



THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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 President-Elect: Scott Walker
 Secretary: Dave Williams
 Treasurer: Bill Kersten

Board Members: All club officers plus Nick Alpino, Past President; Brigitte Archer, Director of Club Service; Dagmar Richter, Director of Community Service; Dr. Pushpa Chandwani, Director of International Service; and Jim Hansen, Director of Vocational Service

RI and District Officers: D. K. Lee, RI President; Roger McGonegal, District 5320 Governor

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ROGER MCGONEGAL VISITS M.V.

Report and photo by Jim Hansen

On Tuesday, September 6, 2008, DG Roger McGonegal was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. DG McGonegal shared his goals for this Rotary year and his passion for Rotary and some of the successes achieved through RI.

DG McGonegal addressed numerous topics; e.g., literacy, Foundation support, simplified grants, Reading by 9, District Assembly, Rotarians-at-work-day, water crisis, Foundation Dinner, District Conference, Presidential Citations, and more. DG McGonegal is clearly passionate about Rotary and his enthusiasm is catching. He received a standing-ovation at the conclusion of his presentation. It is going to be another great year for Rotary District 5320 under Roger's leadership!



October is "Vocational Service" Month

Upcoming District Events...

Oct. 14 - President's Meeting at the Double Tree in Orange

Nov. 15 - Foundation Dinner

Upcoming Club Events...

Oct. 2 - Board Meeting; 7 a.m. Casta del Sol Golf Club.

Oct. 7 - Regular Meeting. Topic: Ocean Institute "Adopt-a-Class." Speaker: Carrie Gordon, Director of Community Outreach

Oct. 14 - Regular Meeting. Topic: "Laura's House - Mission and Services"

Nov. 4 - Regular Meeting. Topic: "Orange County Update and Fifth District Report." Speaker: County Supervisor Pat Bates

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE/CLUB NEWS - SPECIAL ARTICLE

The Door of Faith Orphanage Baja, Mexico



The Beginning of the Door of Faith “The Quail Hunter”

by PP George Cooper

The Door of Faith, and help for abandoned children of Baja, Mexico, began at a dude ranch. In the early 1950s, a dude ranch, called “The Quail Hunter,” was in its prime. The ranch was host to Clark Gable, John Wayne, Steve McQueen, and other well known members of the Hollywood scene. The guests came to hunt quail and enjoy the solitude of the beautiful valley in which the dude ranch was located. However, by the late 1950s the dude ranch was abandoned.

Two individuals, Curtis and Sylvia Freeze, had a strong desire to help orphaned or abandoned children in Baja, Mexico. After a lengthy search for an appropriate location, Curtis and Sylvia came upon the abandoned property and its owner. In 1959, with a new vision for the property, Curtis and Sylvia purchased the abandoned dude ranch from the Pasadena Gun Club for \$35. The Door of Faith Orphanage was established and Curtis’ and Sylvia’s strong desire to help abandoned children of Baja, Mexico, became a reality.

In 1981, the State of Baja, Mexico, took ownership of the property. However, the property was, and remains, rent free “as long as it is used for the well-being of Mexican children.” The orphanage houses over one hundred children and a full-time staff led by Director DJ Schuetze and his wife Lynette. Working with a variety of organizations and individuals; e.g., churches, Rotary Clubs, etc., the orphanage has been in existence and helping children for nearly fifty years.

One final note, supporting the Door of Faith has been an on-going international project for the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo for more than twenty years and I, for one, look forward to many more!

CLUB NEWS

O.C. Great Park

Report by Jim Hansen

Photo by PP Bill Kersten

At the September 23 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, members and guests were treated to a presentation by Sam Allevato, Public Information Officer for The Orange County Great Park. Mr. Allevato shared photos, history, and proposed time-line for progress on the Park.

Here are some interesting facts: 1) The Great Park encompasses 4,700 acres; 2) geographically, The Park is located nearly exactly in the center of O.C.; 3) 1,347 acres are publicly owned, 974 acres are federally owned, and 2,379 acres are privately owned land; 4) planned developments include a) sports and recreational facilities, b) cultural and social facilities, c) ecological, interpretive, and educational facilities, and d) operational facilities; and 5) UCI and CSUF have each been recruited to help research and develop plans for presenting the U.S. Military (Marines) history and positive influence in Orange County at the former El Toro U.S. Marine Corps Air Station. To that end, the Park plans include a military aircraft museum an will display aircraft and memorabilia from WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm, and Iraqi Freedom.



For more information, please visit: ocgp.org.

CLUB NEWS

Entertainment Books

Why pay full price for anything when you can SAVE BIG with the 2009 Entertainment® Book?

Don't forget to get your Entertainment Books - only \$35 - and enjoy numerous discounts throughout the county at fine eateries, entertainment activities, and more. See Rotarian Aaron Sako at your earliest convenience. Oh, and don't forget, you will be helping raise funds for the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo as well!

