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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

OPERATION HOPE



Mr. Joel Williams: Mr. Williams explains about Operation Hope. [Photo by Bill Kersten]

Mr. Joel Williams, former Miami Dolphin and a program managers for Operation Hope, shared details of the Operation Hope programs at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo on Tuesday, May 6. Mr. Williams told the audience that Operation Hope is a rapidly expanding global program. Today they are active in Atlanta, Boston, New York City, Washington D.C., Baltimore, Dallas, Denver, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Orange County, San Francisco Bay area, Portland, Johannesburg, and Wellington.

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May

Upcoming District Events

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

Upcoming Club Events/Speaker

May 20 - Regular Meeting: Blind Children's Learning Center Update

May 27 - Regular Meeting: Honoring Past Club Members

June 3 - Regular Meeting; Topic TBA

June 5 - Board Meeting

June 10 - Regular Meeting; Topic TBA

June 14 - Regular Meeting; Topic TBA

July 4 - M.V. Street Fair

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The program is an educational program focuses on financial literacy. In partnership with the Banking on Our Future program, Operation Hope is funded by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Federal Reserve, the FDIC and over 400 banks, foundations, and financial institutions allowing them to provide the program to schools and community-based organizations for free. The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Board also reviewed financial support at their May 8 Board meeting and the incoming Board will make a final decision.

For more information, or to sign up to volunteer, contact: Joel Williams, Program Manager, Orange County Division, at (714) 250-4019 or by email at: Joel.Williams@operationhope.org. You may also wish to visit the Operation Hope website at: www.operationhope.org.

CLUB NEWS

THE MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was held on Thursday, May 1, 2008. The audience was entertained by a Mission Viejo High School student winner of the recent Rotary Singing Contest and impressed by the speaker. Below are some photos taken by **PP Bill Kersten**.



CLUB NEWS

**THE MISSION VIEJO
“GROUCHOS!”**

PP Norm Syler has been organizing the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo’s softball team, affectionately named “The Grouchos” by PP Colonel Steve Mugg. Norm tells us he has rented wheel chairs, knee braces, an extra large emergency kit, and even some Preparation-H. Below, you can see some photos of the lean, mean, fighting machine members. Norm assures us we will be in the race for the pennant. See you at the ball game!



Above Left - Norm “Stormin’ Norman” Syler signing autographs.

Above Right - Scott “Walk-off” Walker at bat.



Above: Jack “K-Jo” Jones preparing to “fire one in there!”

[Thanks to Jack Wallace for the photos. By the way, some photos may be mislabeled]

**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

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

Rotary Club of Mission Viejo

May 8, 2008 Board Meeting

Present: Nick Alpino, Dr. Pushpa Chandwani, Brian Skalsky, Bill Kersten, Gary Poertner, and Bob McQueen

Visitors: Norm Syler, George Cooper, and Jim Hansen

Meeting was called to order at 7 a.m.

Minutes of April, 2008 meeting were approved

President's Report

- President Alpino reviewed the ballot for President of Rotary International. The Board approved the mail in vote for one of the two candidates.
- A DVD sponsored by local law enforcement agencies was recommended for purchase to be distributed to local school PTSAs. The Board approved the purchase of ten DVDs. M/S/A

International Service – Dr. Pushpa Chandwani

- Dr. Chandwani briefly reviewed the current matching grant. More details will be available at the next Board meeting.

Treasurer – Bill Kersten

- Mr. Kersten reviewed the budget. He updated the Board on current income and expenditures. The treasury is in good standing to date.
- The treasurer's report was M/S/A

Secretary/Membership – Linda Blench

- NR

Club Service – Bill Greenfield Jr.

- NR

Community Service – Brian Skalsky

- Mr. Skalsky reported that the Club Fundraiser Poker Game will be held on Friday, May 9.

Vocational Service – Gary Poertner

- Mr. Poertner reported that the Rotary Singing Contest has concluded and that all four students sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo won awards and the contest was very successful.

Old Business

- Teacher Recognition Banquet for SVUSD will be held Friday, May 9, 2008. Five club members will attend. The Club donates to this event.
- Read-by-9 was discussed and will continue to be supported by the Board. Books and/or money may be delivered to Treasurer Bill Kersten at upcoming meetings.

