



# The Spoke & Wheel

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The Official Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, P.O. Box 2234, Mission Viejo, CA., U.S.A. 92692  
Chartered September 13, 1974.

**Club Leadership/Board Members:** Scott Walker, President; Gary Poertner, Past-President; James Hansen, President-Elect and Community Service; Dave Williams, Secretary; Bill Kersten, Treasurer; Victoria Avery, Foundation Chairperson; Dr. Pushpa Chandwani, International Service; Dr. Steve Fish, Vocational Service; Robert McQueen, Club Service; Norm Syler, Public Relations; Jack Wallace, Membership; and Dr. Richard Frieder, Director-at-Large

**Club Meetings:** Tuesdays, 7:10 to 8:30 A.M., Casta del Sol Golf Club, 27601 Casta del Sol, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

**RI and District Officers:** John Kenny, RI President; Bret Gerdes, District 5320 Governor

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

### RC of Mission Viejo helps supply clean water to children in India

Report and photos by Dinanath, RC of Thane East, India

Dr. Pushpa Chandwani, Director of International Service, has shared some great news. Using left over funds from a Matching Grant project, the Rotary Clubs of Mission Viejo and Thane East have completed another successful project in India. Left over funds from Matching Grants are usually returned; however, both Districts involved approved the extended project using the funds.

PP Dinanath, of Thane East, writes, "Greetings from Rotary Club of Thane East. I am pleased to inform you that after the approval for the spending of the left over funds from MG # 66981/08, we have successfully completed the installation of new water purification units in the schools at village Assose, Murbad. The beneficiaries are school children in the two schools in the village."

Dinanath continues, "On behalf of our club, let me thank you and all of the members of your club for the excellent support, cooperation and encouragement in fulfilling this wonderful project!"

For more information, please feel free to contact Dr. Pushpa.



### Upcoming Events April 2010

#### Upcoming Club Events...

Rotary Club Web site:

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

**Saturday, April 17 - Rotary District 5320 Speech Semi-Finals**

**Thursday, April 18 - Rotary District 5320 Speech Finals.**

**Thursday, April 29 - Veteran's Memorial at Saddleback Community College Official Opening.**

#### Upcoming District Events...

District 5320 Web site:

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

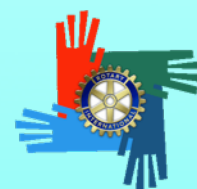
**Saturday, April 17-18 -**

**District Singing Contest.**

**Saturday, April 29 - May 1 -**

**District Conference at Knott's Berry Farm.**

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**CLUB SERVICE**

***Welcome New Mission Viejo Rotarians - Ken, Michael and Sarah*** *Photo by PP Bill Kersten*

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo welcomed three new members on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. ***Kendall Dever, Michael Jagerman, and Sarah Hagerty*** are the newest members of the Mission Viejo club. Ken is sponsored by Rotarian Dave Leckness, Michael is sponsored by Rotarian Dr. Richard Frieder, and Sarah is sponsored by Rotarian Anne Hagerty.

Although the club has had only a few weeks to get to know the new Rotarians; all members are eager to work with the three on Rotary community and international service projects.

Editor’s note: Ken, Michael, and Sarah, welcome to the best Rotary club in District 5320!



**CLUB SERVICE**

***Teen Drug Abuse***

*Report by Jim Hansen and Photos by Bill Kersten*



Deputy Sheriff Christensen from the O.C. Sheriff’s Department, was the guest speaker on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Deputy Christensen’s topic was, “Drugs of Choice Among Today’s Youth.”

The deputy used a Power Point presentation, props, and vast experience to share details of today’s drug use among teens. He made it very clear that illegal drug use continues to be a serious problem throughout the county. His props, including posters, recently confiscated drug paraphernalia, and more, helped Rotary club members and guests understand what is being used today by some our youth.

One very interesting, and frightening, aspect of current drug abuse is that many of the

drugs being used today are legal drugs simply being misused.

For more information, Please feel free to contact the O. C. Sheriff’s Department.



*Some of the drug paraphernalia being used by some teens today.*

**CLUB SERVICE**

**California Crime Safety**

*Report by Jim Hansen and photo by Bill Kersten*

Byron Walls was the guest speaker on March 9, 2010. Mr. Walls has been speaking on the subject of crime safety for twenty-five years. He was the Director of Citizens Against Crime in Portland, Oregon. In 1995 he served on the Governor’s Task Force on Workplace Violence for the State of Oregon.

