



# 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

## CLUB SERVICE

# Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Celebrates Award Winning Year

*Photo by Bill Kersten*



*Photo above: Award winning President Scott and Webmaster PP George Cooper celebrated 2009-10 Awards!*

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has had a wonderful Rotary year under the leadership of **President Scott Walker**. The club completed five International Service projects, ten Vocational Service projects, ten Club Service projects, and eight Community Service projects. The Club earned District 5320 awards in the areas of Vocational Service, International Service, Community Service, Club

Website, Literacy, President's Award, 100% Paul Harris Club 2009-10, and Club Bulletin.

The 2009-10 MV Rotary Projects include: Blind Children's Learning Center, Veteran's Memorial, Adopt-a-Social Worker, Christmas and Thanksgiving Relief, Walk Against Drugs, Door of Faith, The Rotary Foundation, India Matching Grant, Foreign Exchange Student, Interact, Literacy Projects, RYLA, Teachers of the Year, Esperanza School, Scholarships, and more. The grand total in MV Rotary generated donations equaled approximately \$61,000.

For more information, please visit our Website at: [www.missionviejorotary.org](http://www.missionviejorotary.org).

### Upcoming Events

#### Upcoming Club Events...

*Rotary Club Web site:*  
[www.missionviejorotary.org](http://www.missionviejorotary.org)

**Tuesday, June 15 - Demotion Dinner at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club**

#### Upcoming District Events...

*District 5320 Web site:*  
[www.rotary5320.org](http://www.rotary5320.org)

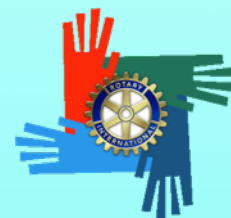
**Wednesday, July 14 - Presidents' meeting.**

**Saturday, July 31 - Angels End Polio Now Event.**

**Saturday, July 31 - Mission Viejo Pacific Symphony Event.**

**Tuesday, Aug. 10 - Presidents' meeting at Doubletree, Orange**

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**CLUB SERVICE**

# ***Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility***

*Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten*

Rotarians and guests enjoyed an excellent program on June 8, 2010. Dr. Brian Acacio, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., board certified in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility as well as in Obstetrics and Gynecology, was guest speaker. He titled his presentation, “Infertility: Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment Options.”

Dr. Acacio shared interesting facts and information regarding his medical practice and the Acacio Fertility Centers. All listeners were amazed by the subject, science, and technology he enthusiastically shared. Some of the terms for which we learned definitions are: Infertility, Fecundability, Epidemiology of Infertility, Ovulatory Dysfunction Tests and Treatments, and much more.

This was a fascinating presentation and it was made even more so by a brief personal statement from our own Rotarian Bob Brown.

For more information, please feel free to visit: <http://www.acaciofertility.com/index.html>.



**CLUB SERVICE - SPECIAL REPORT**

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

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

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



***S - Service, (Avenues of Service)***

The 4 Avenues of Service describe ways that a Rotarian may contribute to achieving the Object (or mission) of Rotary. They include (1) Club: working on activities necessary to hold the club together and make it successful, such as fundraising, membership development, social activities, and the like; (2) Community: finding the most pressing needs in the community and working on projects to meet them; (3) Vocational: using one’s profession to foster high ethical standards and serve the community; and (4) International: engaging in projects, such as humanitarian efforts to advance international peace, understanding and goodwill. Many clubs treat YOUTH as a fifth Avenue of Service. [Rotary Year 2010-2011 will add “New Generations” Avenue of Service and focus on youth].

***Next issue: “T”, Tolerance of Differences***

*VOCATIONAL SERVICE*

# *Esperanza Pancake Breakfast Final Update*

*Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten*

**President Scott Walker and PP Dennis O'Connor** delivered the final donation to Esperanza Special Education School from the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo during the club's regular meeting of June 8, 2010. The total effort, (including Rotary, sponsors, opportunity drawings, silent auction, etc.), compiled over \$30,000 for the special education school.



As stated in the goal for the fundraiser, the funds will go to purchase a new/newer van for transporting students and for a new marquee for the students to post upcoming events.

Special thanks to **Dennis O'Connor, Tom Ross**, Principal Starr Avedesian, and Esperanza staff member Christine for their efforts and leadership with this meaningful Rotary project.

## *Website News*



Did you know that our Website had 1,916 visits during the month of May? The longest visit lasted 27 minutes and the average lasted about one minute. We have had a few local business/community members inquire about the club each month. **Webmaster PP George Cooper** does an amazing job with our Award Winning Website. Visit the Site regularly to keep up on Club and District activities.

Thank you George. You are awesome!

## *QUOTE OF THE WEEK - JUNE 15, 2010*

If we cannot now end our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity.

- John F. Kennedy



*President*

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MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO May 20, 2010

In attendance:

Scott Walker, President Dave Williams, Secretary Bill Kersten, Treasurer Gary Poertner, Immediate Past President and Vice President Jack Wallace, Director, Membership

Steve Fish, Director, Vocational Service Bob McQueen, Director, Club Service Norm Syler, Director, Public Relations Pushpa Chandwani, Director, International Service Victoria Avery, Director, Rotary Foundation, Jim Hansen, President-Elect and Director, Community Service.

