



THE SPOKE & WHEEL

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Meeting Days: Tuesdays

Meeting Times: 7:05 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.

President: Scott Walker

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

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE NEWS

Mission Viejo Rotary Club funds Shelterbox for Recent Disaster!

Report by Jim Hansen

Photos by Bill Kersten

Rotarian Bob Brown filled in for the guest speaker who had to cancel due to an emergency. Bob presented an update on a recent Board approved donation to Rotary towards the Shelterbox Program.



As Bob described, the Shelterbox Program provides "Shelterboxes" to areas of the world hit by a major disaster - earthquake, tsunami, etc. The Shelterbox Program began in 2001 and since inception has delivered Shelterboxes to 50 countries responding to 80 major disasters.

The Shelterboxes contain tents, food, water, tools, cooking equipment and utensils, children's toys and more. Each box costs approximately \$1000 and contains supplies to house and care for a family of 10.

The Mission Viejo Rotary Club has donated over \$1,000 for this project focusing on the most recent disaster.

November

Upcoming Club Events...

Rotary Club Web site:

www.missionviejorotary.org

Tuesday, Nov. 3 - Regular meeting. Topic: TBA

Saturday, Nov. 7 - Foundation Dinner, Irvine Hilton

Tuesday, Nov. 10 - Regular meeting. Topic: TBA

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - Regular meeting. Topic: TBA

Tuesday, Nov. 24 - Regular meeting. Topic: TBA

Tuesday, Dec. 1 - Regular meeting. Topic: TBA

Upcoming District

Events...

District 5320 Web site:

www.rotary5320.org

Tuesday, Nov. 10 - Presidents' Dinner, Double Tree, Orange

Thursday, Nov. 12, 4 p.m. - Finance Committee @ District Office

Thursday, Nov 19, 3 p.m. - District 5320 Advisory Board @ District Office

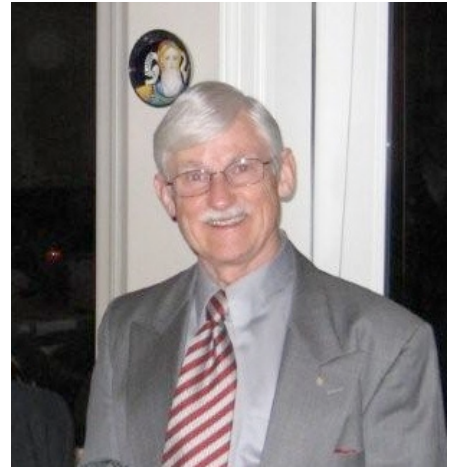
CLUB NEWS - SPECIAL REPORT

Dave's ABCs of Rotary

By Mission Viejo Rotarian David C. Williams, PDG

PART "D" OF A TWENTY-SIX PART ARTICLE

Rotary is an organization of professional men and women, organized worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Founded in 1905, it is the world's first service club organization. It is composed of more than 33,000 Rotary clubs on all 7 continents and 168 nations of the world. A Rotarian belongs to a Rotary club. His or her club belongs to Rotary International. There are many aspects to Rotary. Among the most important are:



"D" - District

There are currently 532 Districts in the Rotary world. A District is composed of a number of Rotary clubs - usually 45 to 50. It is presided over by a District Governor, who is an officer of Rotary International. The purpose of the District is to assist the clubs in achieving the Objects of Rotary. The Governor helps train the Officers and Directors of the clubs by sponsoring the annual District Assembly. He or she is also required to conduct an annual District Conference for all Rotarians in the District. It offers social interaction, Rotary information, stimulating speakers, and the sharing of ideas from all clubs in the District.

Quote of the Week...November 1, 2009

"Never, never, never give up!" - Winston Churchill

CLUB NEWS

The New Face of Iran

Photo by Bill Kersten

Rotarian Steve Tahouri shared stories, photos, and insight into growing up and living in Iran. Steve's passionate program on Iran was filled with photos of parks, bridges, homes, mountains, churches, ancient ruins, historic sites, and much more.

Steve's presentation was an exciting history lesson for us all!



CLUB NEWS - SPECIAL REPORT

“I Remember...”

A Legionnaire Remembers

November 22, 1963

By Nicholas Alpino, Post 257

Friday November 22, 1963 started out as a typical day for me. With approximately 400 other U. S. Navy men and women, I was a student at Radioman “A” School in Bainbridge, Maryland. “A” School is where the Navy sent you to learn, Morse Code, Cryptography, and other means of military communications. Students were also instructed on how to trouble shoot and service the receivers and transmitters utilized by U. S. Navy ships of that era.

Reveille 05:30, assemble and march in formation to the Chow Hall 06:30. Return to the barracks in time to reassemble and march to school at 08:00, classes started at 08:30.

Friday was my favorite day of the week as I usually had liberty three weekends of the month. I was planning to take a Greyhound bus to New York and spend the weekend at home with my family.

After enjoying a hardy lunch, my mates and I returned to school at about 13:30 and were just settling in to our seats, when one of our toughest Chief Petty Officers entered our class room and demanded silence in a tone we had never heard from him before.

“Ladies and gentleman, listen very carefully to what I am saying. The President has been shot in Dallas, Texas. We expect more information shortly, but for now, we know he has been rushed to a hospital and no further hostilities have been reported. Our military has been put on full alert and we will be receiving orders soon. Those of you who are religious may like to say a prayer for President Kennedy at this time.”

The Chief left the room and we all looked to our instructor for guidance, but he was as shocked as the rest of our group. He immediately tuned one of our demonstration receivers to CBS radio and we listened to what was happening in Dallas and all around the globe. We sat in class for about twenty minutes when the announcement came over our public address system that our president was dead.

