



THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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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

LAWS AFFECTING CALIFORNIA BUSINESS

*Report by Jim Hansen
 Photo by Bill Kersten*

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo welcomed guest speaker Rae Shirer. Ms. Shirer is a local attorney, and Rotarian, who provides services to small and growing businesses. Her topic was: "2009 Laws Affecting California Business and Employment."

Ms. Shirer provided a handout with her presentation and she covered numerous topics. Topics included: passport cards; New I-9; E-Verify system; new EDD Form D-34; temporary employees; minimum pay; AB 2075; family and medical leave; workers comp; Proposition 8; SB 28; GPS device placement; and much more.



If you would like to know more about the Law Office of Rae Shirer, feel free to go to: www.shirer-for-biz.com.

March is "Rotary Literacy Month"

Upcoming District Events...

www.rotary5320.org

- March 10 - Area Speech Contest
- March 10 - Presidents' Meeting
- March 14-15 - District Singing Contest
- Mar. 26-29 - District Conference
- April 4 - District Assembly
- April 17 - Rotary Business Person of the Year Luncheon
- April 25 - Rotarians at Work Day

Upcoming Club Events...

www.missionviejorotary.org

- Mar. 3 - Auction item review for May 17 Gala
- March 10 - Area Speech Contest
- March 14-15 - District Singing Contest
- Sunday, April 26 - Esperanza Special Education School Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.
- Sunday, May 17 - MV Rotary Wine and Music Gala

Note: For more details, please visit the respective website listed above.

For the 21st year the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo is sponsoring the Annual Esperanza Special Education School Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.

Last year's goal of \$15,000 was met!



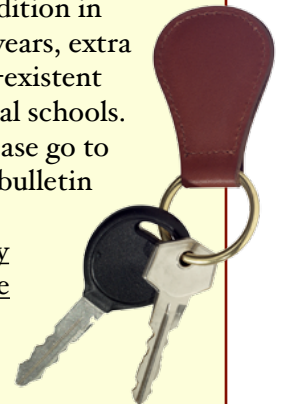
Last year's Fundraising Thermometer, pictured above, hit the \$15,000 mark. Last year's coordinator, **Bob Duffy**, and **PP Dennis O'Connor** are pictured with Principal Starr

Avedesian holding the fund thermometer. Bob will be difficult to follow; but Dennis and Jim Hansen hope to keep the heat on and the temperature high.

\$18,000 Fundraising Goal

The goal this year is set at \$18,000. **The money is needed to purchase a new/newer van** to transport the special needs students from Esperanza Special Education School to community venues. The school's staff has a desire to expand the students' CBI (Community Based Instruction) to further prepare the students for work and living on their own.

With the State budget in the worst condition in the past fifty years, extra funds are non-existent within our local schools. If you can, please go to page 3 of this bulletin and pledge a donation. Any amount will be greatly appreciated!



**Rotary Club of Mission Viejo
Esperanza Special Education School
Annual Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, April 26, 2009**

Become a Sponsor! Any amount is appreciated!

Platinum - \$5,000

- School/Community partner for the year!
- Special recognition at Board meeting
- A generous supply of commemorative t-shirts
- Includes all Gold Level amenities plus ten extra tickets

Gold - \$1,000

- Sponsor acknowledged on school and Rotary websites
 - Sponsor listed in press releases
 - Sponsor logo on commemorative t-shirts
 - Sponsor logo on promotional flyers
- Sponsor logo on banner at Special Olympics®
 - Sponsor logo on banner at breakfast
- Sponsor thanked at breakfast during special presentation
 - Ten tickets to the event

Silver - \$500

- Sponsor logo on banner at Special Olympics
 - Sponsor logo
- Sponsor thanked at breakfast during special presentation
 - Sponsor logo on commemorative t-shirts
 - Sponsor logo on promotional flyer
 - Five tickets to the event

Bronze - \$250

- Sponsor logo on commemorative t-shirts
 - Sponsor logo on promotional flyers
 - Two tickets to the event

Other - Any amount is appreciated

- Knowledge that you helped special children with special needs

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Rotary Club of Mission Viejo
Esperanza Special Education School Pancake Breakfast

___ Yes, I would like to donate to the Rotary/Esperanza Special Educ. Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
___ Platinum; ___ Gold; ___ Silver; ___ Bronze; ___ Other (Any amount is appreciated)
___ Check enclosed (*Please make checks payable to the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo*)

Company*: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone #: _____

**If you have a company logo, please forward to:*

starr.avedesian@svusd.org

by Wednesday April 1, 2009

For more information please feel free to contact Rotarian Jim Hansen at 949.581.8185

CLUB NEWS

Orange County Paranormal Investigation Team

The guest speaker for the February 24 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo was Mr. Don Staggs, founder and lead investigator for Orange County Paranormal Team (OCPIT). Mr. Staggs led a very interesting discussion regarding paranormal investigations. He has investigated situations over the past five years and enjoys his hobby very much - he does not charge for his services.

He told the audience that about 85% of the situations can be explained very easily and are typically related to animals, electrical, plumbing or other common building issue. However, he stated that approximately 15% are seemingly unexplainable via "normal" explanations. He has seen shadows, recorded voices and felt the presence of things he considers real but difficult to explain.

His talk was very interesting and promoted numerous questions.