New Business

- It was motioned that long-time Rotarian Norm Miller be approved as an Honorary Club Member. M/S/A
- Future teacher scholarship program was discussed. Noting that education is in a financial crisis at this time; the Board still felt it important to continue the program.
- Financial support for Oso Lake/Camp Rotary reviewed. Recommended that the 2008-09 Board review the request in July.
- Corazon House Build request reviewed. Motion to give \$300 was not seconded.
- Operation Hope request for funds reviewed. Motion did not carry.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.



CLUB NEWS

***NORM MILLER - NEWLY APPOINTED
HONORARY CLUB MEMBER***

By George Cooper

Photo by Bill Kersten

It is my pleasure to announce that long time Rotarian Norm Miller has been named as an Honorary member of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo!

Over some twenty years Norm has contributed greatly to the success of our club in all avenues of service which include:

- Co-Founder (1990's) of our Memorial Gardens including the planting of trees.
- Ambassadorial Scholarship Director with numerous scholarships awards to local students because of his fine efforts (1990-2004).
- Interact Club Charter Member and Supporter (1993).
- Supporter and committee member, (1994-95), of the establishment of the Veteran's Memorial located by the Senior Center in Mission Viejo (Veteran's way).

Norm has been less mobile and unable to attend meetings. He has kept in touch with our club's activities through the Spoke & Wheel (which he actually named for the club's bulletin

some eighteen years ago). Our editor has been kind enough to mail Norm each issue as Norm does not use a computer.

The Board of Directors of our club made Norm an Honorary Club Member at the regular Board Meeting on May 8.



CLUB NEWS

PROPOSITONS 98 AND 99

Guest speaker Larry Gilbert shared details, and his opinions, regarding two propositions on the upcoming election ballots. Mr. Gilbert is Orange County Chairperson for Proposition 98. He believes the propositions are fundamentally about property rights and he suggests all voters find out all the details before voting for, or against, the propositions.



CLUB NEWS

PP ROSS BOLING

It was great to see Mr. Boling at the past meeting after his recent surgery. Ross has been missed the last few meetings and he is in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.



COMMUNITY SERVICE***Blind Children's Learning Center***

By Jack Wallace

The photo, to the right, is of **Jack Wallace**, his daughter, (Colleen Reber), Tiffany and Ashley. The photo was taken at last year's 5K Walk fundraiser in support of the Blind Children's Learning Center (BCLC).

On May 20th, Linn Morgan will be our speaker. Linn is the Director of Community Relations for the BCLC and has spoken to our club for the past five years. In an ongoing commitment of support, The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has budgeted, and will be presenting, \$1,000 for the BCLC.

Jack's granddaughter, Ashley, (now age 8 and a 2nd Grade Honor Student at Arroyo/Lemon Heights Elementary School), attended the Blind Children's Learning Center for 2 1/2 years. She continues to receive support at her home school through cooperative efforts between the Tustin Unified School District and the BCLC.

By the way, Jack Wallace will again this year be the captain for the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo's walking team which will participate in the Annual 5K Walk fundraiser. The school is a 501(c) 3 IRS approved charity. 55% of the annual budget comes from the Orange County Department of Education and the balance comes from charitable contributions.

If you are interested in making a personal donation to this worthwhile program, please see Jack at the next meeting.



CLUB NEWS

**GAME UPDATE:
THE ROTARY CLUB OF M.V.
“GROUCHOS”**

By Norm Syler

As you know, the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has a new 18 member softball team with and a huge cheering section. **Jack Wallace** has agreed to manage the team and **Bob McQueen** and **Verl Nash** are the coaches. Our battery will be Jack Jones pitching and Bob Brown catching. Jack was, and still is, a stellar fast ball pitcher. The rest of the team members will play where needed - Victoria indicated she wanted to play somewhere she wouldn't fall down. Fortunately for us older players, Pushpa has signed to play and medically assist when needed.

Unfortunately, the field in Santa Margarita is not available on May 20. I'm arranging a new date and ball field, somewhere in Mission

Viejo, and will let you know all the details very soon. In the meantime, get in shape!

P.S. If you still want a Mission Viejo History Book, let me (Norm Syler) know.



Jack “K-Jo” Jones - maybe!

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

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James Hansen (Cathy)
 Education
PP Ed Heeren (Virginia)
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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?