



THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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

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Vice President: Gary Poertner
Secretary: Linda Blench
Treasurer: Bill Kersten

Directors: Past President Jim Leach; Club Service: Bill Greenfield, Jr.; Community Service: Brian Skalsky; International Service: Dr. Pushpa Chandwani; Vocational Service: Gary Poertner; and Club Officers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Two “New” Vans for Esperanza



Proud owners of two “new” vans: Esperanza Special Education School principal, Ms. Starr Avedesian, poses with Rotary President Nick Alpino and five students from Esperanza in front of one of the two vans purchased with the profits from The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo’s Annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. [Photo by Bill Kersten]

This year’s Pancake Breakfast fundraiser was a huge success.
[See Vans, on page 2]

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

Upcoming District Events

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

Upcoming Club Events

*June 17, Regular Meeting -
Topic: “Canine Companions”
Volunteer Puppy Raiser Victoria
Marchica*

*June 24, Regular Meeting -
Topic: “A Trip Down Memory
Lane - Rotary Comes Knock-
ing” PP George Cooper*

*July 1, Regular Meeting -
Topic: TBA*

*July 4, M.V. Street Fair & Ro-
tary Booth*

July 8, NO MEETING - DE-

[Vans, from page 1]

Enough money was raised for the school/school district to purchase two nearly new vans. Each van has less than 10,000 miles on it. Principal Avedesian and a school staff member drove the vans by the June 3 meeting to show them off to club members. There was an open house - err - open vans for club members (see photos below by Bill Kersten). Ms. Avedesian offered a special thank you to Rotarians **Bob Duffy and PP Dennis O'Connor** for their parts in the success of the Rotary sponsored fundraiser.



CLUB NEWS - REMINDER

Demotion Dinner

By Scott Walker with photo by Bill Kersten

Please plan on joining us for a fun evening as we celebrate the past Rotary year under President Nick Alpino. Nick has announced he will be recognizing numerous club members and Paul Harris fellows. Dave Leckness will have the honor of being lead “roast master” for the evening.

The dinner will be held outside and features a BBQ buffet with salmon and chicken.

Date: Tuesday, July 8th

Time: 6:30 p.m. (No morning meeting that day)

Location: Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club, 26772 Avery Parkway, Mission Viejo

Directions: Avery exit off 5 Freeway, or take Marguerite Parkway south to Avery. Go east over the hill and you dead end at the golf club.

Cost: \$38 per person [RSVP at the Tuesday meeting or email to: scott@walkerfinancial.com]



CLUB NEWS - BOARD MINUTES

**The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo
Board Meeting
June 5, 2008
Minutes**



Opening: President Nick Alpino called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m.

Attendance: Members in attendance: Alpino, Chandwani, Blench, Poertner, and Kersten. Guests in attendance: Syler and Hansen

Opening Remarks: President Nick Alpino

- President Alpino recognized and thanked board members for their efforts this fiscal year.
- He reminded the board members that the Club would be recognizing members with twenty or more years membership in Rotary at an upcoming meeting.
- Alpino reminded members of the board that the Club (Nick and his wife) would be hosting a foreign exchange student from South Korea through the Rotary Student Exchange Program. Ki Han-Hee will arrive in August 2008 and will remain in the USA for 10-12 months. Club Counselor for Ki will be Dr. Pushpa Chandwani. Ki will be a student at Laguna Hills HS and will attend as many Rotary meetings as her schedule allows.

International Service: Dr. Pushpa Chandwani

Dr. Chandwani reported that India Water Project is still going through the approval process in India but will be starting soon. She will update as soon as work begins.

Treasurer's Report: PP Bill Kersten

- PP Bill Kersten reported in detail on the current budget status. Overall, the Club's income was approximately \$68,000 and overall expenditure was \$75,000. The \$7,000 over was taken from the passbook account that remains at approximately \$75,000
- Recent expenditures budgeted or expended included: (1) Esperanza Special Education School; (2) Student scholarships to MVHS, THHS, CVHS and Saddleback CC.

Membership/Secretary Report: Linda Blench

Secretary Blench reported membership status. She will turn over all records to PDG Dave Williams for July 1 when he takes over as secretary. Blench has perfect attendance ready for the next meeting and Gary Poertner will be taking care of that task.

Club Service: Bill Greenfield, Jr.

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Community Service: Brian Skalsky

- President Alpino reported that PP Dennis O'Connor is now working with Operation Hope and taught a class at Irvine Middle School. O'Connor also attended the last workability program at Camp Rotary/Oso Lake.
- Magnetic Rotary signs were donated to Esperanza School for use on the two new vans purchased with funds from the 22nd Annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the school.

Vocational Service: Gary Poertner

- Poertner reported that all of the activities have been completed for this fiscal year.

Old Business: April Minutes were M/S/A as amended

New Business: PP Norm Syler proposed a \$20 fee to all members. \$10 would go for shirts to be worn at Club work functions, (e.g., the Street Fair, Pancake Breakfast, etc.), and \$10 would go to the community/charities as part of the upcoming softball game fundraiser. The idea was tentatively approved pending notification and approval of Club members.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.



WHITE ELEPHANT

June 17 - Bob McQueen

June 24 - Steve Mugg

July 1 - Rick Murray

July 8 - No Meeting

July 15 - Verl Nash

July 22 - Dennis O'Connor

July 29 - Gary Poertner

Aug. 5 - Dagmar Richter

CLUB NEWS
REMINDER

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 edheeren@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

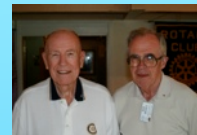
Lake Forest - Wednesdays, 12 p.m. at Baker's Square, 23515 El Toro Road

San Clemente - Thursdays, 12 p.m. at the San Clem. Inn, 2600 Ave.

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CLUB NEWS

“Thailand - The Land of Smiles”

PP Barry Brownell’s daughter, Janice, shared an informative and interesting talk on her recent trips to Thailand. Janice, a retiree, has lived in Germany for the past 40 years. She visited the USA to see family. She graciously took time to attend the June 10 meeting of The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo with her father, Barry.

Janice shared a Powerpoint “photo journal” of Thailand with details on food, life-style, climate, housing, restaurants, politics, transportation, religion, and more. The photos and the discussion provided excellent insight into life in Thailand.

Thank you Janice, and thank you Barry for suggesting the topic!



Happy Father’s Day!

Happy Father’s Day to all fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, and those who have, or had, a father.



SHARE ROTARY

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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?