Board Members Absent:

Rich Frieder, Director at Large

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:08 am. The Board met in the Conference Room of the Saddleback Valley School District in Mission Viejo.

Minutes Approved: The Board approved the revised Minutes of the April meeting without further revision.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Dave reported that our club has a net gain of one member for the year. Our membership stands at 33, with an 87% attendance for the year. Secretary Dave announced that our latest submission to The Rotary Foundation brought our year-to-date contributions to \$7,976 or an average of \$242 per member. We still have \$1,007 in our checking account to submit, together with donations with the June billing. Our donations for the year should average in excess of \$280 per member. We currently have 13 new Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Awards to present. After discussion, the group decided to announce them at the Demotion Dinner and to have the District Governor Johrita Solari present them during her visit to the club on August 3rd.

International Service: Director Pushpa said that our clean water project with the Rotary Club of Thane East (India) is on-going. Krishna Mathur of the Rotary Club of Pune (India) is in town and will be attending our club meetings while he is here. He brought a check to assist with provisioning of the Rotary Club of Herad (Afghanistan). In March, we also approved \$250 for this purpose. We may be able to give our check to him, put it together with the donation from the Pune Club, purchase the needed supplies in India, and ship them from Pune to Herad. Director Pushpa said that she is looking into a preventable blindness project with the Rotary Club of Bangalore (also in India). Rotarian Jacki Hansen has worked for years with LIGA (Flying Doctors Missions of Mercy). She asked our club for \$300 for 2 artificial limbs for a Mexican patient. The Board approved this expenditure. Director Norm stated that we are still seeking a host family for the second semester for Marco Chenet, our Exchange Student from Italy. We will be sending Caroline Moeller from Mission Viejo to Spain during the same academic year.

Vocational Service: Director Bob reminded the Board that our club will be presenting 8 \$500 scholarships to 2 students each at the following High Schools: Mission Viejo High (June 10th), Capistrano Valley High (June 10th), Trabuco High (June 15th) and Silverado High (June 23rd). We need Rotarian volunteers at each of the presentation ceremonies.

The President of the Mission Viejo High School Band Boosters Club requested a donation from our club for the band. Director Steve will look into the request and report back to the Board.

Club Service: President Scott asked all Board members to reserve the night of Tuesday, June 15th for our Demotion Dinner at the Arroyo Trabuco Country Club. President Scott announced that we have run out of pens as speakers' gifts. He suggested that we participate in the Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure project as an alternative. In it, we would buy and distribute an Apple Dumpling kit in the name of the speaker to an elementary school. The speaker's name would be engraved in the book, which he or she could also sign. The project promotes the Four Way Test to second graders. It was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fairborn, Ohio. A single kit costs \$16.95, and volume discounts are provided. President Scott volunteered to order a kit so the Board could evaluate it.

President Scott distributed a spreadsheet showing that our club had won awards at the District Conference in 5 of the 6 areas evaluated for Medium Size Rotary Clubs. They included First Place recognition in Bulletins, International Service, and Club Web Site. We placed second in Vocational Service, and third in Community Service. He thanked President-Elect Jim for pulling our awards submission together for us.

Community Service: President Scott asserted that the Esperanza Pancake Breakfast on May 2nd was highly successful. The Principal has asked to come to our club to express her appreciation. President Scott stated that the Prayer Breakfast was also one of the best ever. We are still awaiting check from Waste Management and Edison, but Treasurer Bill assured the Board that we would break even for the event. Secretary Dave will look into providing Edison with a letter from the District concerning the club's access to a 501c(3) Foundation.

President Scott said that our club has been invited to participate in the Pacific Symphony on the Green on July 31st. He noted that it conflicts with the Angels' Game Fundraiser for Polio Eradication. He would like to see us involved if Rotarians not going to the game could staff a booth at the event.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill reported that our net income to-date is \$17,579 over plan, but we still have \$5,000 to pay for scholarships and more than \$1,000 for The Rotary Foundation. He has already issued a check for our club's representation at the International Convention in Montreal. We owe Director Rich for reimbursement for the Gifts in Kind program. Our payment next Rotary Year of \$1,600 for the Veterans' Memorial at Saddleback College will complete that commitment. The District Office reported that it lost our January dues payment. The check has not been cashed so he will issue another. The Board approved a requested leave of absence for Steve Tahouri, with waiver of club dues during his assignment in Los Angeles. He will still need to pay RI and District dues.

Other: The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 10th, at 7:00 a.m., in a Conference Room of the Saddleback Valley School District.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 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**

**June 15 - NO MEETING -**

**DEMOTION DINNER - 6/15**

- June 22 - Jacki Hanson
- June 29 - Michael Jagerman
- July 6 - Jack Jones
- July 13 - Bill Kersten
- July 20 - Joe Lavoie
- July 27 - Dave Leckness
- Aug. 3 - Don Lewellen
- Aug. 10 - Bob McQueen
- Aug. 17 - Steve Mugg
- Aug. 24 - Rick Murray
- Aug. 31 - Verl Nash

**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>

**Bulletin Staff**



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**ROTARY SHARES**

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(Kathryn), Mortician

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Member

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Member

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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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