

# THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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Meeting Place: Casta del Sol Golf Club, Mission Viejo, CA  
Meeting Days: Tuesdays  
Meeting Times: 7:05 a.m. to 8:30 a.m

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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

## ***INTERACT, BOYSCOUTS, AND MORE . . .***

*Report by Verl Nash*

*Photographs by Bill Kersten*

PDG Lane Calvert gave the club a little pep talk at the August 19 Rotary meeting. He discussed adopting El Toro and Laguna Hills High Schools for Interact Clubs. These two schools were left orphaned when the Rotary Club of Saddleback Valley ceased. No action was taken; but the Board is expected to take up the issue at the next Board meeting.

PDG Calvert then introduced Bill Grinnell who is the new Boy Scout leader for the Saddleback region. Bill said a few words on his position and introduced Christine Kirk who talked about a new Outdoor Education Center which is located at the east end of Irvine in the hills. Christine had a folder about the [See BSA, Page 2]



*September is "New Generations" Month*

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

*September 16 - DG to visit Rotary Club of Mission Viejo*

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

*Sept. 2 - Regular Meeting. Topic: TBA*

*Sept. 9 - Regular Meeting. Topic: TBA*

*Sept. 16 - Regular Meeting. Topic: District Governor Visit*

***DISTRICT/CLUB NEWS (CONT.)***

**INTERACT, BSA, AND MORE . . .**

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area and pointed out the new areas that are under construction.

The new areas include:

- Trail head Staging area
- Administration Center and Dining area
- Training Center
- Aquatic Center
- Day Camp (much used by Cub Scouts)
- Amphitheater
- Archery and B-B Gun range
- Astronomy Camp
- Mining Camp (virtual mine)
- Ranch Camp
- Cope Course (similar to RYLA course)
- First Time Camping area

The Camp is designed to help many people enjoy some time in the "wilds" of Orange County. It has been set up so schools can use it as well as many other organizations. The instructional staff will all hold college degrees and will be able to help with the outdoor activities that the schools and their students want.

The folder she passed out explains the fees for different camps. The area donated to this activity was 210 acres and so far they have or are in the process of developing 52 acres.

Christine Kirk can be reached at 1-800-436-2119.

*Christine Kirk, below left, and Bill Grinell speak to the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo.  
(Photos by Bill Kersten)*



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**CLUB NEWS**

# *Japanese-Americans During WWII*

At the August 26 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, guest speaker Ron Osumi, (a U.S. history teacher at Mission Viejo High School), shared the topic of his recent instructional grant. Mr. Osumi was awarded a \$670 grant from Teaching Tolerance, and educational program. With the grant funding, Mr. Osumi will assist in staff-development for high school history teachers across the Saddleback Valley School District.

During his presentation, Mr. Osumi shared some details of Japanese-American internment and related his lesson to his own family. Mr. Osumi shared a little of his family-tree and family history.

His presentation was well done and well received.

*Photo of Ron Osumi by Bill Kersten: Ron Osumi is a U.S. history teacher at Mission Viejo High School. This is Mr. Osumi's twenty-eighth year at MVHS. In addition to his teaching assignments, Mr. Osumi coached water polo and swimming for eighteen of those twenty-eight years. His interest in U.S. history and his family background inspired him to apply for an educational grant in which he ultimately received \$670 to support his leading staff-development projects for other U.S. history teachers.*



*CLUB NEWS*

*PDGs Jack Jones and  
Dave Williams  
receive new badges*



*Photo by Bill Kersten*

**PDGs Jack Jones and Dave Williams** received new badges from District Secretary **Ross Boling**. The club was again happy to recognize the two active members of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Ross is very active in the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo as well as in District 5320. The Club is very proud of these three outstanding Rotarians!

**CLUB NEWS*****Membership Votes “Yes” for Dues******By PP George Cooper***

At the Tuesday, August 19, 2008 meeting, **President Gary Poertner** asked the club members to vote on a proposal made by our Board of Directors to begin charging \$20.00 per month per member for club dues. The vote was unanimously approved. Through a little research, it was also reported that we were the only club in the district that did not charge dues. This recommendation was made by the Fundraising committee. The Fundraising committee members had carefully reviewed the 2008-09 budget which shows a deficit of several thousand dollars (even after severe cuts in the budget by the Board). The Fundraising committee members also came up with a number of other fundraising activities, submitted to the Board, to help restore some of the cuts made. These activities include garage sales, money raising social events, car raffle, photo calendar contest and a gala dinner event. The Dues will be charged to each member starting September 1, 2008.



*CLUB NEWS*

# ***CHARITY GARAGE SALE***

*Submitted by PP George Cooper*

**All proceeds to be donated to the many charities supported by the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo**



**Saturday October 4, 2008 -Hours 7am-12noon**

**27195 Puerta Del Oro-Mission Viejo, CA 92691**

***Directions: Marguerite Pkwy to Pueblonuevo Dr. Left onto Macedo DR***

***Macedo Drive becomes Puerta Del Oro (27195)***

**Programs supported include Esperanza School, Adopt-A-Social Worker, Blind Children Learning Center, Women Helping Women, YMCA, Christmas-Thanksgiving Relief, Door of Faith Orphanage, Walk Against Drugs, Future Teacher Scholarships, High School Scholarships, Model UN, Boy Scouts of America**

