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President: Gary Poertner
 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

THE OCEAN INSTITUTE AT DANA POINT HARBOR

Report by Jim Hansen

Photo by Bill Kersten

On Tuesday, October 7, 2008, Lara Hughes, from the Ocean Institute, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Mrs. Hughes shared information about the Ocean Institute in Dana Point Harbor and specifically the Adopt-A-Class Program.



Mrs. Hughes is the director of the Adopt-A-Class Program at the site. The program, funded by grants and donations, affords the opportunity to send elementary age school children to the Ocean Institute to participate in the hands-on learning experiences. In addition to the land-based Ecology Learning Center, students may have the opportunity to experience the research vessel, *Sea Explorer*; the tall ship, *Pilgrim*; or the 118' sailing schooner, *Spirit of Dana Point*.

The Ocean Institute, opened in 1977, is a non-profit education center located in Dana Point Harbor. It is open Monday through Friday for students and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays for the general public. For a minimal \$2 fee, members of the public may take a behind the scenes tour of the Ocean Institute on Thursdays and Fridays at 3 p.m.

The program presented by Mrs. Hughes was well done and well received. For more information, please feel free to visit the Ocean Institute website at: www.ocean-institute.org.

October is "Vocational Service" Month

Upcoming District Events...

Nov. 15 - Foundation Dinner

Upcoming Club Events...

Oct. 21 - Regular Meeting. Topic: TBA

Oct. 28 - Regular Meeting. Topic: TBA

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

Nov. 11 - Regular Meeting. Topic: TBA

Nov. 13 - Board Meeting. 7 a.m.

CLUB NEWS

Violence Against Women

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo’s guest speaker on September 30, 2008 was author and speaker John Chaffetz. His topic was: “Violence Against Women.”

Mr. Chaffetz spent a passionate thirty minutes sharing some of his research, findings, and concerns regarding violence against women. He stated that his research verified staggering statistics regarding sex offenders and rape within every community in the United States. He Emphasized that every woman is a potential victim and women should always be aware of their surroundings and environment. He offered to speak to any group - large or small - and can be reached at: 949-487-2790 or by email at: JChaffetz@aol.com.



CLUB NEWS

Rotarians Around the “Town”

The Glu Guru gets a new home!



PP George and Margaret Cooper were recently in Chicago to witness, first hand, the progress on the new building in which On-Hand Adhesives, Inc. will be located. The new location for the company is in Lake Zurich, Illinois. PP George

founded the company in 1974. Currently, George’s and Margaret’s son, Michael, is the Chief Operating Officer and handles the day-to-day operations.

The photos, attached, shows the progress being made on the new 20,000 square feet building which will include warehouse space and offices. The company markets adhesives nationwide through a sales force and the Internet and George remains active as the company’s Chairman of the Board and as the company’s webmaster: www.GluGuru.com.

Congratulations George and Margaret - and thank you for sharing with your Rotary family!



CLUB NEWS

*Garage
sale raises
funds for
Rotary
projects!*

A garage sale at the home of **Bill and Carol Kersten** raised \$900 for numerous Rotary Club of Mission Viejo projects. Many Rotarians donated items and several worked the sale - including: **Bob McQueen, Carol and Bill Kersten, and Luella and Norm Syler**. The Club is extremely thankful for each volunteer and donation. Thank you Bill and Carol - and others.



CLUB NEWS - MEMBERSHIP

Welcome Jacquelynn Hanson

Welcome to new member **Jacquelynn Hanson**. Jacquelynn is a long-time member of Rotary, but new to the Mission Viejo Club. She is transferring to the Mission Viejo Rotary from the former Saddleback Rotary Club.

Brigitte Archer is Jacquelynn's Rotary sponsor and Jack Wallace welcomed her and gave her a new pin to wear proudly.

Welcome to The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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).

CLUB NEWS

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER!

Submitted by: PDG Dave Williams, Club Secretary

Congratulation to the following Rotarians for achieving perfect attendance for the month of September, 2008:

Nick Alpino

Bob Blohm

Ross Boling

Bob Bridges

Dr. Pushpa Chandwani

Bill Greenfield, Sr.

