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 Meeting Days: Tuesdays
 Meeting Times: 7:05 a.m. to 8:30 a.m

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

HAN HEE KI OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM SOUTH KOREA

Report by Jim Hansen

Photo by Bill Kersten



The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo is the proud sponsor of an international foreign exchange student from South Korea - Ms. Han Hee Ki. Han Hee is in the United States for the 2008-09 school year and is enrolled as a senior at Laguna Hills High School. Han Hee is learning English with the help of the staff at Laguna Hills High School, her host family (Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alpino), her Rotary counselor (Dr. Pushpa Chandwani), and her newly acquired friends from Rotary, school, and the community.

PP Nick Alpino gave a brief update to the Club at the regular meeting on November 11. His report informed us that Han Hee is doing well in school, making many new friends, and participating in as many Rotary

activities as her busy schedule allows.

As Club members we are all her sponsors; so, we could not be more proud of her hard work, eagerness to learn, and willingness to help in the community. Thank you PP Nick for making this project successful for Han Hee and the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo.

November is "Rotary Foundation" Month

Upcoming District Events...

Nov. 15 - Foundation Dinner

Upcoming Club Events...

Nov. 18 - Regular meeting Topic: "The Door of Faith" - D.J

Nov. 25 - Regular Meeting Topic: "South County Social Services"

Dec. 12 - Regular Meeting Topic: "O.C. Sheriff's Dept." - Sandra Hutchins, O. C. Sheriff

Dec. 21 - Holiday Party

Dec. 23 - NO Mtg.

Dec. 30 - NO Mtg.

Jan. 6 - Regular Meeting Topic: "TBA"

CLUB NEWS

O. C. Supervisor Patricia Bates visits Mission Viejo Rotary

Report by Jim Hansen

Photo by Bill Kersten



Photo:

O. C. Supervisor Patricia Bates speaks to the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo.

Vice Chair Patricia C. Bates, Supervisor Fifth District, spoke at the November 4 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Supervisor Bates discussed the state of the county; political issues; budgets; planned improvements (e.g., roads, parks, etc.); ballot measures, O. C. Sheriff, Jail and Sheriff's Office updates, and more.

Supervisor Bates shared a wealth of information covering many interesting topics. For more information about Supervisor Bates or Orange County, go to: <http://egov.ocgov.com/portal/site/ocgov> and click on "Board Supervisors."

CLUB NEWS

HOLOCAUST: REFLECTIONS OF A SURVIVOR

Report by Jim Hansen

Photo by Bill Kersten



On Tuesday, November 11, 2008, Veterans’ Day, Dr. Tony Chari, (in the photo above), spoke to the members and guests of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Dr. Chari, a retired dentist now living in Laguna Beach, moved to the U. S. in 1951 and served in the U. S. Air Force before settling in Southern California in 1963.

Dr. Chari Grew up in Poland in the late 1930s. He spent the early 1940s, beginning at age 16, in Nazi concentration camps in Poland and Germany. He told the audience that he spend many hours carrying bodies to mass graves within various camps in which he was held.

Dr. Chari told the audience of his personal family story as well. He lives with the memory of his father being executed, his mother dying in Warsaw, his grandparents in concentration camps, etc. He said he considers himself extremely lucky to have survived.

A day he remembers very well is the day, (April 14, 1945), British troops and the International Red Cross liberated the concentration camp where he was being held. His personal reflections and stories were moving and a great reminder of why we celebrate Veteran’s Day in the United States of America!

CLUB NEWS

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER!

Submitted by: PDG Dave Williams, Club Secretary

Congratulation to the following Rotarians for achieving perfect attendance: Nick Alpino, Bob Blohm, Ross Boling, Bob Bridges, Dr. Pushpa Chandwani, Bill Greenfield, Sr. , Jim Hansen, Jacki Hanson, Jack Jones, Bill Kersten, Jim Leach, Dave Leckness, Dr. Tom MacKinnon, Bob McQueen, Verl Nash, Dennis O'Connor, Gary Poertner, Dagmar Richter, Dr. Aaron Sako, Norm Syler, Scott Walker, Jack Wallace, and Dave Williams.



WHITE ELEPHANT

- Nov. 18 - Bill Craycraft
- Nov. 25 - Robert Duffy
- Dec. 2 - Steve Fish
- Dec. 9 - Richard Frieder
- Dec. 16 - Bill Greenfield
- Dec. 23 - NO Meeting
- Dec. 30 - NO Meeting



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

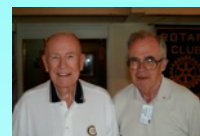
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CLUB NEWS

**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 review 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
(Charlene) 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)
Education

Jacquelyn 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

Richard I. Williams (Brenda)
Engineer

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?