



# The Spoke & Wheel

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Chartered September 13, 1974.

**Club Leadership/Board Members:** Jim Hansen, President; PDG Dave Williams, Secretary; PP Bill Kersten, Treasurer; Dave Leckness, President Elect; PP Scott Walker, Immediate Past-President; PP Victoria Avery, Foundation Chairperson; Bob Brown, New Generations; Dr. Pushpa Chandwani, International Service; PP George Cooper, Club Training Officer; Tom Ross, Vocational Service; PP Dr. Richard Frieder, Director-at-Large (Special Projects); PP Robert McQueen, Club Service; PP Gary Poertner, Club Administration; PP Norm Syler, Public Relations; PP Dennis O'Connor, Community Service; and Jack Wallace, Membership Chairman.

**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:** Ray Klingensmith, RI President; Johrita Solari, District 5320 Governor

## CLUB SERVICE

### M.V. Rotary donates new chairs to Vocational Visions

Report by Jim Hansen • Photos by Bill Kersten



chairs at their annual Halloween party on Saturday, October 30, 2010. Several Rotarians attended the party and helped set, served snacks, and more. They were: **Norm Syler, Dave Leckness, Ken Dever, Bill Kersten, and Dennis O'Connor.**

This organization has been a great project of M.V. Rotary for the past several years and the club is proud of the many donations made to date.

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The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo donated new chairs for the club house at Vocational Visions - a facility supporting adults with disabilities. The Club House is used for parties, games, and other social activities for the clients at the non-profit facility in Mission Viejo.

In addition to the chair donation, the MV Rotary Club sponsored the Halloween Party. The clients enjoyed the new

### Upcoming Events

- Upcoming Club Events...**  
 Rotary Club Web site:  
[www.missionviejorotary.org](http://www.missionviejorotary.org)  
 Tuesday, Nov. 16 - Regular Meeting.  
 Thursday, Nov. 18 - Board Meeting.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 23 - Regular Meeting.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 30 - Regular Meeting.  
 Saturday, Dec. 4 - **DOOR OF FAITH ORPHANAGE**  
 Tuesday, Dec. 7 - Regular Meeting.  
 Thursday, Dec. 9 - Board Meeting  
**Upcoming District Events...**  
 District 5320 Web site:  
[www.rotary5320.org](http://www.rotary5320.org)  
 Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Presidents' Meeting.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 11 - Presidents' Meeting.



**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

***MVR Sponsors Chairs and Halloween Party for Vocational Visions! (cont. from page 1)***



**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

***Door of Faith Orphanage, Mexico***

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo will be returning to Mexico to the Door of Faith Orphanage for the 21st year. The Mission Viejo club performs eye exams and furnished Christmas gifts to be opened on Christmas morning. **La Paz Optometrics**, provides the equipment, and **Dr. Richard Frieder, Dr. Aaron Sako and Dr Pushpa Chandwani** provide the knowledge and skills needed for the exams. Other club members, families, and friends provide the clerical and organizational support needed to exam over one hundred children in a day.

The trip will be on Saturday, December 4. **If you would like to go along to support this extremely worthy project, it's not too late.** Just contact PP Dr. Richard Frieder.

Stay tuned...



**CLUB SERVICE**

***355 Club - Join Today!***



Want to be a member of a truly remarkable "club?" **Join the 355 Club.** The brainchild of Roy Jefferson, Executive Assistant to District Governor Johrita Solari, the 355 Club is a take-off on the \$355 million donated to Polio-Plus by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Here is the process: commit to donate \$3.55 per week, (\$184.60 for the year), and you can become a member.

PolioPlus, the Rotary's program to eradicate polio has raised approximately \$1 billion to date. There are only four countries left having polio

outbreaks - Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

***Keep up the great work!***



***COMMUNITY SERVICE - THANKSGIVING DINNERS***

**Bob McQueen, Bill Kerten and Carol** have been purchasing the fixings for 16 fabulous Thanksgiving Dinners sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. Stay tuned for photos of the delivery to Social Service for distribution...

**CLUB SERVICE**

***The Laguna Playhouse***

*Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten*

The guest speaker on Tuesday, November 2 was Donna Inghima (Director of The Laguna Playhouse Youth Theatre, Education & Outreach). She told us she is a director, writer, producer, teacher, and actor. She's directed published and original plays in New York City, Chicago, Palm Springs, Stockbridge, MA, Syracuse, NY, and Laguna Beach. She is currently at The Laguna Playhouse, where she is the Producer and Director of TheatreReach, an Equity Theatre for Young Audiences touring program. Donna directed *Spinning Into Butter*, by Rebecca Gilman for Laguna Playhouse in 2001, and a number of productions for the Youth Theatre Stage including,



The Good Times Are Killing Me, and more.