Mr. Walls presented a humorous, yet meaningful, program on crime safety. He shared dozens of useful safety tips to be used by men, women, and/or children to increase the safety in a particular situation.



**CLUB SERVICE - SPECIAL REPORT**

**ABCs of Rotary** *Written by David C. Williams, PDG*

*(Dave Williams is a PP and PDG from the San Pedro area and is now an active member of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo.)*

*This article is part of a 26-part report highlighting key aspects of Rotary.*

***N - Nominating Committees***

The Bylaws of Rotary International prohibit campaigning for RI offices because Rotary wants its resources to be used to meet its service objectives, rather than to be expended on electioneering. To retain a balance between democratic practices and the prohibition of campaigning, Rotary used Nominating Committees to interview and select its President and Officers. The members of the Nominating Committees are elected (without campaigning), and their choices are subject to challenge. The challenge process is cumbersome and rarely successful. Most clubs also refrain from campaigning for office at the local level although the election procedures are determined by the Bylaws of the club itself.

***Next issue: “O” - Object of Rotary***



**CLUB SERVICE**

## ***The 2010 Rotary District 5320 Assembly was a Huge Success!***

*Report by Jim Hansen*



On Saturday, March 13, 2010, seven Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, (*Steve Tahouri, Tom Ross, Scott Walker, Norm Syler, Dave Williams, Dennis O'Connor, and Jim Hansen*), attended the 2010 District 5320 Assembly at Chapman University in Orange. In addition, *PDG Dave Williams* was a presenter during one of the Rotary Foundation sessions. Thank you for keeping the RC of Mission Viejo involved at the District level, Dave!

There was something for everyone included in presentations in all areas of service - Rotary Foundation, Vocational Service, International Service, Community Service, Public Relation, Membership, Youth Service, New Rotarians, Club Administration, and more. Members arrived from all areas of the District including Avalon, at Catalina Island. There were even members from District 5340 participating due to the reputation of the District 5320 event.

Editor's Note: This was my sixth District Assembly since becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo six years ago. I learned something new each Assembly and enjoy the fellowship with Mission Viejo, and other, Rotarians. The Assembly is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) each year and is well worth the half-day time commitment. If you missed the District Assembly this year, be sure to plan to attend during March 2011!

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### ***QUOTE OF THE WEEK - APRIL 1, 2010***

***“If the human race wishes to have a prolonged and indefinite period of material prosperity, they have only got to behave in a peaceful and helpful way toward one another.” - Winston Churchill***



**CLUB SERVICE - MEMBER NEWS**

***Jack Wallace goes to spring training***

*Photos submitted by Jack Wallace*

Membership Chair Jack Wallace was at the Angels' spring training camp in March. No, he is not training to play, he is training to watch baseball. Jack loves baseball and can often be seen at Angels games. He has given many "happy dollars" over the years after witnessing a winning team. Jack has attended several years of spring training camps to watch his favorite teams prepare for the major league baseball season. Jack, thank you for sharing your photos!

Editor's note: If any Rotarians have enjoyed an anniversary, vacation, special event, etc., why not share with your Rotary friends in the bulletin? Send you photos to Jim Hansen at: [jhansen4@cox.net](mailto:jhansen4@cox.net).



**CLUB SERVICE**

***Mission Viejo High School Singers are #1***

*Report by Jim Hansen and Photo by Bill Kersten*



If you missed the March 23 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, you missed two wonderful singers. Holly Starr and Robyn Cornish, both seniors at Mission Viejo High School, were our guests and singing contestants for the M.V. Rotary Club Singer

Contest. They will both be going on to the Rotary Singer Contest Semi-finals at Orange Coast College on April 17, 2010. Robyn will compete in the Female Musical Theater category and Holly in the Female classical category.

Robyn was born in Hong Kong and spent her first eight years in Hong Kong, Germany, and Holland before her family moved to Orange County. She plans to attend Concordia University in the Fall and will major in Music with a specialization in voice. She hopes to teach music internationally.

