



The Spoke & Wheel

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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

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

RC of Mission Viejo-Esperanza Special Education School's Annual Pancake Breakfast

Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by PP Bill Kersten



Three of our guests on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 were Principal Starr Avedesian and two students from Esperanza Special Education School, Marco and Meagan. They came to thank the Rotary Club for the past 20 years of support and to share goals for the upcoming Rotary Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.

The major goal this year is to raise \$20,000. (Last year's goal was \$18,000 and the total amount raised ended up being \$25,000). The money will be used to purchase a new/newer van which will be used to transport special needs students to Community Based Instruction sites. These outing are an integral part of these student's educational plans and help the school's staff prepare the students for productive adult lives.

For more information, please feel free to visit the SVUSD Website at: www.svUSD.k12.ca.us. Click on "schools" and "Esperanza."

Upcoming Events May 2010

Upcoming Club Events...

Rotary Club Web site:

www.missionviejorotary.org

Tuesday, May 4 - NO MEETING.

Sunday, May 2 - M.V. Rotary-Esperanza Spec. Ed. School Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.

Thursday, May 6 - M.V. Rotary Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

Thursday, May 13 - M.V. Rotary Board Meeting.

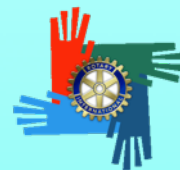
Upcoming District Events...

District 5320 Web site:

www.rotary5320.org

Saturday, April 29 - May 1 - District Conference at Knott's Berry Farm.

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RYLA 2010 - “With great power comes great responsibility.”

Report by Jim Hansen and George Cooper • Photos by Bill Kersten and George Cooper

Bob Brown, our Club’s RYLA coordinator, explained that RYLA is an acronym for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Bob said, “It is all about Rotarians working with youth in leadership development.” Bob told us that it is an intensive training program for high school juniors who are chosen for their proven or potential leadership abilities. Students attend an all-expense paid Camp in Idyllwild Pines, California for three days. Camp is organized by Rotarians and facilitated by RYLA student alumni. The RYLA event is sponsored by District 5320 and 49 local Rotary Clubs. Students are joined by talented young people from communities throughout the district. RYLA provides a memorable opportunity to learn, grow, have fun, and make new friends.

Lance K. was the first speaker. He is involved in swimming, water polo and Interact at MVHS. Lance told the group that the entire experience was exciting; but his favorite aspect of the camp was the “new friendships” he now enjoys.

Adam K. hopes to attend Annapolis of the Air Force Academy when he graduated from high school. He participates in wrestling, track and Interact. He enjoyed everything and said a very meaningful aspect was learning to “overcome fears.”

Alex K., the third speaker, hopes to attend the Pasadena Design Institute and specialize in automobile design. He is involved in track & field and Interact. His favorite lesson was learning the value of “team work.”

Kyle B. is involved in many activities and hope to attend a local Southern California school; e.g., USC or UCLA. His favorite RYLA lesson was developing an understanding for the value of “trust.”

For more information, please go to: www.missionviejorotary.org.



CLUB SERVICE

Prafull Karnik from RC of Thane East, India

Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten

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Rotarian Karnik’s presentation covered many areas of Rotary. He shared details of Rotary International, details of Rotary in India - especially in District 3140, covered the founding of Rotary and the Rotary Foundation, and discussed the history of Rotary. In addition, he gave first-hand details of past Matching Grants, (with the Mission

Viejo Club), including the building of check dams, adding water purification, pollution control, and more.

Rotarian Karnik’s closing comment was, “The more you know about Rotary, the better you can serve!”



CLUB SERVICE - SPECIAL REPORT

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

(Dave Williams is a PDG from District 5240. He is now an active member in the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo of District 5320.)

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

P - PolioPlus

PolioPlus has become the most ambitious program ever undertaken by Rotary or any other private organization. It aims to the complete eradication of a devastating, contagious disease for only the second time in world history. Smallpox was the first in 1979. Based on the success of a 3-H project in reducing the incidence of polio in the Philippines in the late 1970s, Rotary proposed raising funds to provide to any government which wished to use them to immunize its population against the ravages of polio. In 1985, Rotary set a goal of raising \$120 million within 5 years. To everyone’s amazement, Rotary has raised \$246 million by 1988. The World Health Organization, UNICEF, the CDE, and the Pan American Health Organization saw in these results the opportunity to wipe out polio and Rotary set this as a goal by the year 2005, its Centennial. The “Plus” in PolioPlus comes from the intent to also immunize children against other vaccine-preventable illnesses, such as measles, diphtheria, tuberculosis, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough). Personal involvement by Rotarians has proved even more valuable than monetary contributions. Rotarians in polio-endemic countries speak the native languages and know the local cultures. They have influence with governments and industries, and they bring their vocational expertise and personal resource to bear on the campaign. So how have we done? In 1985, there were 125 polio-endemic countries. At the beginning of 2009, there were four. The number of new polio cases has declined by more than 99%.