She is currently working on remounting The Laguna Playhouse Professional Touring productions, *By the Great Horn Spoon*, *Stuart Little*, and for the Youth Theatre Stage, *HONK!*

Donna is an enthusiastic and talented speaker and we all now know a great deal about the Laguna Playhouse.

**CLUB SERVICE - SPECIAL REPORT**

***5 AH HA! MOMENTS IN ROTARY***

*By David C. Williams (PDG)*

**(The following is part one of a five-part article written by PDG Dave Williams)**



**Rotary was shaped by a series of pleasant surprises that not even the founders could have anticipated. Among them were:**

1. Rapid Growth

Rotary started on February 23, 1905 with just 4 people, 2 of whom would no longer be in the Rotary Club of Chicago at the end of the year (50% turnover). Yet, there were 30 members on December 31, 1905. Paul Harris was interested in expanding the concept of Rotary to other areas of the country, but other Rotarians were not. After all, Rotary succeeded early on because of the unique characteristics of Chicago at the beginning of the 20th century. The 2nd Rotary club did not even come into existence until 1908. It then became evident that the concepts of friendship and community service had wide appeal in metropolitan areas. After Chicago, the next 4 clubs (San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle, Los Angeles) were founded on the west coast before crossing the country to the east coast (New York and Boston) in 1909. By the time of the first convention of National Association in Rotary Clubs of America in 1910, there were already 16 clubs in the U.S.

**CLUB SERVICE**

**Glory Gates Quartet**

*Photo by Bill Kersten • Reporter Jim Hansen*

Rich McIntyre, lead singer for Glory Gates Quartet, presented a 20 minute video of his group’s missionary work in Romania. His group, with the help of Romanian citizens, helps Romanian orphans. Mr. McIntyre told the audience that his team has had wonderful success supporting, “kids off the streets, abandoned children, and even a child left in a trash bin.” Several of the children have grown, completed college degrees, and lead productive lives.

For more information on the Glory Gates Quartet, please feel free to visit: [www.glorygatesquartet.com](http://www.glorygatesquartet.com).



**FOUNDATION MICKEY - WATCH FOR HIM!**



Remember, if you end up with "Foundation

Mickey," you may make a donation to the Rotary

Foundation before sharing Mickey with the next member. To donate, simply tell Bill Kersten, Treasurer, and he will bill you.

Thank you for all you do through Rotary!



**QUOTE OF THE WEEK - NOVEMBER 15, 2010**

*"Everything you do sends a message about who you are and what you value." - Michael Josephson*

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## MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO October 7, 2010

In attendance: Jim Hansen, President Dave Williams, Secretary Bill Kersten, Treasurer Scott Walker, Immediate Past President (IPP) Bob McQueen, Service Chair Jack Wallace, Membership Chair Norm Syler, Public Relations Chair Dennis O'Connor, Director, Community Service Bob Brown, Director, New Generations

Board Members Absent: Dave Leckness, President-Elect; Pushpa Chandwani, Director, International Service; Gary Poertner, Club Administration Chair; Victoria Avery, Rotary Foundation Chair; George Cooper, Club Training Officer; Tom Ross, Director, Vocational Service; Rich Frieder, Director at Large

President Jim called the meeting to order at 7:12 am. The Board met in the Conference Room of Edwards Jones Office in Mission Viejo.

1. Minutes Approved: The Board approved the revised Minutes of the September meeting without further revision.
2. Administration: President Jim stated that Chairman Gary was still working on a new organization chart for the Board, tied to an alternative Financial/Budget format. He suggested that interested Board members join Gary to review it after a regular club meeting.
3. IPP Scott volunteered to chair a Nominating Committee for the 2011-12 Board. The committee, composed of Past Presidents of the club, will come up with a slate of candidates for Board positions. These will be presented to the membership one month in advance of our club election in December.

He also offered to look into a site and date for our club Christmas Party in December.

4. Membership: Chairman Jack stated that the use of videos on internet social networks would assist our club in recruiting. Director Bob indicated that he had some experience in producing videos and could be of assistance in this regard. It was suggested that we film our Walk Against Drugs this month and our next visit to the Door of Faith Orphanage in Mexico.

