



The Spoke & Wheel

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Chartered September 13, 1974.

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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

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Welcomed Caroline Mueller

Report by Jim Hansen • Photos by Bill Kersten



Photo: Caroline Mueller, Mrs. Mueller, and Club Youth Counselor Norm Syler.

At the August 10, 2010 regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, the club welcomed special guest Caroline Mueller, (Youth Exchange student), and her mother. Caroline is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo and will be attending her senior year of high school in Spain.

As a Youth Exchange Student, Caroline will be living with a family in Spain and co-

sponsored by the Rotary Club in the Spanish community is which she will reside.

Caroline is an honor student at Mission Viejo High School where she completed her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. She told the audience she is very excited about her year abroad and can hardly wait to to meet her new “family” and continue to improve Spanish language while expanding her cultural experiences.

PP Norm Syler, the Mission Viejo Club’s Historian and Public Relations Chair, is a Rotary training and approved Youth Exchange Counselor. In his role, he will communicate with Caroline and her parents and give the club updates as to her educational and personal growth experiences. By the way, Norm also coordinated our incoming Italian student.

Stay tuned...

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Club Events...

Rotary Club Web site:

www.missionviejorotary.org

Tuesday, Sept. 7 - Regular meeting - Mary Jo

McQueen, “Genealogy”

Friday, Sept. 10 - Business

Rotarian Awards.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 - Regular meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 9 - Board meeting.

Tuesday, Sept. 21 - Regular meeting.

Tuesday, Sept. 28 - Regular meeting.

Upcoming District Events...

District 5320 Web site:

www.rotary5320.org

Friday, Sept. 10, Business

Rotarian of Year; 11:30

a.m. @ Doubletree, Orange.



CLUB SERVICE

An overview of Rotary was presented by PDG

Dave Williams *Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten*

On August 17, 2010, **PDG Dave Williams** stepped up at the last minute to fill a void in our speaker slot to give club members and guests an overview of Rotary. Some of our best presenters have been club members and this certainly was no exception.

Dave used PowerPoint and a vast knowledge of Rotary to share interesting facts regarding Rotary’s beginning and growth. Dave took us from February 23, 1905, (the founding of Rotary), to 1984, (the beginning of Polio Plus). Of course, there were many details in between.

The audience was give details of Rotary topics such as: Matching Grants, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, PolioPlus, Grants to University Teachers, and much more.

This was a fact filled, and interesting, presentation!



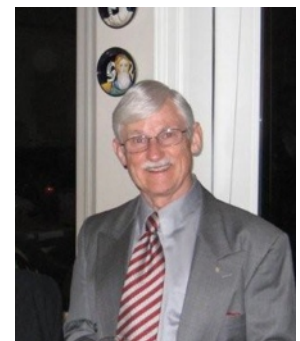
CLUB SERVICE - SPECIAL REPORT

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.

“W” - Women in Rotary



When Rotary was established in 1905, it followed the custom of the time and limited its membership to males. This restriction was incorporated into the constitutional documents of Rotary International. Women played a role in Rotary projects, but not as members. This policy became an embarrassment and impediment to progress within the United States, Canada and a few other parts of the world because women were assuming top leadership positions within their communities. The Council on Legislation, representing the entire Rotary world, consistently voted down proposals to change the Bylaws of Rotary International to admit women throughout the 1970s and early 1980s. In 1978, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California tok matters into its own hands and admitted 3 women to membership.. The RI Board had no choice other than to remove the club’s charter. The Duarte club sued in court claiming the RI was in violation of a stated civil rights law prohibiting discrimination of any form in business establishment or public accommodations. A California appeals court upheld the Duarte position, as did the United States Supreme Curt in 1987. The action permitted women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction have similar “public accommodations” statutes. Finally, the Council on Legislation voted in 1989 to eliminate the “male only” provision from all Rotary constitutional documents, In 2001, the Council went further and encouraged every Rotary club in the world to admit women.

Next issue: “X” - EXtension of Rotary

CLUB SERVICE

2-1-1, “A Vital Community Resource”

Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten

The guest speaker at the August 24 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo was John McGinness representing an international call support service, “2-1-1.” A call to 2-1-1 can connect the caller to over 1,300 community non-emergency support services for those individuals that may not be able to afford to pay for a specific service. For example, 2-1-1 can connect a caller to free services for seniors, financial services, unemployment services, refinancing services, and much more. The goal of 2-1-1 is to deal with non-emergency situations before they become emergency situations.

