



# THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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**Meeting Days:** Tuesdays

**Meeting Times:** 7:05 a.m. to 8:30 a.m

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

## ROTARY'S ESPERANZA SCHOOL FUNDRAISER EXCEEDS \$18,000 GOAL!

*Report by Dennis O'Connor and Jim Hansen. Photos by Bill Kersten and Jim Hansen*

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo coordinated the Club's 21st Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Esperanza Special Education School in Mission Viejo. The event was held on Sunday, April 26, 2009 and we saw about 550 people come through for pancakes, sausages and coffee, juice or milk. The Mission Viejo Rotary Club began this worthwhile project in 1989 and it seems to grow every year. **This year's goal, \$18,000, was the highest ever and by the end of the day we were at \$18,000 and still counting!**



A hearty work crew of Rotarians mixed batter, cooked sausages, served milk, juice and coffee and flipped pancakes. Thanks to the wonderful Rotary sponsors (Cox Communications and La Paz Optometric), Rotary members, the school's staff, the school's PTA, MVHS Interact students, BSA Troop 628 and numerous other sponsors and donors, the event was a huge success!

Congratulations and thank you to all!

*[Please see pages 12 - 15 for additional photographs]*

### May 2009

### **Upcoming Club Events...**

[www.missionviejorotary.org](http://www.missionviejorotary.org)

**Saturday, May 2 - District Speech Contest.**

**Thursday, May 7 - M.V. Rotary Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.**

**Tuesday, May 12 - President's Meeting at Double Tree, Orange.**

**Tuesday, May 12 - Rtn. Raj Desai MD, Newport Balboa Club & President of project deaf India - Topic: Fellowship & friendship of Rotary International.**

**Tuesday, May 19 - Breakfast at Casta Del Sol followed by a stroll to the Rotary Memorial Garden on the Oso Creek trail.**

**Sunday, May 31 - M.V. Rotary Gala Fundraiser.**

### **Upcoming District Events...**

[www.rotary5320.org](http://www.rotary5320.org)

**Saturday, May 2 - District Speech Contest.**

**Tuesday, May 12 - President's Meeting at Double Tree, Orange.**

**Saturday, May 30 - Rotary Family Day.**

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***SPECIAL REPORT******An Overview of Rotary***  
***Part Three of an Eleven Part Series***

*By David C. Williams, PDG*

**The Rotary Foundation**

The death of Paul Harris in 1947 gave rise to significant contributions to The Rotary Foundation. More than \$1 million dollars at that time were donated to a foundation which had been formed in 1916 - twice as much as had been given over the preceding 30 years.

The Rotary Foundation was started by Arch Klumph, RI President in 1916-17, as an endowment "to do good in the world." It really did not become a serious endowment until the 1980s. There was simply too much need in the aftermath of World War II. Some of the funds went to war relief. Even more went into programs to avoid future wars—especially Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarship Program. The purpose of this program is to exchange young people across international borders to enhance understanding and goodwill. Rotary operates the largest privately-funded international student exchange program on the planet.

In these days of instantaneous communication, I believe that The Rotary Foundation's humanitarian programs are of even more value than its educational programs. These provide funding to reduce hunger and poverty, to improve health and economic well-being, to promote literacy and numeracy. Matching Grants can provide funding to double the impact of projects worked out between 2 clubs or Districts across international boundaries.

