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

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

THE DOOR OF FAITH ORPHANAGE BAJA, MEXICO

Report and Photos by Jim Hansen



On Saturday, December 6, the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo made an annual visit to The Door of Faith Orphanage in Baja, Mexico. **Dr. Richard Frieder, Dr. Aaron Sako**, optometry students from Southern California School of Optometry and Rotary volunteers provided eye exams and prescriptions for approximately 114 of the orphaned children calling The Door of Faith Orphanage "Home." Thanks to Dr. Frieder, **La Paz Optometry** is taking those prescriptions and providing new

glasses for the 25 children needing corrective lens.

In addition to the annual eye exams, the Club brings Santa, (**Bill Greenfield, Jr.**), and a Christmas gifts for the children. You should have seen the children's eyes and heard them chanting, "Here comes Santa, here comes Santa..."

This project certainly helps bring the joy of the Holiday season to givers and recipients alike! *[continued on page 2]*

December is "Rotary Family" Month

Upcoming District Events...

Jan. 13 - Presidents' Meeting

Upcoming Club Events...

Dec. 16 - MVHS Choir group, John Elg, Vocal Music Director

Dec. 21 - Club Holiday Party

Dec. 23 - NO Mtg.

Dec. 30 - NO Mtg.

April 26 - Rotary sponsored Annual Esperanza Special Education Pancake Breakfast Fund-raiser (Tentative date)

Door of Faith [continued from page 1]

Mission Viejo Rotary sends a special thank you to Rotarians **Dr. Richard Frieder and his lovely wife, Dr. Aaron Sako, Dr. Pushpa Chandwani, Bill Greenfield, Jr. and his lovely wife, Scott Walker and his lovely wife, Norm Syler, Jack Jones, Jim Hansen** and numerous volunteers.

D. J. and Lynette are wonderful hosts. Thank you both!



CLUB NEWS

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER!

Submitted by: PDG Dave Williams, Club Secretary

Congratulation to the following Rotarians for achieving perfect attendance during November:

Nick Alpino, Bob Blohm, Ross Boling, Bob Bridges, Dr. Pushpa Chandwani, Bill Greenfield, Sr., 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.



CLUB NEWS***Rotary of Mission Viejo and Saddleback Valley YMCA******Submitted by Bob Duffy***

The annual "Caring and Caroling" event at the Saddleback Valley YMCA was held on Friday, December 12, 2008. The evening included: dinner and crafts, dessert and caroling and a visit from Santa.

For many years, Mission Viejo Rotary Club has supported the YMCA in this event by providing gift cards which are combined with other donations and discreetly given, by Santa Claus, to families in need of assistance during the holidays. This year, our club is providing eight \$25 Vons/Pavillions gift cards (\$200 total) to support several families in need here in our community which the SV YMCA has identified. For your information, I am providing below a summary of the situations that these families are facing. Please take a minute to read through these details - it will make us appreciate that with which we have been blessed in our lives, as well as to feel good in knowing that our Club is helping these families in some way at this time of year. In consultation with the SV YMCA, it was decided to provide for groceries as the need this year is more basic than purely toys/gifts. [Note: It is important that the family names are kept confidential, therefore names have been removed.]

Summary of Sample Families Supported:

Family #1

Family of 4 - 100% Scholarship Assistance

1 Boy – 3 years old, 1 Infant Girl – 3 months

Father has been out of work since March. Complications with baby after she was born causing stress on family. They have lost a baby in the past. Mother was wanting to start working out to relieve stress.

Family #2

Family of 5

4 yr old Boy, 10 yr old Boy, 11 yr old Boy

Facility members and participate in sports. Have a very low income but want to continue to go to the YMCA.

They are on 50% assistance.

Family #3

Family - Twin 6yr olds (1 boy, 1 girl) , 11 year old boy

Mother is disabled, joined to use pool during summer to build upper body strength before having a surgery. Continue to participate in YMCA programs at the branch. They are on 50% assistance.