Holly was born and raised in Orange County and will be attending Brigham Young

University in the Fall. She plans to major in music and performing. Holly has been accepted to perform in an Italian Opera this summer, (in Italy), and will return in time to head to BYU for Fall. She is one of only four freshmen accepted to BYU's performing music program.

If you would like to see Holly and Robyn in the Rotary Semi-final competition, mark you calendars for Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Orange coast College!

Special thank you to Mr. John Elg, Choir Director at MVHS, for his help and support during the RC of Mission Viejo's selection process.

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**Draft - MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD****ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO  
March 11, 2010**

In attendance:

Scott Walker, President  
Jim Hansen, President-Elect and Director, Community Service  
Dave Williams, Secretary  
Bill Kersten, Treasurer  
Norm Syler, Director, Public Relations  
Pushpa Chandwani, Director, International Service  
Bob McQueen, Director, Club Service  
Steve Fish, Director, Vocational Service  
Victoria Avery, Director, Rotary Foundation  
Past President Bill Craycraft

Board Members Absent: Gary Poertner, Immediate Past President and Vice President; Jack Wallace, Director, Membership; Rich Frieder, Director at Large

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m. The Board met in the Conference Room of the Saddleback Valley School District in Mission Viejo.

1. **Minutes Approved:** The Board approved the revised Minutes of the February meeting without revision.

2. **International Service:**

- Director Pushpa announced that the Rotary Club of Thane East (India) has provided its share of funding for our Matching Grant (MG) project for this year (to provide clean water to a village of about 1,500 persons) and that the project is underway.
- The same club completed another MG project with our club in June (using a dam to provide clean water). We requested that money left over be used for water purification at a local school in the community. The Rotary Foundation approved, and the funds have been used for that purpose.
- Director Pushpa requested \$250 to assist the new Rotary Club of Herad (Afghanistan) in obtaining operational supplies (banners, pins, etc.). She said that this would be matched by the Rotary Club of Pune (India), which will actually purchase and ship the supplies. She offered to personally contribute an additional \$100 to this cause. The Rotary Club of Laguna Beach was noncommittal about providing financial support for the Herad Club. The Board approved the request for \$250. The Board deferred becoming a Sister Club of the Rotary Club of Herad for now.
- Secretary Dave volunteered to see what arrangements RI has made for relief of Chilean earthquake victims. He explained that his former club (the Rotary Club of Wilmington) has sister relations with Chilean clubs and that one of its past Presidents is Chilean. He said he would contact her to see what was being done.

3. **Secretary's Report:**

- Secretary Dave noted that our membership remains at 30, although we have several new members ready to join. Our February attendance at 93% was the highest in recent memory, bringing our Rotary Year-to-date attendance to 86%.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer Bill reported that we have \$13,787.89 in our operating account and \$979.00 in receivables (down 46% from last month). The next billing will include the cost of tickets for our annual fundraiser (at least 2 per member) and the *Super Bowl* pool. We have some major commitments coming up in the spring, including \$5,000 for scholarships.
- He explained that he has been placing interest on our passbook accounts in the *Buckhalter-Wiggins Memorial Fund* although interest is far less than we earned last year.

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He will be going on vacation on March 30<sup>th</sup> and will be out-of-state for about 4 weeks. Bob McQueen will fill in for him.

#### 5. Membership Report:

- President Scott noted that we have 3 new members ready to come into the club. Once Director Jack returns from vacation, we can proceed with the installations.
- Avis French applied for Honorary Membership. The Board decided not to accept additional Honorary Members at this time, but to inform her that she is welcome to attend any of our meetings as a guest.

#### 6. Vocational Service

- President-Elect Jim announced that 4 of our students will attend RYLA. The club paid for 5, and we will receive a refund for the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- He explained that we have submitted the club's paperwork for the District's *Speech Contest*. We are waiting to hear back on area-wide competition. Last year, we were the only club in our area to provide a contestant, who automatically won a scholarship.
- He said that 2 students have applied on-line for the District's *Singing Contest*. Here again, we are awaiting District guidance on the next level on competition.
- President Scott stated that he delivered more than 300 books to the Presidents meeting on Tuesday for the *Classroom Library Literacy Project*. This (thanks in large measure to Vice President Gary Poertner) was more than any other club in the District. The District's goal was 1,200 books. District Literacy Chair Teri Snyder asked him if we qualified for the District's *Literacy Recognition Award*, which requires 5 literacy projects. After discussion, the Board concluded that we do qualify. Secretary Dave volunteered to submit the information to Teri.