CLUB NEWS - (PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED)

CHARITY GARAGE SALE

Submitted by PP George Cooper

All proceeds to be donated to the many charities supported by the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo



**Saturday October 4, 2008 -Hours 7am-12noon
27195 Puerta Del Oro-Mission Viejo, CA 92691**

***Directions: Marguerite Pkwy to Pueblonuevo Dr. Left onto Macedo DR
Macedo Drive becomes Puerta Del Oro (27195)***

Programs supported include Esperanza School, Adopt-A-Social Worker, Blind Children Learning Center, Women Helping Women, YMCA, Christmas-Thanksgiving Relief, Door of Faith Orphanage, Walk Against Drugs, Future Teacher Scholarships, High School Scholarships, Model UN, Boy Scouts of America

**Many of the items on sale are new or hardly used
Please join us on that Saturday morning and as you help yourself to some good buys
you also help those in need.**

Thank You!

CLUB NEWS - RECOGNITION

Ross Boling “joins” Paul Harris Society



Through his commitment to help others through Rotary, **PP Ross Boling was awarded a Paul Harris Society plaque** at the September 16, 2008 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Paul Harris Society is reached by making a commitment to donate at least \$1,000 for the year to the Paul Harris Foundation.

PP Ross has held numerous club and district level positions in Rotary and is the current District 5320 secretary. PP Ross is a role-model for all Rotarians and his dedication to those in need is recognized and appreciated.

Congratulations Ross!

WHITE ELEPHANT

- Oct. 7 - Victoria Avery**
- Oct. 14 - Ross Boling**
- Oct. 21 - Bob Bridges**
- Oct. 28 - Bob Brown**
- Nov. 4 - P. Chandwani**
- Nov. 11 - George Cooper**
- Nov. 18 - Bill Craycraft**



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 - Wednesdays, 12 p.m. at Savannah Chop House, 32441 Golden Lantern

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

On-line make-ups

SPECIAL NOTE

CLUB WEBSITE

BE SURE TO REGULARLY VISIT THE ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO WEBSITE AT:

www.missionviejorotary.org

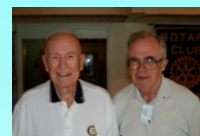
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CLUB NEWS

**MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO
September 11, 2008**

Board members present: Gary Poertner, President; Scott Walker, President-Elect; Nick Alpino, Immediate Past President; Dave Williams, Secretary; Dagmar Richter, Director of Community Service; Pushpa Chandwani, Director of International Service; Jim Hansen, Director of Vocational Service

Board Members Absent: Bill Kersten, Treasurer; Brigitte Archer, Director of Club Service

President Gary called the meeting to order at about 7:00 a.m.

1. **President's Report:** (a) President Gary noted that the main dining room was again unavailable for the Board meeting. (b) He was contacted by the Saddleback Foundation about our commitment of \$5,000 over a 3-year period towards a Veterans Memorial. Past President Nick confirmed that the club had made this commitment during the preceding Rotary Year. Nick suggested that we could use the *Community Poker Tournament* to raise the money to meet this commitment. Nick will look into it and report at the October Board meeting. (c) He reminded the Board of a 4:00 p.m. meeting on Monday, September 15th with Governor Roger McGonegal. He distributed a suggested list of presentation points within each Avenue of Service. Director Dagmar said that she could not attend, and President Gary said that he would give an account of Community Service. Director Brigitte will report on Club Service. Director Jim will handle Vocational Service. (He recommended that "*Teacher of the Year*" be added to the list.) Director Pushpa announced that she had arranged for Past President George Cooper to describe our efforts in International Service.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bill was on vacation so we did not have a Treasurer's Report.
3. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Dave reported that our Active Membership had dropped from 39 to 38 with the resignation of Barry Brownell. By improved tracking and reporting of make-ups (including participation in Rotary activities) our attendance percentage for August improved to 82% from 69% in July. Director Jim announced that he would report perfect attendance in August of 20 members in *The Spoke and Wheel* as an incentive to other members.
4. **Interact:** President Gary raised the question of club support for Interact Clubs during Rotary Year 2008-09. After some discussion, it was decided to focus on resurrecting *The Interact Club of Mission Viejo* before we look for additional clubs. Director Jim will work on securing a Faculty Advisor.
5. **Honoring Members:** President Gary asked if the Board wished to continue the Honorary Membership in the club of Carol Kersten, Norm Miller, and Krishna Mathur. The Board approved the continuance of this designation for these individuals during 2008-09. PDG Jack Jones suggested Honorary Membership for Barry Brownell as well. The Board approved this recommendation. Len Gribbons of the defunct Saddleback Valley club approached Membership Chair Jack Wallace about transferring his Honorary Membership in that club to ours. After discussion, the Board decided to table this motion pending additional information. (Director Brigitte might be able to advise the Board on this issue.)
6. **Youth Exchange:** Past President Nick reported that the Exchange Student from Korea had arrived and that our Exchange Student to Japan had departed. He had been told that the Korean sponsoring club would provide the Korean student with a blazer, club banners to present during visits, and Rotary pins to give to students. Unfortunately, this did not happen. Nick has secured a blazer. Secretary Dave said that he would contact the Rotary Club of Koreatown in District 5280 to see if they could help with the other items. Past President Nick will e-mail Secretary Dave with the name of her sponsoring club in Korea.
7. **International Service:** Director Pushpa brought a completed *Matching Grant* application for our Preventable Blindness project with District 3141 in India to the meeting. She said that she would give it to Governor McGonegal during his visit for approval. She announced that our *Matching Grant* for a Clean Water project in India has been fully funded and will be completed during this Rotary Year. Finally, she indicated that we have met our financial commitment to the District's Clean Water project in Myanmar.
8. **Other:** Director Dagmar offered her conference room as the meeting place for the next Board meeting on October 9, 2008, at 7:00 a.m. at IndymacBank (28311-B Marguerite Parkway, in Mission Viejo). The Bank is located near the intersection of Avery Parkway and Marguerite.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Williams, Secretary