Family #4

Family of 4

8 year old boy, 7 year old girl

Have been members for years and recently have suffered financial hardship due to loss of job.

Family #5

[Local School] Childcare site

Mother and 9 year old daughter

Was recently homeless but is now living in a home and working full time trying to get back on her feet.

Family #6

One child at [Local School] Afterschool and one child at [Local School] Childcare

Mother is a victim of domestic violence and recently left her husband. He shut off all the utilities and left her with nothing. Father was recently arrested for abuse and is in jail.

Family #7

3 kids enrolled in Afterschool care

Mother is victim of domestic violence and recently left her husband and is currently living with friends.

Also, traditionally our Club has had a number of members attend this event for visibility and moral support of this effort (and it is also a fun night which can help get us in the spirit of the season)! I hope to see many of you there!

Season's Greeting, Bob Duffy

CLUB NEWS

Holiday Party at the Frieder Residence!

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Annual Holiday Party is just around the corner. If you have not signed up, call Richard Frieder today - you do not want to miss this. Here are some of the specifics:

START TIME: *Party begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends when Aaron Sako finally goes home.*

COST: *Party-goers will be billed \$50.00 and members will be given a credit of \$20.00 for the two morning meetings we will be dark.*

GIFT EXCHANGE: *Please plan to participate in the gift exchange - bring a \$20 gift to exchange. This event is a lot of fun.*

DINNER: *Dinner will be served and guest will have a choice between Salmon and Filet Mignon.*

BEVERAGES: *A martini bar, beer and wine will be provided!*

DIRECTIONS:

- **Oso Parkway exit from 5 Freeway;** *(turn left from the north, right from the south);*
- **Follow Oso Parkway to the end;**
- **Left on Coto de Caza Drive** *and continue to guard gate;*
[Inform the guard, "I am attending a Rotary meeting at the Frieder residence"]
- **Drive through guard gate and take the first left on Summit Accent;**
- **Turn right on Panorama,** *at the top of the hill;*
- **Drive one and one-half miles to: 10 Panorama.**

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Frieder

10 Panorama

Coto de Caza, CA

949.459.7579

CLUB NEWS

New member Jacki Hanson gives interesting craft talk

On Tuesday, December 9, 2008, Jacki Hanson shared some of her experiences through an interesting craft talk. Jacki told the audience that she graduated from the Stanford University Nursing Program in 1956 and has been involved in health care ever since. She began her career as a nurse in the Sacramento area, changed paths slightly and became a public health nurse in San Joaquin County, and in 1982 became active in the Nursing in Foreign Countries Program. Jacki has remained active in a clinic in Mexico and just completed her 25th year - and counting.

In addition to her recent work in Mexico, Jacki is a participant in a local D-MAT, (Disaster Medical Assistance Team). She recently missed a couple of meetings because she was working at a local disaster center in Southern California during the recent wild fires.

In her free time, Jacki is a published author. She has written books of her family's history. Although fictionalized, she used research of her family and the era to use historically correct facts throughout her stories. She has one more book coming out soon.

Jacki leads a very interesting life and her craft talk matched her life.



WHITE ELEPHANT

**Dec. 16 - Bill Greenfield, Sr.
Dec. 23 - NO Meeting
Dec. 30 - NO Meeting
Jan. 6 - Ann Hagerty
Jan. 13 - Jim Hansen
Jan. 20 - Jacquelyn Hanson**



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 visit the Rotary
Club of Mission Viejo
Website at:***

www.missionviejorotary

***For Club information,
you may use the follow-
ing passwords:***

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Password = MVR

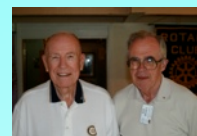


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CLUB NEWS**MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO
November 13, 2008**

In attendance:

Gary Poertner, President
Scott Walker, President-Elect
Nick Alpino, Immediate Past President
Bill Kersten, Treasurer
Dave Williams, Secretary
Pushpa Chandwani, Director of International Service
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: NONE