For more information about O. C. P. I. T. feel free to contact Mr. Staggs at (949) 633-1263 or visit www.ocpit.moonfruit.com.



CLUB NEWS/DISTRICT NEWS

Rotary Area Speech Contest

The Rotary Area Speech Contest will be held March 10, 2009 and will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Laguna Niguel during their regularly scheduled meeting. The Mission Viejo Club's candidate, Rod Shokrian, will present his speech that was delivered at a meeting in Mission Viejo in January.

If you would like to attend the upcoming contest/meeting, the lunch is \$20 per person and you should contact Rotarian Jim Hansen and he will give the count to the Area Contest coordinator for the restaurant.

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo encourages member attendance; but please expect to pay for your own lunch, \$20, at the door.

Go Rod and Rotary of MV!

**MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO
February 12, 2009**

In attendance: Gary Poertner, President: Scott Walker, President-Elect: Bill Kersten, Treasurer: Dave Williams, Secretary: Brigitte Archer, Director of Club Service: Dagmar Richter, Director of Community Service: Jim Hansen, Director of Vocational Service: Nick Alpino, Immediate Past President: Norm Syler, Past President: and George Cooper, 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 to the January meeting without revision.
2. **President's Report:** President Gary deferred to the discussion of the Bylaws (See Section 5).
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bill reviewed the most recent Financial Report and attempted to project income and expenses through the end of the Rotary Year, against budgeted amounts. Exclusive of our May fundraiser, he projects additional income of about \$9,500 and additional expenses of \$13,008 as of June 30, 2009. The latter figure includes \$3,000 for contingencies. We have about \$7,800 currently in our operating account to cover the shortfall. We are mainly current on collections from our members. The Buckhalter-Wiggins Memorial Fund has generated about \$600 in interest.
4. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Dave reported that our Active Membership increased to 41 with the addition of Rudy Paolino. The District Newsletter erroneously carries our July 1, 2009 Active Membership at 43. Dave will try to straighten it out with Kim Debroux. (We have projected a membership of 43 by June 30, 2009.) The beginning figure will affect our eligibility for recognition awards for the Rotary Year.
5. **Revise Bylaws:** President Gary reported that he had submitted Proposed New Bylaws to Board members via e-mail. Secretary Dave had reworked them and e-mailed recommended changes to the Board prior to this meeting. The Board approved this revised version with the following changes: (1) The initiation fee for new members will be set at \$75, and (2) An article will be added describing the administration of the Buckhalter-Wiggins Fund. After the meeting concluded, President-Elect Scott and Past President George recommended that provision be made for up to 2 additional at-large Directors, at the recommendation of the President-Elect. Secretary Dave agreed to distribute these changes to the Board for comment via e-mail.
6. **March 3rd Meeting Honoring Bob Blohm:** President Gary stated that Bob McQueen had suggested that we hold our March 3rd meeting at the retirement home of Bob Blohm. Bob Blohm, our oldest member with over 50 years of service to Rotary, had recently informed the club that he could no longer attend meetings due to age and health issues. The Board approved holding the meeting at his retirement home. Director Brigitte had planned a presentation about our May fundraiser at this meeting. She will check with the owners of *The Wine Artist* to assure that they can be represented at this off-site meeting. President Gary will ask Bob McQueen to see if the retirement home is equipped for an audio/visual presentation about *The Wine Artist*. **Basket for Esperanza School Volunteer Clown:** President Gary asked the Board to approve the purchase of a gift basket for the volunteer clown at Esperanza School. He had been informed that she is gravely ill. The Board approved this expenditure.
7. **Request for \$200 for District's Youth Exchange Program:** Wally Buchanan had previously requested out financial support for the District's Youth Exchange Program. Immediate Past President Nick reported that this support is no longer required.
8. **May Fundraiser:** Director Brigitte said that she would look into changing the date of this event to May 31st to move it further away from the Pancake Breakfast at Esperanza School (scheduled for April 26th). She and a delegation from our club met with the owners at *The Wine Artist* and reported that they will charge us \$56.71 per person at the event. We had decided to charge \$50 per head. The club will realize additional income from the sale of bottles of wine. The projected attendance has been raised to 120. Most of the fundraising will come from the Silent Auction. Brigitte will get back to the Board with additional details.
9. **District Awards Applications:** President Gary noted that the Awards booklets for club recognition for Rotary Year 2008-09, are due on April 14, 2009. Director Jim and Past President George indicated that they are working on documenting accomplishments in their areas of responsibility. President Gary said that he will complete the Presidential Citation Award application and check with other Directors to submit their accomplishments.
10. **Other:** The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2009, at 7:00 a.m. at Indymac Bank.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, David C. Williams, Secretary

WHITE ELEPHANT

- March 3 - Tom MacKinnon
- March 10 - Bob McQueen
- March 17 - Steve Mugg
- March 24 - Rick Murray
- March 31 - Verl Nash
- April 7 - Dennis O'Connor
- April 14 - Rudy Paolino
- April 21 - Gary Poertner



Make-up Area Clubs

Coto de Caza/RSM - Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Coto de Caza Golf and Racket 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 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

Be sure to visit the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Website at:

www.missionviejorotary.org

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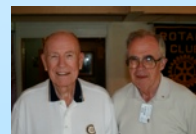


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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

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?