#### 7. Community Service:

- President Scott informed us that our District Simplified Grant request for *Vocational Visions* was not funded. The Board discussed submitting the same request early during the next Rotary Year.
- Director Rich reported to President Scott that our *Gifts in Kind* status with the *Williams Sonoma* company had finally been renewed. It has been an uphill struggle to prove our 501c(3) tax status.
- President Scott reminded the Board that the Esperanza Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 2nd.
- Past President Bill Craycraft discussed the Annual Prayer Breakfast, which will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. He wants to hold ticket prices to \$15 and will personally make up the difference in cost (up to a maximum of \$150) to make it happen. The Board voted to approve up to an additional \$150 to cover costs above that amount (not otherwise covered by ticket sales) and to authorize the printing of 200 tickets for the event. Tables will be sold for \$150. Norm stated that he can provide a keyboard for music. Past President Bill wants to send out invitations on club stationary. There was no objection. Past President Steve Mugg is co-chair. President Scott announced that there will be no regular club meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> in deference to the breakfast.

#### 8. Club Service

- President Scott discussed our *Spring Fiesta* at Café Maiz on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Treasurer Bill said that he had not as yet been able to secure a credit card machine for the event. He will contact Dave Leckness about it. We need to keep track of our sponsors and assure that they receive acknowledgement in the program. Teams should return unsold tickets to the meeting on Tuesday.
- President Scott thanked President-Elect Jim on behalf of the club for preparing our *District Award* submission.
- President Scott stated that we need to secure strong representation at the District Conference, especially for *Hospitality Night* on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

9. **Other:** The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 a.m., in a Conference Room of the Saddleback Valley Unified School District.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David C. Williams, Secretary



Photo Above: **PP George Cooper**, award winning Webmaster

**WEB SITE NEWS**

**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:  
User = *rotarian*  
Password = *mvr*

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Photo Above: The "White Elephant" photo was taken by **Director Jack Wallace** during his trip to Hawaii in 2008.

**WHITE ELEPHANT  
RECENTLY REVISED!**

- April 6 - George Cooper
- April 13 - Bill Craycraft
- April 20 - Kendall Dever
- April 27 - Steve Fish
- May 4 - Richard Frieder
- May 11 - Bill Greenfield
- May 11 - Ann Hagerty
- May 18 - Sarah Hagerty
- May 25 - Jim Hansen
- June 1 - Jacki Hanson
- June 8 - Michael Jagerman
- June 15 - **NO MEETING -  
DEMOTION DINNER**
- June 22 - Jack Jones
- June 29 - Bill Kersten

**Make-up Area Clubs**

Coto de Caza - Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Coto de Caza Golf and Racket Club

Monarch Beach - 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>

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**ROTARY SHARES**

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(Nanik), Medical Doctor

PP George Cooper,  
(Margaret), Adhesive Distributer

PP William Craycraft, Sales/  
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Kendall Dever, Phone  
Systems

Dr. Steven Fish, (Sue),  
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Honorary Member

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Sarah Hagerty, Editor/  
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Educator

**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

**MEMBERS**

Jacquelyn Hanson,  
Author

Michael Jagerman,  
Jewelry

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Aircraft Manufac. Consultant

PP Bill Kersten, (Carol),  
Computer Service

Carol Kersten, (Bill),  
Honorary Member

Daniel "Joe" Lavoie,  
(Kathryn), Mortician

Dave Leckness, (Nancy),  
Printing

Don Lewellen, Certified  
Public Accountant

PP Col. (Ret.) Krishna  
Mathur, (Pravena), Honorary  
Member

John McEwan, Honorary  
Member

PP Bob McQueen, (Mary Jo),  
School Administrator

PP Norm Miller, (Pauline),  
Honorary Member

PP Steve Mugg, (Susan),  
Consultant

**BRING A GUEST**

PP Richard Murray, (Paula),  
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Education

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Historian

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Scott Walker, (Debbie),  
Certified Financial Planner

Jack Wallace, (Jeanne),  
Residential Real Estate

PDG David C. Williams,  
(Joann), Postal Service



**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?*

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