All personnel were ordered back to the barracks and told to stand by for additional orders. The next few hours were hectic as we stood by in our barracks and listened to our radios as history unfolded.



On Saturday (11/23/63) those of us with liberty were told we could leave the base. Some of us were granted two extra days so that we could attend the memorial services for the president in Washington, D.C.

By 14:00, (2:00 p.m.), a friend and I were on a bus headed for our nations capital and by 18:00, (6:00 p.m.), we were lucky to get the last room available at the district’s Y.M.C.A.

On Sunday (11/24/63) morning we stood by with some 300,000 other Americans to watch the presidents body being moved from the White House to the Capitol Rotunda on a horse drawn carriage. The same carriage had carried the body of former president Franklin D. Roosevelt. The carriage was accompanied by a rider less horse in accordance with military tradition.

Sunday was cold and bleak as we waited in line for over eight hours in order to pass by our presidents casket which was now placed in the middle of the Capitol Rotunda. My Navy Blues and Pea Coat kept my body warm but with only a white sailors cap my head felt like a chunk of ice by the time we got back to our room late that night.

Monday (11/25/63) was another cold day as we watched Jacqueline Kennedy, Caroline, and JFK Jr. leave the White House in a limousine on their way to the State funeral which was held at St. Matthew’s Cathedral. We spent the day mingling with other sad Americans and finished up by negotiating a ride back to our base from two marines who had come to town to bid farewell to the president just like us.

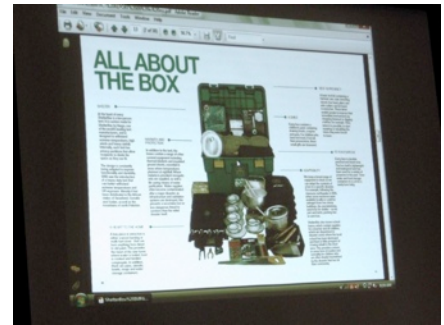
While serving aboard Navy ships I was fortunate to visit foreign countries, be involved in military exercises, and much more, however three days in 1963 will always bring back vivid lasting memories of a very sad time for all Americans.

(Nick Alpino is a former member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. This article is being shared with his permission.)

Shelterboxes - (Cont. from page 1)

Thanks to the Club and individual donations, the Club has exceeded the \$1,000 goal set by **President Scott Walker**.

I know Club members are proud to be a part of the best Rotary Club in Southern California.



CLUB NEWS

Jack Wallace Cheers for the Angels

Photos by Ashley (Age 9) submitted by Jack Wallace

Director Jack Wallace and family attended an Angels game during the Angels post-season against the New York Yankees. Although the Angels lost the series four games to two, they provided some great baseball games and wonderful entertainment.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Saddleback College



Veteran's Memorial

Report by Jim Hansen

Harry Palmer, Saddleback College Chief of Police, was guest speaker recently. He shared information and updates on the Veteran's Memorial being constructed on the Saddleback Community College campus.

Chief Palmer informed the Rotary Club members and guests that the concept for the memorial began in 2004. On March 5, 2008 ground was broken to begin the project. The memorial is being built by volunteers to be a place to conduct outdoor classes; reflect and honor; express thankfulness; and celebrate.

The memorial has some intentional unique design characteristics. For example, it is 11° off true north; a pathway is 11'-11" long - (the num-

bers correspond to the 11/11 of November 11 - Veteran's Day).

Chief Palmer told the group that the first flag to fly over the memorial will be the same flag that flew over the White House, the U.S. Embassy in Viet Nam, and is currently held by the Viet Nam Veteran's Orange County Chapter. The flag will fly for one year and then will be permanently retired.

After Chief Palmer's talk, Rotary Club **President Scott Walker** presented a check for the memorial in the amount of \$1,700 to Chief Palmer. This was a second installment for a \$5,000 commitment from the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo made during the Presidency of **PP Nick Alpino**.

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo is proud to be a part of this lasting community project!



Photo above: President Scott Walker presents a check for \$1,700 to Chief Palmer.

CLUB NEWS

**UNITED STATES
CENSUS 2010**

Report by Jim Hansen

Guest speaker Nadia Babayi, Partnership Specialist, from the 2010 Census Partnership Program, spoke to the topic, “2010 Census: It’s in our hands.”

Ms. Babayi shared details of the 2010 Census. She explained the Census Questionnaire, the census process and information about the census bureau. Details of her presentation included the following:

The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. All U.S. residents must be counted - both citizens and non citizens. People will receive a questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the



population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

Several questions from the audience were fielded by Ms. Babayi and the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo is appreciative of her visit.

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to: 2010census.gov.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO

SUPPORTS “MV WALK AGAINST DRUGS!”

Coordinated by **PP Rick Murray**, the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo cooked, wrapped, and delivered 2,000 hot dogs to walkers in the Walk Against Drugs event held on October 17, 2009 during the City’s Red Ribbon Week.

The event was well attended and a lot of fun for all, including the student volunteers from Capistrano Valley and Mission Viejo High Schools. In addition to the fourteen Rotary Club members, (**Dennis O’Connor, Steve Mugg, Steve Tahouri, Bob Brown, Pushpa Chandwani, Rick Murray, Jack Wallace, Norm Syler, Jim Hansen, Aaron Sako, Bill Craycraft, Bill Greenfield, Sr., Bob McQueen, and Dave Leckness**), MVHS Interact members, and volunteers from MVHS, CVHS, and La Paz Intermediate School were wrapping and helping distribute hotdogs. If you missed this, don’t miss next year’s event!