**Many of the items on sale are new or hardly used**

**Please join us on that Saturday morning and as you help yourself to some good buys you also help those in need.**

**Thank You!**

**MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO  
August 14, 2008**

In attendance: Gary Poertner, President; Nick Alpino, Immediate Past President; Dave Williams, Secretary; Bill Kersten, Treasurer; Brigitte Archer, Director of Club Service; Dr. Pushpa Chandwani, Director of International Service; Jim Hansen, Director of Vocational Service; George Cooper, Past President; Rich Frieder, Past President; and Norm Syler, Past President

Board Members Absent: Dagmar Richter, Director of Community Service; Scott Walker, President-Elect

President Gary called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

1. **President's Report:** (a) President Gary noted that the main dining room was unavailable for the Board meeting for the second consecutive month due to another group's reservation. He will inquire if changing *Board Meetings* to the first Thursday of each month would make the main dining room available to us at 7:00 a.m. (b) He also noted that the custodians of the *Buckhalter-Wiggins Memorial Fund* (the last 4 Past Presidents of the club) had declined to authorize use of this fund for projects until it attains its \$100,000 goal. (c) He reported that the Governor had sent paperwork to RI to lift the charter of the *Saddleback Club* in Lake Forest. (d) He asked that the Board make itself available at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> for a *Board Meeting with the Governor* in advance of the Governor's official club visit on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Any Director who cannot attend this meeting should designate a committee chair to present plans within the Avenue of Service for which he or she is responsible.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bill asked for and received Board approval to pay for our annual Chamber membership, to register for next year's Fourth of July booth, and to buy uniforms for the club-supported orphanage in Mexico. This request was in advance of the Board's formal approval of a budget for Rotary Year 2008-09.
3. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Dave urged the club to bring in new members, especially from the Saddleback Club before or during the Governor's visit. He reported that our attendance during July was only 69%, but that we are probably not taking full credit for make-ups of our members (notably for District meetings, club projects, and Board designated committee meetings). He suggested that the club look into adopting new *Bylaws* along the lines of those recommended by RI. These take advantage of the *Club Leadership Plan* and would go into effect in Rotary Year 2009-10.
4. **Club Service:** Director Brigitte reported that she had presided over an enthusiastic meeting on *Fundraising* for the club on August 13, 2008. Among the committee's recommendations are the following: (a) to implement a billing for *Club Dues* in the amount of \$20 beginning in September, with an anticipated increase in income for the year of \$8,000, (b) to continue club support of our annual *Garage Sale*, (c) to initiate monthly *Themed Dinners*, sponsored by members, with the proceeds (\$40-\$50 per couple) coming back to the club, (d) to host an *Entertainment Event* at the Community Center in April and seeking sponsorship for it by companies doing business in Mission Viejo, and (e) to start a *Photo Contest* resulting in a *Community Calendar* for 2010, also with sponsorship by Mission Viejo companies. The Board approved these proposals. She will break down projected income from these activities and give them to Treasurer Bill for inclusion in the 2008-09 budget.
5. **International Service:** Director Pushpa asked for and received approval to increase club funding from \$1,500 to \$2,500 for a *Matching Grant* cataract surgery project in Rotary District 3141 in India. She has secured a commitment from *Vision Care* for \$2,000 in support of the project and another \$5,000 from the recipient club. The District will match our club contribution with *District Designated Funds* (DDF). The Rotary Foundation can match the DDF dollar for dollar and the other donations 50 cents to the dollar. The Board approved this request.
6. **Community Service:** Past President Rich requested and received Board approval for \$535 to continue our association with the *Gifts in Kind* Program. This will enable us to obtain merchandise from local stores for use by needy families and perhaps also in support of the club-backed orphanage in Mexico.
7. **2008-2009 Club Budget:** The Board asked Treasurer Bill to place additional income in the budget from Club dues implementation in the amount of \$8,000 for the remainder of the year. This will obviate any previously planned deficit spending. Any surplus available after making this adjustment will go into reserves. The Board will review the surplus to see if any budget cuts from its previous meeting can be restored. The Board approved the budget with the stipulations cited above.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
David C. Williams, Secretary

**CLUB NEWS**

# *Rotarians around the “Town”*

Send your “Town” articles to:  
[jhansen4@cox.net](mailto:jhansen4@cox.net)

Bulletin Editor Jim Hansen spent the week of August 18 in Sequoia National Park. He and a friend took fly rods and a tent and enjoyed being surrounded by giant sequoia trees for the week. If you are not into tent camping, Sequoia NP also offers a Three-Diamond AAA rated hotel, the Wuksachi Lodge. Ask Jim if you have questions about Sequoia NP.



**WHITE ELEPHANT**

- Sept. 2 - Scott Walker
- Sept. 9 - Jack Wallace
- Sept. 16 - Dave Williams
- Sept. 23 - Nick Alpino
- Sept. 30 - Brigitte Archer
- Oct. 7 - Victoria Avery
- Oct. 14 - Ross Boling
- Oct. 21 - Bob Bridges



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**SPECIAL NOTE**

**CLUB  
WEBSITE**

**BE SURE TO REGULARLY  
VISIT THE ROTARY CLUB  
OF MISSION VIEJO WEB-  
SITE AT:**

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

**WEB-MASTER: PP GEORGE  
COOPER**



**Make-up Area  
Clubs**

Anaheim - Mondays, 12 p.m.,  
Edison Field, 2000 Gene Autry Way

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

Lake Forest - Wednesdays, 12  
p.m. at Baker's Square, 23515 El Toro  
Road

San Clemente - Thursdays, 12  
p.m. at the San Clem. Inn, 2600 Ave.  
del Presidente

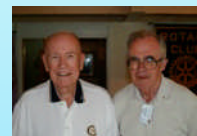
**On-line make-ups**

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

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School Administrator

### 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?

### BRING A GUEST

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