



THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Blind Children's Learning Center

By Jack Wallace and Jim Hansen



Above: Linn Morgan receives a \$1,000 check from the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. The check was presented by President Nick Alpino.

On May 20th, Linn Morgan, Director of Community Relations for the Blind Children's Learning Center (BCLC), was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Ms. Morgan gave members and guests some details of the programs offered at the BCLC. Ms. Morgan told [See BCLC, Page 2]

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

Upcoming District Events

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

Upcoming Club Events

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 & Rotary Booth

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The Blind Children’s Learning Center

the audience that the BCLC has been in existence for forty-five years and she has been involved for the past thirty of those forty-five years. The goal of the Center is to provide a “natural environment” for the children. The school’s motto is: “Explain - Learn - Try.” The BCLC offers speech therapy, occupational therapy, mobility training, and much more. The Center is an IRS authorized charity and is greatly supported by donations.

Speaking of donations, **Jack Wallace** will again be the captain for the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo walking team which will participate in the Annual 5K Walk fundraiser, on June 7, for the BCLC. As you may know from recent articles, Jack’s granddaughter, Ashley, (now age 8 and a 2nd Grade Honor Student), attended the Blind Children’s Learning Center for two and a half years. She continues to receive support at her home school through cooperative efforts between the Tustin Unified School District and the BCLC. 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 note that donation checks may be given to **Bill Kersten** and he will forward them to Jack. Please see Jack’s handout from May 20 or contact Jack directly.

WHITE ELEPHANT

- June 3 - Dave Leckness
- June 10 - Dr. Tom MacKinnon
- June 17 - Bob McQueen
- June 24 - Steve Mugg
- July 1 - Rick Murray
- July 8 - Verl Nash
- July 15 - Dennis O’Connor
- July 22 - Gary Poertner
- July 29 - Dagmar Richter



CLUB NEWS

Rotary Memorial Garden

Photos by Bill Kersten

On May 27, the Rotary Club held the second half of their regular meeting at The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Memorial Rose Garden on the Oso Creek Trail. **President Nick Alpino** gave a brief talk listing the names of the diseased members. The group observed a moment of silence in remembrance and then shared motivating stories about the past members.

The Rotary Rose Garden is beautiful this time of year. The roses, and many other flowers in the area, are in full bloom. If you missed this meeting, think about taking the short walk to the Memorial Garden on your own. You can park in the Potocki parking lot, (the lot just before Newhart Middle School when driving up La Paz Road), and the garden is a short walk on the Oso Creek Trail.



CLUB NEWS

ROTARY FAMILY SUMMER OUTING!



A BOAT TRIP TO CATALINA

BRING THE FAMILY AND
JOIN FELLOW ROTARIANS
ON A FUN FILLED DAY IN
CATALINA.

WHEN:

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2008

DEPART:

11:55 AM (Be early as parking
is a challenge)

FROM:

DANA POINT, CA

TICKET PRICE:

\$56.00 Adults, \$52.00 Children

LEAVE CATALINA:

7:00 PM

RESERVATIONS:

Contact Ed Heeren
at 949-470-0842 or Ed at
edheeren@cox.net

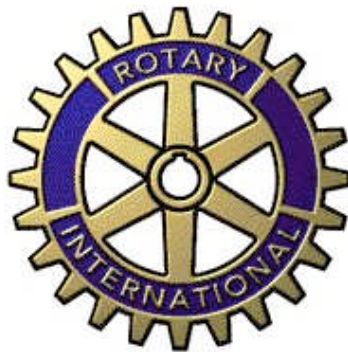
Please make your reservations
early; there only 40 reservations
available.

CLUB NEWS

Paul Harris Fellows

At the May 27 meeting, **PP Bill Kersten** briefly discussed the Club's Paul Harris goals and the existing point system. He noted that, thus far, the Club has donated approximately \$149,000 towards this program. He also noted that the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has been a 100% Paul Harris club and will likely again reach that goal before this fiscal year ends.

More to come . . .



CLUB NEWS

Rotary of M.V. Softball
“Grouchos” are ready to Play Ball!

By Norm Syler

It's official - the Mission Viejo Rotary Grouchos will play Palmia on Saturday, June 14 at 10 a.m. on Oso Field (adjacent to the Newhart Middle School).

We now have eleven players signed up to play and we definitely could use more to replace us older guys in case of muscle cramps or exhaustion.

More details to follow . . .



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

James Hansen (Cathy)
 Education
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 Aircraft Sales
PDG Jack H. Jones (Joanie)
 Aircraft Manufacturing Consultant
PP Bill Kersten (Carol)
 Computer Service
Carol Kersten (Bill)
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 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 Norm Miller (Pauline)
 Honorary Member
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)
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 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?