*[Look for Part Four in the next edition of The Spoke & Wheel]*



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***CLUB/DISTRICT NEW - RYLA******The M.V. Rotary sponsored RYLA participants share experiences at the April 28, 2009 meeting***

*Report by Jim Hansen*

*Photo by Bill Kersten*

Coordinated by PP Dave Rukstalis, three participants of this year's RYLA camp shared their experiences from the Idyllwild retreat. Jessica, Brooke and Paige each gave a brief explanation of the weekend and what they took home from the experience. Some of their comments were:

*"It was a wonderful personal experience."*

*"I made many new friends."*

*"It was one of the best experiences of my life."*

*"We set goals, tested our limits and challenged ourselves."*

*"I learned a great deal about leadership and I hope to use my new knowledge in school, as an alumni at next year's RYLA Camp and in my future career."*

*"The ropes course was awesome and taught us we need to work together to reach greater success."*

Dave gave much credit to Mission Viejo counselors for their time and efforts in the student selection process. The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo thanks PP Dave R. for all of his work to make this a successful Club event. **Thank you Dave!**



**CLUB NEWS**

***M.V. Rotary Demotion Dinner is just around the corner!*** *Report by Jim Hansen*

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate President Gary's demotion. In place of the Tuesday, June 16, meeting this event is planned to begin at 6:30 p.m. it will be held at the same venue as last year - the Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club. Cocktail Hour, (cash bar), will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the salmon or chicken buffet dinner, with all accompaniments, will be served at 7:00 p.m. The evening's program will begin about 8:00 p.m. and conclude approximately one hour later.

I'll see you on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m.



This will be an exciting event and will continue the Club's tradition of celebrating the Rotary year.

**CLUB NEWS - ATTENDANCE**

***Who had perfect attendance for March 2009?***

*Submitted by Secretary David C. Williams, PDG*



The following Rotarians achieved perfect attendance for March 2009: **Ross Boling, Jim Hansen, Jacki Hanson, Jack Jones, Bill Kersten, Dave Leckness, Bob McQueen, Steve Mugg, Verl Nash, Dennis O'Connor, Rudy Paolino, Gary Poertner, Norm Syler, Scott Walker, and Dave Williams.**

*By the way, Jack Jones, Bill Kersten, Rudy Paolino\*, Gary Poertner, Norm Syler, and Dave Williams have perfect attendance for the Rotary Year!*

**CONGRATULATIONS to all!**

*Remember, if you miss a meeting you can do a make up at another Club's meeting or on-line.*

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**EDUCATION/COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS**

## *The Blind Children's Learning Center Update*

*Report submitted by Rotarian Jack Wallace*

Again this year, **Membership Chairman Jack Wallace**, his daughter Colleen Reber and his grand daughter Ashley will participate in the Blind Children's Learning Center's Annual 5k Walk Fundraiser. Jack has again volunteered to "Captain" the Mission Viejo Rotary Team and he is seeking sponsors and/or donations for this wonderful cause. Last year, our Club donated a total of \$300 through donations and sponsorships from Club members and the Wallace and Reber families.



Jack shares, *"My grand daughter Ashley Reber, now age 9 and a 3rd grade Honor student at Arroyo Lemon heights elementary, attended the Blind Children's Learning Center for 2 ½ years - from January 2003 to July 2005. She has since graduated. However, in conjunction with the Tustin Unified School district, Ashley receives training for a few hours each week at Arroyo by teachers from the BCLC. Ashley has- genetically caused-low vision and is benefiting greatly from the program."*

On May 26, 2009, the Director of Community Relations, Linn Morgan, will be speaking at our Club. This will be her seventh visit in as many years. The school is not a 'public school' and is a 501(c) 3 IRS approved charity. As a matter of fact, 55% of the annual budget comes from the Orange County Department of Education and the balance comes from charitable donations. Please visit the school's Web site at: [www.blindkids.org](http://www.blindkids.org)

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**CLUB NEWS - CRAFT TALK**

***New member Rudy Paolino shares some of his background in his Craft Talk***

*Report by Jim Hansen and photo by Bill Kersten*



**Mr. Rudy Paolino**, the newest member to the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, gave a wonderful Craft Talk at the April 28, 2009 meeting of the Club. Rudy's classification is: Manufacturing Sales Representative. Rudy told of his early days in sales, some of his opportunities and his ultimate move to Southern California. In addition to working as a salesman for years, Rudy's love of golf and sports also led him to start two companies during his career.