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 October Board meeting.
2. **President's Report:** (a) President Gary expressed his concern that the club may have to make budget adjustments to its planned projects after the first of the year unless fundraising improves. (b) President Gary and President-Elect Scott attended the District Presidents Meeting on November 12, 2008, at which the Future Vision Plan (FVP) of The Rotary Foundation was discussed. The District will most likely decide (by 2/3rds vote of the clubs) during the spring of 2009 if it wishes to be a pilot District in the implementation of the FVP.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bill distributed a Financial Report showing income to-date of \$28,408.21, and expenses to-date of \$22,012.53 (after correcting for our recent submission to The Rotary Foundation). Because of cash flow considerations during the Rotary Year, he agreed with President Gary to provide expense and income comparisons to budget, instead of simply actual figures. Our submission to The Rotary Foundation at the Paul Harris Dinner on November 15, 2008, will total \$3,620. We gave members full credit in Drawing Tickets at this event for their Foundation donations with monthly billings (at \$250 for a book of 15, or \$10 each ticket). Bill also announced that he had mailed 14 boxes of supplies to the troops overseas from our club on November 12, 2008.
4. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Dave reported that our Active Membership stayed at 39 members, with the addition of Jacki Hanson and resignation of Ed Heeren. The anticipated installation of Robert Williams on November 18, 2008, will bring our active membership back to 40. Our attendance percentage for October improved to 81% from 76% in September. Twenty-five members had perfect attendance with make-ups. Our progress can be attributed to enhanced reporting of make-ups, especially for the *Walk Against Drugs* in October. (Continued on page 7)

5. **Honorary Membership:** President Gary noted that Len Gribbons of the defunct Rotary Club of Saddleback Valley was expected to attend this meeting to ask for Honorary Membership. The Board elected to table his request until it could determine if he could assist the club in its support of children with learning disabilities at the Esperanza School.
6. **District Simplified Grant for *Reading by 9*:** Secretary Dave reported that he had researched and submitted a request for a District Simplified Grant (DSG) to purchase 590 new books for the libraries of the Glen Yermo and Cordillera Elementary Schools. The schools are in Mission Viejo and were selected by the Saddleback USD. If approved, the total cost to the club will be \$630.90. We will take possession of the books and formally present them to each school. Acceptance of our application was held up because we had not submitted a Final Report for last year's DSG at the Pio Pico School (to purchase head phones for computerized learning). This oversight prevented the District from obtaining Rotary Foundation funding for any of its 2008-09 DSG projects. Director Pushpa and Dave visited the Pio Pico School, expedited the ordering of the headphones, took pictures, and submitted the Final Report of the project.
7. **Fundraising:** Director Brigitte said that she would look into the possibility of selling earthquake preparedness supplies as a fundraiser. Past President Norm presented a proposal for an dinner during April at the Norman P. Murray Community Center. Its success would be based upon anticipated sponsorship by local businesses. After discussion, Norm said that he would sound out Chamber President Dennis O'Connor and Cox Communications Vice President Jim Leach about this opportunity. President-Elect Scott suggested that we might sponsor a *Cash Bash* Fundraiser, perhaps in conjunction with the April event. Past President Nick discussed the possibility of a Rotary night at Los Alamitos Racetrack. We would need to charge at least \$100 per ticket, and the question is whether or not we could sell them in today's economy. Nick will also continue to investigate the possibility of a Poker Tournament Fundraiser.
8. **4th of July Street Fair:** Treasurer Bill indicated that we have already paid the entrance fee to participate in this event. We have discussed doing so on a less intensive basis than in past years.
9. **Esperanza Pancake Breakfast:** We will check to see if Len Gribbons might agree to chair this event.
10. **International Service:** Director Pushpa announced that the groundbreaking ceremony for our Matching Grant (MG) Water Project has been scheduled (after the Monsoons in India). This has already been funded. We are awaiting word on our application for a MG for a cataract surgery project, also in India. If approved, we will need to contribute \$2,500 to it.
11. **Other:** The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2008, at 7:00 a.m. at Indymac Bank.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 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)
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?