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DISTRICT & CLUB NEWS

MISSION VIEJO ROTARY BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR



The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo's Rotary Business Person of the Year: Victoria Avery was honored at a recent Rotary Luncheon. [Photo by Bill Kersten]

Victoria Avery, Mission Viejo's Rotary Business Person of the Year candidate, is a dedicated professional and an excellent representative for Rotary's Four-Way Test. All of the guests at the Rotary Luncheon on April 18 were excited to support such a fine candidate. Ms. Avery is a past president of the Mission Viejo Club and has been, and remains, very active in a number of club events, programs and projects. Although Victoria was not the District winner, the Mission Viejo Club is proud of, and thankful for, Victoria's outstanding participation and efforts to uphold the ideals of Rotary in her personal, business and Rotarian lifestyles.

May

Upcoming District Events

May 6 - District Singing Contest Final Presentations

June 15-18 - RI Convention, L.A.

Upcoming Club Events/Speakers

May 1 - Board Meeting at 7 a.m.

May 6 - Regular Meeting

May 13 - Regular Meeting

May 20 - Regular Meeting

May 27 - Regular Meeting

CLUB NEWS***SOLAR POWER!***

Brian von Moos, Business Development Manager at Borrego Solar, was guest speaker at the April 15 meeting. Brian has been with Borrego Solar for 3 years and is responsible for Commercial Sales and new office locations. He is a NABCEP certified solar installer, and has spearheaded opening the Borrego Solar Santa Ana office.



Brian shared a Powerpoint including overviews of U.S. Energy, Borrego Solar Systems, Solar as a partial solution to energy issues facing the U.S. and other countries, and the financial aspects of purchasing and maintaining a solar system.

Generally speaking, the average cost for a house similar to the houses in Mission Viejo may be approximately \$41,000; but with the rebates available the net cost may be approximately \$27,000. Brian estimated that the reduction in carbon monoxide generated in a typical house could be reduce by 10,000 pounds annually.

For more information, please check the Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. website at: www.borregosolar.com.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

“THE WORLD’S MOST EFFECTIVE CHARITY...”

PDG Dave Williams shared a briefing on the Rotary Foundation. Dave noted that Rotary has nearly eradicated polio through the Foundation’s Polio Plus Program. He reminded members and guests during a brief presentation on April 15 that effective polio prevention can be attained for as little as \$140 per child. Dave calls the Rotary Foundation, “The world’s most effective charity!” He noted that Rotary hopes to soon have polio eradicated worldwide so focus can move on to other pressing issues.

PP Victoria Avery, nominee for Rotary Business Person of the Year, added to the discussion and I am sure Dave and Victoria will share more as time goes on. JH



The world’s most effective charity: Dave Williams discusses the Rotary Foundation (above). [Photo by Bill Kersten]

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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CLUB PROJECT NEWS

CAMP ROTARY

The April 22 meeting of The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo was held at Oso Lake, one of the six Boy Scouts of America, (BSA), Orange County Council’s properties. Mr. Marty Cutrone, Director of Camping for the BSA Orange County Council, informed members of the history and plans for the BSA property. He explained that the facility encompasses 115 acres within the boundaries of Rancho Santa Margarita and the City of Mission Viejo and is host to approximately 300 youth campers and supervisors each weekend. A key element to the BSA lease of the property is that it is to remain a youth group facility.

After his presentation, Mr. Cutrone led a walking tour of the property. Members were shown the three camps within the facility - **one being Camp Rotary, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo** - the main campfire center, the boat launching area, the archery and shooting range, and more.

For more information, please feel free to visit: www.ocbsa.org.



Camp Rotary (above): This 2005 photo is from the “Bill Kersten archives.”



Oso Lake (above): This lake, on the BSA property, is filled with bass, catfish, and bluegill. It is also home to numerous birds of prey.



Mr. Marty Cutrone (above): Director of Camping for the BSA Orange Co. Council, shares information.

RYLA NEWS

RYLA STUDENTS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES



Dave Rukstalis: [Photo by Bill Kersten]

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo provided funds for seven students from Mission Viejo High School to attend RYLA Camp in Idyllwild. This is the club's sixth consecutive year of participation in RYLA. This year's RYLA program, coordinated by **PP Dave Rukstalis**, was a huge success. Six of the seven students were able to attend the April 29 club meeting to briefly share their experiences. JB, Carina, Christine, Tuan, Alex, and Ryan each shared their favorite part of the experience. Following are some of the students' thoughts they will likely carry on in life thanks to The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo and RYLA:

JB - "I expanded my understanding and appreciation for team work."

Carina - "I grew in my ability to trust people that share my goals and values."

Christine - "I was able to put in place, and accept, the concept of helping one another."

Tuan - I was able to open up to new experiences - and enjoyed it."

Alex - "I discovered, or rediscovered, the importance of truly listening. Stories are motivating and compelling when you really listen."

Ryan - "I discovered the value of support. Tasks I completed at RYLA camp could not have been accomplished without the support of many new friends."



RYLA Participants: (Top left to right) Alex, JB, Ryan, Christine, Carina, and Tuan. [Photo by Bill Kersten]

WHITE ELEPHANT

- May 6 - Jim Hansen
- May 13 - Ed Heeren
- May 20 - Bill Kersten
- May 27 - Jim Leach
- June 3 - Dave Leckness
- June 10 - Dr. Tom MacKinnon
- June 17 - Jack McEwan
- June 24 - Bob McQueen



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)
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 (Ladona) Insurance Empl. Benefits
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 Optometrist
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 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

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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?