Rudy has been active with the Club and to date has attended the District Assembly, the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, and he has perfect attendance since joining.

**Thank you Rudy for your interesting Craft Talk and your dedication to Rotary!**



**CLUB NEWS - PERSONAL INTEREST**

# *What does Rotarian Dave Leckness do in his spare time?*

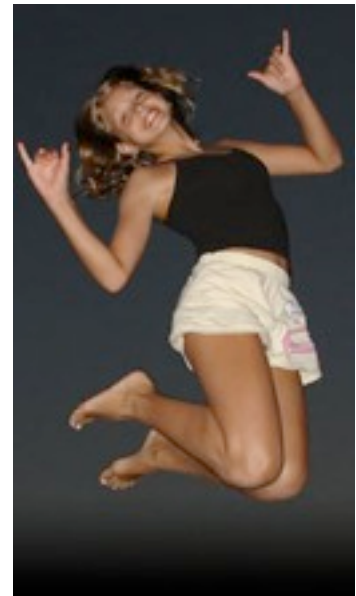
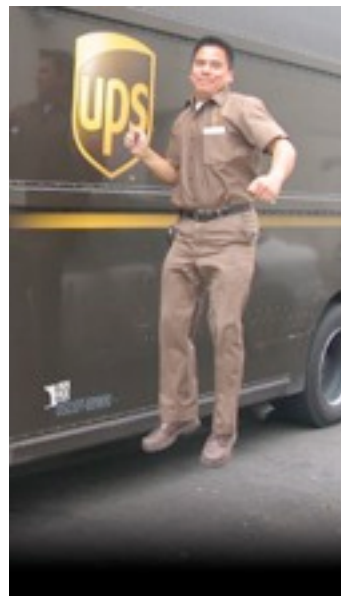
*Report by Jim Hansen*

*(Photos reprinted with permission from Kwik Kopy Printing)*

You may think that Rotarian Dave “Fine Master” Leckness spends his free time: 1) learning trivia questions and answers, 2) practicing saying, “Hi everyone, my name is Dave - can everyone say, ‘Hi, Dave,’” or 3) simply psyching-up for his five minutes in the spotlight each week as the Mission Viejo Rotary Club’s Fine Master extraordinaire.

You would be wrong. Dave spends his free time asking people all around the county, and around the world, to jump. That’s right. Dave asks people to jump while he quickly takes their photographs. If you have not seen Dave’s work at TheJumpBook.com, it is well worth visiting. Don’t miss: TheJumpBook.com.

***Keep on jumping!***



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS**  
**Mission Viejo Rotary**  
**Mayor's Prayer**  
**Breakfast**

*Submitted by Jim Leach*

Just one last reminder - do not forget to make your plans to join us for the 21st Annual Mission Viejo Rotary Club's Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. This year's event will again highlight prayers for our community, our state, and our nation. Our special guest speaker will be Captain Robert D. Crossan, USN, Chaplain at Camp Pendleton.

Reservations may be requested on-line at: [www.Cox-Cares.org/mvrotary](http://www.Cox-Cares.org/mvrotary), by contacting Jim Leach at [jim.leach@cox.com](mailto:jim.leach@cox.com), or by contacting Jim

by phone at (949) 546-2406. Individual seats or tables of ten are available. Tickets are \$15.00 per person in advance or \$17.00 at the door.

I'll see you there!