Ann Hagerty

Jim Hansen

Ed Heeren

Jack Jones

Bill Kersten

John McEwan

Bob McQueen

Rick Murray

Verl Nash

Dennis O'Connor

Gary Poertner

Dagmar Richter

Norm Syler

Scott Walker

Jack Wallace

Dave Williams



WHITE ELEPHANT

- Oct. 21 - Bob Bridges**
- Oct. 28 - Bob Brown**
- Nov. 4 - P. Chandwani**
- Nov. 11 - George Cooper**
- Nov. 18 - Bill Craycraft**
- Nov. 25 - Robert Duffy**
- Dec. 2 - Steve Fish**



Make-up Area Clubs

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

<http://www.recswusa.org/info/f/31>

SPECIAL NOTE

CLUB WEBSITE

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

www.missionviejorotary.org

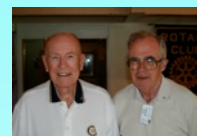
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CLUB NEWS

**MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO
October 2, 2008**

In attendance: Gary Poertner, President; Scott Walker, President-Elect; Nick Alpino, Immediate Past President; Bill Kersten, Treasurer; Dave Williams, Secretary; Brigitte Archer, Director of Club Service; Dagmar Richter, Director of Community Service; Jim Hansen, Director of Vocational Service; Norm Syler, Past President

Board Members Absent: Pushpa Chandwani, Director of International Service

President Gary called the meeting to order at about 7:00 a.m. The Board met in the Conference Room of Indymac Bank in Mission Viejo.

1. Minutes Approved: The Board approved the Minutes of the September Board meeting.
2. President's Report: (a) President Gary asked about the club Holiday Party, scheduled for December 21st. Past President Rick Frieder offered to host the event in his home in Cota de Casa. After discussion, the Board decided to charge members \$35 each for the catered event. We will request everyone to bring their own beverages and the amount collected from members to pay for breakfast for the regular meeting on December 23rd can be used towards the party. Treasurer Bill will talk with Social Committee Chair Ed Herren about the anticipated cost. The Board expressed its intention that the event be "break-even" from the standpoint of club expenses. (b) The Board voted to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting on December 21st in favor of the club Holiday Party on December 23rd, and to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting on December 30th in deference to the holiday season.
3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill noted that many budgeted expenses have not as yet hit to club's balance sheet. Our income to-date amounts to \$19,968.05 against expenses of \$14,775.65.
4. Secretary's Report: Secretary Dave reported that our Active Membership increased from 38 to 39 members with the addition of Ann Hagerty to our rolls. Jacquelynn Hanson has also been approved for membership and should be added in the near future. Our attendance percentage for September dropped from 82% in August to 76%. Twenty-two members had perfect attendance with make-ups.
5. Club D&O Insurance: President Gary announced that the RI was surveying clubs in North America to determine if they might be interested in group D&O (Directors and Officers) insurance. Our club already pays for mandatory insurance covering the club against liability claims. After discussion, it was decided to reply in the affirmative. It does not commit our club to participate in any policy that is developed by RI. It will provide an opportunity to re-view any policy that might be offered.
6. Honorary Memberships: Secretary Dave reported that he had entered Honorary Memberships for Carol Kersten, Norm Miller, Krishna Mathur, and Barry Brownell into the RI data base. The club deferred acting on a request to make Len Gribbons of the defunct Rotary Club of Saddleback Valley an Honorary Member until it could obtain more information than it had during the September meeting. Director Brigitte reported that Mr. Gribbons had assisted his former club in projects for students with learning disabilities. He is a substitute teacher who specializes in teaching these students. He works most weekdays and cannot attend meetings. Director Brigitte will ask Membership Chair Jack Wallace to ask Mr. Gribbons about assisting us with our work with the Esperanza School.
7. District Simplified Grant for Reading by 9: President Gary stated that he had been informed by the District Chair that our application to purchase books for the Reading by 9 program would not be funded. Secretary Dave offered to follow up to see if he could resolve the issues.
8. Fundraising: Director Brigitte stated that she was having difficulty chairing this project for the club, serving as Director, and dealing with the effects of the economic downturn in her business. Past President Norm offered to oversee the Fundraising Committee for her and keep her informed of its progress.
9. Esperanza Pancake Breakfast: President Gary stated that no one had offered to chair this project during Rotary Year 2008-09. Past President Nick indicated that he would help with the leadership and with putting together the committee.
10. Interact: Director Jim reported that the Interact Club had participated in the Club Rush at Mission Viejo High School last Thursday and that we now have a nucleus of potential members for the club. Mark Sabes, Social Studies Teacher, has volunteered to serve as advisor to the club.
11. Other: (a) Treasurer Bill reminded everyone of the Club Garage Sale at his house on Saturday. (b) Director Dagmar again offered her conference room as the meeting place for the next Board meeting on November 13, 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 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

David C. Williams, Secretary

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

Jacquelynn Hanson
 Author

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

PP Dave Rukstalis CLU/ChFC
 (Ladona) Insurance Empl. Benefits

Dr. Aaron Sako (Mako)
 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?