Next issue: “Q” - Queensland, Birthplace of RYLA

CLUB SERVICE

RC of Mission Viejo's Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is just around the corner

Report by PP Bill Craycraft and PP Steve Mugg

Yes, the Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, organized and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, is just around the corner. Nevertheless, it is not too late to get your tickets. **Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased at the door** or ordered from Rotarians Steve Mugg - (949) 581-4172 or Bill Craycraft - (949) 305-8572.

The annual event, held on the National Day of Prayer, has been a project of Mission Viejo Rotarians for the past 20 years. This year is shaping up to be the most inspiring ever. Do not miss this outstanding event. See you there!



Special Notice: Rotary Outdoor Adventure Day

Submitted by Scott Walker

May 22, Rotary Family day at Irvine Regional Park Outdoor Adventure Area from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Scott Walker for details.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK - MAY 1, 2010

“Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men.” - John F. Kennedy



President

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Rotary Youth Exchange Seeks Host Family

Submitted by PP Norm Syler

Do you want to learn Italian?

Do you want to know more about Italy?

Would you like to know a family in

Italy that you could visit on your next trip?

Well, here's a solution for you...

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo's Youth Exchange Counselor, **PP Norm Syler**, is looking for a host family for the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year. Our Club is sponsoring a Mission Viejo High School student in her youth exchange endeavor to Spain. In exchange, we are the sponsoring club of a high school student from Italy. PP Norm has arranged for a host family for the first semester, (September through January), but he is still in need of a host family for February through June.

If you are interested, or know of a family that may be interested, please contact Norm and he will give you all of the details. Norm can be contacted at: 949.707.5904 or at nashistory@sbcglobal.net.

Photo Top: PP Norm Syler, Youth Exchange Counselor.

Photo Bottom: Past Rotary Youth Exchange student, (Mission Viejo Club sponsored), Han Hee, from South Korea.

Note: PP Nick Alpino, gentleman and Rotarian extraordinaire, hosted Han Hee for the 2008-09 school year.

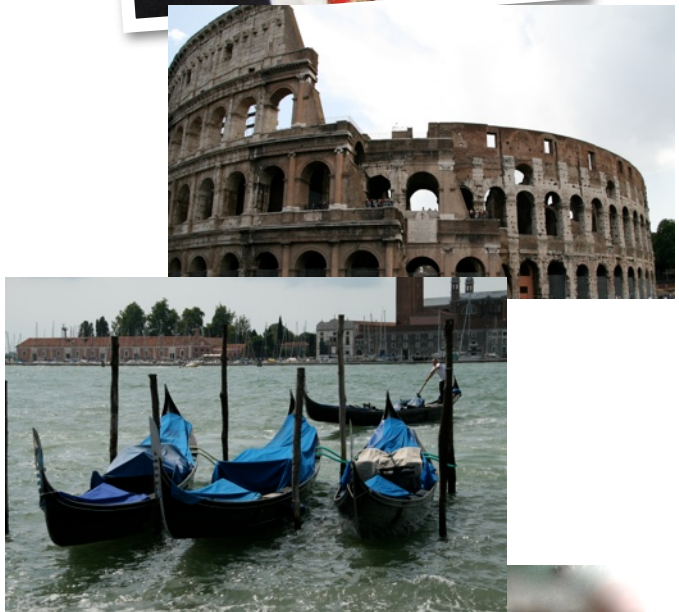




Photo Above: **PP George Cooper**, award winning Webmaster

WEB SITE NEWS

RECENTLY UPDATED!

Be sure to visit the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Web site at: www.missionviejorotary.org

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
REVISED April 2, 2010!

May 4 - NO MEETING - PANCAKE BREAKFAST 5/2

MAYOR'S BREAKFAST 5/6

May 11 - Richard Frieder

May 18 - Bill Greenfield

May 25 - Ann Hagerty

June 1 - Sarah Hagerty

June 8 - Jim Hansen

June 15 - NO MEETING - DEMOTION DINNER - 6/15

June 22 - Jacki Hanson

June 29 - Michael Jagerman

July 6 - Jack Jones

July 13 - Bill Kersten

Make-up 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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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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