Chairman Norm proposed that we invite Dr. Carl Moeller, CEO of Open Doors, to do a program on his organization in support of persecuted Christians. He is a possible member. Clint Harwick, the new Superintendent of the Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD), is also a prospective member once he relocates to Mission Viejo from Covina.

The Board discussed conducting a Membership Drive in the January-February 2011 time frame and a Fireside Meeting thereafter to get new members involved in club activities. The Spring Fiesta fundraiser at Café Maiz is an event of interest to new members. Chairman Jack indicated that a new Member Application form, developed by Secretary Dave and compatible with the DaCdb data base, is acceptable to him. He stated that he would invite Steve Tahouri, who has been on an approved leave of absence from our club since May 20, 2010 to our club events, such as Walk Against Drugs on October 23rd and our Christmas Party. His leave of absence is only good for 12 months.

5. Public Relations: Chairman Norm said that Vocational Visions is still awaiting arrival of the chairs ordered for the clubhouse under our District Simplified Grant (DSG). The club will pay the full amount when they arrive, and then submit a Final Report to obtain our DSG funds from the District. He announced that he hears frequently from Caroline Moeller, our Exchange Student to Spain, and reports that she is adapting well to her host country.

We are a sponsor of "Halloween Night" on October 30th at Vocational Visions. We will be encouraging club members to attend.

6. New Generations: Director Bob said that RYLA at Idyllwild will take place on May 13-15, 2011, later than usual. District Chair Jerry Cress has asked to visit our club to promote the event. We discussed involving Marco Chenet, our Exchange Student from Italy, in RYLA. We have budgeted \$1,500 for the program this Rotary year.

President Jim reported that Mission Viejo Interact Club has been meeting biweekly under the guidance of faculty sponsor Mark Sabus.

Director Bob look into scheduling the carolers from Mission Viejo High School at a club meeting on December 7th or 14th.

7. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill reported that we have \$53,585 in the Buckhalter-Wiggins Memorial Fund and another \$20,357 in our Charity Passbook Savings Account. We still have about \$26,000 in our Operating Account. These accounts are in One West Bank. We have about \$2,000 in receivables. Our bottom line to-date is \$368 under budget.

We still owe \$1,600 as our last payment for the Veterans' Memorial at Saddleback College. We are awaiting the return of Chairman Gary to see if he can find a contact to receive the check at one of our meetings. He sent a check to Rotarians Fighting AIDS (RFFA) in Africa for \$500 after receiving a matching check from Director Pushpa for \$250.

He is still looking into the possibility of prorating the billing of the RI and District dues over the course of the Rotary Year. The billing for these would then be equal monthly amounts.

8. Service: Chairman Bob stated that he has purchased 2 outdoor hot dog cookers for the "Walk Against Drugs" on October 23rd.

9. Community Service: Director Dennis reported that he attended a successful fundraising dinner for the Shea Center. It raised some \$2 million in support of its programs.

10. **President's Report:** President Jim announced that Director Pushpa reported approval by The Rotary Foundation of our \$23,000 Matching Grant project with the Rotary Club of Punganur Central to counteract preventable blindness. Our contribution will be \$2,500. The Board approved the purchase of 167 new Scholastic books for use by schools chosen by the SVUSD. The cost is \$337.13. Secretary Dave said that he would submit the order this same day. Scholastic will bill the club for the books. He explained that Jacki Hanson had asked for club support to purchase a \$4,000 piece of equipment for LIGA (the Flying Doctors). The Board tabled the request pending a possible program on the subject. He stated that he had been approached by Jim Carlin to support "Walk and Talk" at Vocational Visions. The Board declined to help sponsor this project.

11. Other: The next Board meeting will be on November 18th, at 7:10 am, in the Conference Room of the Edward Jones office (Bob Brown's office), 27772 Vista Del Lago, Suite B21, in Mission Viejo.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 am.

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

For Club information, you may use the following passwords:  
User = *rotarian*  
Password = *mvr*



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

**WHITE ELEPHANT**

- Nov. 16 - Bob Brown
  - Nov. 23 - Dr. Pushpa Chandwani
  - Nov. 30 - George Cooper
  - Dec. 7 - Bill Craycraft
  - Dec. 14 - Kendall Dever
  - Dec. 21 - DARK\*
  - Dec. 28 - DARK
  - Jan. 4 - DARK\*
  - Jan. 11 - TBA
  - Jan. 18 - TBA
  - Jan. 25 - TBA
- \*Tentative

**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 Clemente 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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**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?*