**ROTARY FAMILY NEWS**

***A new member joins the Kersten family***

*Report and photos from PP Bill Kersten and the Kersten archives*



Bill and Carol Kersten left California for a few weeks as happy parents and grandparents. They left to be closer to their family for the birth of their first great grandchild. They returned a few days ago as happy great

grandparents. Here is a note they forwarded from their granddaughter and her husband:

*Hello Everyone,  
 We would like to introduce you to Luke William Schwartze!  
 He was born at 7:43 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. He was 7 pounds, 15 ounces and 20 3/4 inches long with a FULL head of hair (that is almost two inches long already!).  
 Congratulations Great Grandpa Bill and Great Grandma Carol!*



**PERSONAL INTEREST NEWS**

**Dave and Joann Williams visit the Panama Canal**

*Photos and Story from Dave Williams*



Club Secretary Dave Williams, PDG, and his wife Joann, just returned from a cruise through the Panama Canal. For the bulletin, I asked him to share a comment and a few photographs. Here is what he said:

*As requested, attached please find some photos of our cruise through the Panama Canal. The first 2 show lock operations from on board ship. The third shows my wife in a rain forest in Costa Rica, and the fourth is of Cartagena, Colombia. We took a 14-day cruise on the Celebrity Mercury*

*from San Diego to Fort Lauderdale, March 30 to April 13, 2009. It takes a full day to transit the canal. The reported cost of transit to the cruise ship was \$254,000. I used my limited Spanish to book our own shore excursions at about 1/2 the price of the cruise company. We were blessed with calm seas and weather throughout. It is good to be back, and I look forward to our Rotary meetings.*

Dave and his wife, Joann, seemed to have a wonderful trip.

*The first 2 photos, on the left, show lock operations from on board ship. The third shows my wife in a rain forest in Costa Rica, and the fourth is of Cartagena, Colombia. - Dave*

I know we are all pleased they enjoyed their cruise and happy they have returned safe and sound.

**THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

***“We must be the change we wish to see in the world.” - Gandhi***





**PROGRAM NEWS**

***Keep your body young and vital***

*Photo by Bill Kersten and Report by Jim Hansen*

On Tuesday, April 21, 2009, Dr. Jan Teitelbaum of Mission Chiropractic was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Dr. Teitelbaum explained the chiropractic process, his philosophy on care and healing, and gave some tips for exercising regularly. He suggested that an exercise regime of three minutes per day could make a huge

difference in keeping your body young and vital.

Dr. Teitelbaum's presentation was interesting and informative. For more information, please feel free to visit: [www.realchiropractic.com](http://www.realchiropractic.com). You may also email Mission Chiropractic at [info@realchiropractic.com](mailto:info@realchiropractic.com) or call at 949.215.4000.

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***“Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can!” - Unknown***



***SPECIAL REPORT***

***What's Rotary?*** *From "What's Rotary" flyer - Rotary International*

Share this information with friends and prospective members:

*Rotary is a volunteer organization of 1.2 million business and professional leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service and help build goodwill and peace. About 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas conduct projects to address today's challenges - including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns - while encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations.*

*As the world's largest private provider of international scholarships, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International helps more than 1,000 students annually to study abroad and serve as cultural ambassadors. Rotary also partners with several prestigious universities around the world, providing opportunities to earn a master's degree in peace and conflict resolution.*

*PolioPlus is Rotary's flagship program. By the time polio is eradicated, Rotary club members will have contributed \$850 million and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries. Rotary is a spearheading partner in the Global Polio*

*Eradication Initiative, along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

*Founded in Chicago in 1905 as the world's first volunteer service organization, Rotary quickly expanded around the globe. Today, club members meet weekly to plan service projects, discuss community and international issues, and enjoy fellowship. Clubs are nonpolitical and open to every race, culture, and creed.*

Please visit: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for more about Rotary.











**WHITE ELEPHANT**

- May 5 - TBD
- May 12 - Aaron Sako
- May 19 - Norm Syler
- May 26 - Scott Walker
- June 2 - Jack Wallace
- June 6 - Dave Williams
- June 16 - Robert Williams



*White elephant photo by Jack Wallace*

**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**

**RECENTLY UPDATED!**

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

[www.missionviejorotary.org](http://www.missionviejorotary.org)

For Club information, you may use the following passwords:

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*Web Master PP George Cooper. Photo by Bill Kersten*

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 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?