CLUB NEWS - MEMBERSHIP

Welcome Ann Hagerty

Welcome to new member **Ann Hagerty**. Ann is a long-time member of Rotary, but new to the Mission Viejo Club. Ann is a past-president of the Rotary Club of Laguna Hills and is a Paul Harris Fellow +2. To her credit, Ann has attended five international Rotary conventions including: Los Angeles, Singapore, Brisbane, Salt Lake City, and Copenhagen.

Ann is a resident of Mission Viejo and has five grown children - four daughters and one son. In addition, she is a proud grandmother of ten grandchildren.

Welcome to The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, Ann!



CLUB NEWS - RECOGNITION

CONGRATULATIONS JEANNE WALLACE!



During the September 16 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, DG Roger McGonegal presented **Jeanne Wallace** a Paul Harris Fellowship Award. With Jeanne during the presentation was her husband and Rotary Club of Mission Viejo **Membership Chairman Jack Wallace**. Jack and Jeanne are wonderful assets to the Mission Viejo club and members and guests were excited to celebrate Jeanne's recognition.

Again, congratulations Jeanne (and Jack)!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 4 - Rotary of Mission Viejo Garage Sale. (See PP Norm Syler or PP Bill Kersten for details).

October 18 - Walk-Against-Drugs and Hot Dog Feed sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Show up at 7:30 a.m. between Newhart Middle School and the Mission Viejo Community/Senior Center and look for your fellow Rotarians. (See PP Rick Murray for details).

November 15 - Foundation Dinner . . . don't miss it! (See President Gary Poertner for details).



SPECIAL NOTE

ROTARIANS AROUND THE “TOWN”

If you have had a great vacation weekend, discovered a new quiet retreat, added a new member to your family, etc., The Spoke & Wheel would like to publish a brief article to help our Rotary family share in successes and good news. Please send your articles, (a draft is fine), and photos to: jhansen4@cox.net. The bulletin staff will do the rest! **Viewing the photos below, can you identify the three different locations in which these photographs were taken?** Email your answers to: jhansen4@cox.net. Hint: two of the photos were taken in Southern California and one Europe.



MEMBERS

SHARE ROTARY

PP Nicholas Alpino
(Charlenne) Group Travel

PP Brigitte Archer
Mortgage Broker

PP Victoria Avery (Dan)
General Insurance

PP Robert Blohm
Senior Active Agriculture

PP Ross Boling (Janet)
Medical Sales

Robert Bridges (Betty)
Robotics Engineer

Robert Brown (Joanne)
Investments

PP Barry Brownell (Ety)
Honorary Member

Dr. Pushpa Chandwani
(Nanik) Medical Doctor

PP George Cooper (Margaret)
Adhesive Distributer

PP William Craycraft
Sales/Marketing

Robert J. Duffy (Moraima)
Financial Advisor

Dr. Steven Fish (Sue)
School Dist. Superintendent

PP Dr. Richard Frieder
(Susan) Optometrist

Bill Greenfield Sr. (Sandra)
International Operations

Ann Hagerty
Research Writer

James Hansen (Cathy)
Educator

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

Don Lewellen
Certified Public Accountant

PP Col. (Ret.) Krishna Mathur
(Pravena) Honorary Member

PP Dr. Tom MacKinnon
(Jeannine) Dentist

John McEwan
Code Enforcement

PP Bob McQueen (Mary Jo)
School Administrator

BRING A GUEST

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

Gary Poertner (Adair)
Community College Administrator

Dagmar Richter
Banking, Branch Manger

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(Ladona) Insurance Empl. Benefits

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Optometrist

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?