Rotary Foundation, Vocational Service, International and Community Service, Public Relations, Membership, Youth Service, and more.

Notify Gary Poertner if you can attend. He can be reached at: garypoertner@cox.net

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, L.A.

READING-BY-NINE PROGRAM

Rotarian Jack Wallace is coordinating the Read-by-Nine book collection for The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. **Please help support the project by bringing one or more children's books to one of the April meetings.** Jack will ensure that the books are delivered to the Rotary International Convention in L.A. on June 15. Rotary International is hoping to set a Guinness World Record for the number of donated children's books at this event. Stay tuned...





CLUB NEWS

***MISSION VIEJO CLUB
GROWS BY TWO PDGs***

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo was honored to induct two “new” members to the Club at the March 25 meeting. The added members are actually not new. They both have a history of involvement in Rotary and, as a matter of fact, both have served as District Governors for District 5280.

The Club welcomed **PDG Jack Jones and PDG Dave Williams**. Mr. Williams was District Governor during the 1995-96 Rotary Year and Mr. Jones during the 1999-2000 Rotary Year.

Dave Williams is transferring from The Rotary Club of Wilmington where he was a longtime member. Now living in Mission Viejo, and recently retired from the Postmaster position, he promises to be an active member.

Jack Jones joined Rotary in 1969. He was active at both the club and district levels. Jack is transferring from Lawndale and District 5280 in which he held numerous positions of leadership. It was wonderful to see his lovely wife Joanie at the meeting for induction as well.

A warm Rotary welcome to Jack Jones and Dave Williams!

[Photos Above]

Wall-to-wall District Governors: PDG Dave Williams and PDG Jack Jones are flanked by Membership Chairman Jack Wallace and DG Rod Eide. Several district officials (above photos) attended the meeting to help celebrate the inductions of Jack and Dave. [Photos by Bill Kersten]



CLUB NEWS

PP BOB BLOHM - 51 YEARS IN ROTARY!

PP Robert Blohm Celebrates 51st Year as a Rotarian.

It was 1957 when Mission Viejo Rotarian Bob Blohm joined the Rotary Club of La Canada. Bob was a member in good standing in La Canada for 10 years, serving as an officer, prior to transferring to Irvine Rotary Club in 1967. He was very active at the Irvine Rotary Club as an officer, prior to joining Mission Viejo in 1977. Rotarian Bob Blohm is Past President of The Rotary Club of Mis-

sion Viejo and, in addition, is a member of Toastmasters International, The World International Center, Boy Scouts of America, and La Canada Youth House.

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo is proud to have celebrated and honored Bob Blohm at a special presentation that took place at a regular meeting on March 25, 2008. Two of Bob's sons, Bob Jr. and Jim attended the presentation honoring their father. Congratulations Bob! By the way, Happy Birthday Bob - March 29!



51 Years of Service: *PP Robert (Bob) Blohm and two of his sons. [Photos by Bill Kersten]*

COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICE

***MATCHING GRANT
SUPPORTS***

PIO PICO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The principal of Pio Pico Elementary School in Santa Ana, Judy Magsaysay, attended the March 25 meeting to receive grant money awarded the school. Ms. Magsaysay shared accomplishments and future goals for the school through the grant support. The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo donated \$500 and District 5320 matched the amount for a total donation to the school of \$1,000.



Ms. Magsaysay was very appreciative and said the support will go a long way towards helping the children at the school with their reading skills - both decoding and comprehension. She also personally thanked **Rotarian Dr. Pushpa Chandwani**, of The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, for her weekly mentoring during her lunch hour and writing the grant proposal that was ultimately approved.

Congratulations Ms. Magsaysay on leading the school to wonderful success and thank you Dr. Chandwani for your dedication to youth and the community!

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
James Hansen (Cathy)
 Education
PP Ed Heeren (Virginia)
 Aircraft Sales
PDG Jack H. Jones (Joanie)
 Aircraft Manufacturing Consultant
PP Bill Kersten (Carol)
 Computer Service
Carol Kersten (Bill)
 Honorary Member
PP Jim Leach (Dot)
 VP Government Affairs
Dave Leckness (Nancy)
 Printing
PP Col. (Ret.) Krishna Mathur
 (Pravena) Honorary
PP Dr. Tom MacKinnon
 (Jeannine) Dentist
John McEwan
 Code Enforcement
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

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
PP Norm Syler (Luella)
 Historian
Scott Walker (Debbie)
 Financial Planner
Jack Wallace (Jeanne)
 Residential Real Estate
PDG David C. Williams
 (Joann) Postal Service

**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?