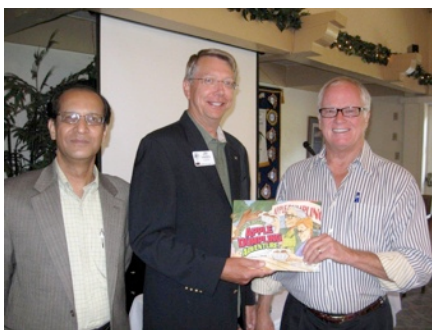
For more details, please visit the 2-1-1 Orange County Website at: www.211oc.org or call (888) 600-4357.



CLUB SERVICE

Books donated to SVUSD!

Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten



The 2009-10 Rotary Board, under the leadership of then President **Scott Walker**, approved purchasing books to be used as “speaker gifts” and in turn the books will be donated to

the SVUSD for distribution to local elementary schools.

The books are third grade reading level and tell a story supported by Rotary’s Four-Way Test.

A Mission Viejo Rotary sticker has been attached to each book by **PP Bill Kersten** and future speakers will be asked to sign the books at the end of their presentations. The books will

then be donated to the Saddleback Valley Unified School District for local elementary schools.

Look for use of the books during upcoming meetings!

CLUB SERVICE

American Cancer Society’s “Walk Against Breast Cancer” *Report by Jim Hansen and Photo by Bill Kersten*

Mr. Jeffrey Champlin, American Cancer Society Event Outreach Specialist, spoke at the August 31, 2010 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. His main focus was to educate the audience on the four prong approach the American Cancer Society uses and to invite Club members to attend the upcoming “Walk For Breast Cancer.” Mr. Champlin elaborated on the four-prong approach, (stay well; get well; road to recovery; and find cures), and was very informative.

He also shared details regarding the “Walk For Breast Cancer.” Some of the details include: 1) The program begins at the O.C. Performing Arts Center at 8 a.m. on October 10, 2010; 2) it will be a 5K walk; 3) adults, children, dogs, etc. are welcome; and more.

Please visit: www.cancer.org.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Meet the RC of Mission Viejo’s Youth Exchange Student *Report Jim Hansen for Norm Syler, Rotary Youth Exchange Counselor*



PP Norm Syler reports that our Youth Exchange Student from Italy will be at the September 7, 2010 meeting.

Norm is an active Rotarian who remains involved in many aspect of the Rotary Club of

Mission Viejo. He strongly believes in the Rotary Four-Way Test, Rotary values, and Rotary’s mission.

To that end, he is an invaluable members of the Mission Viejo club by his many donations of time and resources. He sets an example for us all.

Having said that, Norm spent this past year coordinating the club’s Youth Exchange Program. What that means is Norm met with families that made application, met with the

students, completed the District Youth Safety Training, attended Youth Exchange meetings, completed the Club’s applications, submitted personal information to be screened by the FBI, (yes, Rotary Youth Counselors must be screened through an FBI process), and much more.

We all owe Norm a great deal of “thanks” and support for continuing efforts to help our club reach the level of success it has!

DRAFT MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO August 19, 2010

In attendance:

Jim Hansen, President; Dave Williams, Secretary; Bill Kersten, Treasurer; Scott Walker, Immediate Past President; Gary Poertner, Club Administration Chair; Jack Wallace, Membership Chair; Norm Syler, Public Relations Chair; George Cooper, Club Training Officer; Pushpa Chandwani, Director, International Service; Bob Brown, Director, New Generations; Tom Ross, Director, Vocational Service.

Board Members Absent: Dave Leckness, President-Elect; Bob McQueen, Service Chair; Victoria Avery, Rotary Foundation Chair; Dennis O'Connor, Director, Community Service; Richard Frieder, Director at Large.

President Jim called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m. The Board met in the Conference Room of Edwards Jones Office in Mission Viejo.

Minutes Approved: The Board approved the revised Minutes of the July meeting without further revision. The Board also approved the Minutes of the July 27, 2010 Special Meeting.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Dave reported Rotarians can review comparative Attendance percentages and other club performance indicators on the new District and Club Database (DaCdb). They may be found under the heading of District Stats. Our current Attendance performance of 83.3% has us in 6th place among clubs in the District. He stated that he had not been able to find a copy of our Articles of Incorporation. He will see if he can find the state agency which has a copy.

Administration: Chairman Gary discussed his role on the Board. He stated that the club should have Continuity Plans to compensate for the possible loss or incapacitation of key members. He proposed quarterly financial reviews of our books by club members not involved with their preparation.

Training: Training Officer George talked about orientation of new club members. He noted that the club used to assign a Rotary mentor to each new Rotarian.

Immediate Past President: IPP Scott stated that he has submitted a report to the City of Mission Viejo about the Beer Booth for the Pacific Symphony on the Green event on July 31st. He proposed that we also be permitted to sell food to go with the beer, perhaps bratwurst, next year. He said that he had received a favorable response.

International Service: Director Pushpa announced that we cannot have another Matching Grant project this year with the Rotary Club of Thane East because its District (3140 in India) has been selected a pilot under The Rotary Foundation's Future Visions Plan. She has submitted a Matching Grant application with the Rotary Club of Punganur Central (District 3190 in India, near Bangalore) for preventable blindness. The Rotary Club of Laguna Beach has agreed to contribute \$1,000 towards the \$23,000 project. Our contribution remains at \$2,500. Director Pushpa will find out if the District has projects for flooding relief in Pakistan. She asked for the club's support for Rotarians for Fighting AIDS (RFFA) to provide care, nutrition, education, and life skills to orphans and vulnerable children affected by AIDS/HIV in 8 African countries. She said that she would match a donation of \$250 from the club for this purpose. The Board approved a matching \$250 contribution for RFFA.

Membership: Chairman Jack discussed a proposal to lower or eliminate dues and/or initiation fees to help the club attract new members. He noted that dues were added to the Bylaws during Rotary Year 2008-09 to make up for income lost from garage sales at the Kersten home. That income has now been replaced by the Spring Fiesta fundraiser. He suggested that mention of dues be deleted from the Bylaws to give the Board flexibility in budgeting. The Board voted to table this issue and reconsider it at its September meeting.

Public Relations: Chairman Norm noted that the club must now fund the entire amount for its \$2,115 District Simplified Grant (DSG) project to provide chairs for the clubhouse at Vocational Visions. The club can only be reimbursed with \$1,057 in DSG funds after submission of the Final Report to the District. He has asked Vocational Visions to order the chairs. He has also ordered Rotary stickers so the one may be placed on each chair. He will arrange for an appropriate ceremony and publicity to celebrate the furnishing of the clubhouse. He announced that Caroline Mueller, our Exchange Student, is leaving for Spain. Her mother will accompany her on the trip over. We will be hosting Marco K from Italy during the coming school year.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill reported that we have \$53,533 in the Buckhalter-Wiggins Memorial Fund and another \$20,344 in our Charity Passbook Savings Account. We currently have about \$23,689 in our Operating Account. These accounts have been moved to One West Bank. He announced that our check for the Rotary Club of Herat, Afghanistan has not as yet been cashed. It is still with the Rotary Club of Pune, India. He stated that our check for \$250 to the Rotary Club of Yorba Linda for the Food Booth at the District Conference in April has also not been cashed. He will place the amount back in our Operating Account. The Board approved \$285 to continue our Mission Viejo Chamber of Commerce membership.

President's Report: President Jim stated that he had been approached about ordering Rotary shirts for our members. Jack Wallace said that he would circulate a sign-up sheet at a meeting to ascertain interest. We would only order for those who commit to the purchase price. He announced that Anne Sanregret requested our financial support for her classes to teach sculpturing to the legally blind. It was noted that she still had not located space to conduct the classes. The Board declined to support this project. He explained that the Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano is still awaiting word from other clubs in Southern Orange County before proceeding with our sponsorship of Emerson at the Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding. We have already committed \$1,000. President Jim said that Sarah Hagerty had suggested participation in a Chili Cook-off as a possible fundraiser. The Board approved amendments to Articles 2, 8, 10 and 11 of our Bylaws for submission to club members. Secretary Dave said that he would prepare them for presentation to the club.

Other: The next Board meeting will be on September 16th, at 7:00 a.m., in a Conference Room of the Edward Jones office (Bob Brown's office), 27772 Vista Del Lago, Suite B21, in Mission Viejo.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, David C. Williams, Secretary

**MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO
July 27, 2010

In attendance:

Jim Hansen, President
 Dave Williams, Secretary
 Bill Kersten, Treasurer
 Scott Walker, Immediate Past President
 Bob McQueen, Service Chair
 Norm Syler, Public Relations Chair
 Dennis O'Connor, Director, Community Service
 Tom Ross, Director, Vocational Service
 Rich Frieder, Director at Large
 George Cooper, Club Training Officer

Board Members Absent: Dave Lechness, President-Elect; Gary Poertner, Club Administration Chair; Jack Wallace, Membership Chair; Victoria Avery, Rotary Foundation Chair; Pushpa Chandwani, Director, International Service; Bob Brown, Director, New Generations

President Jim called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. The Board met in the at the Casta del Sol Clubhouse after a scheduled Rotary meeting. President Jim called the Special Meeting to consider 2 items of business.

1. Increase in the Budgeted Amount for Matching Grants :
 - Director Pushpa requested the Board to approve \$2,500 for a Matching Grant with the Rotary Club of Pungar in India to provide surgeries to prevent blindness. The Board approved increasing the budget from \$2,100 to \$2,500 for this purpose. The balance will be taken from the budgeted "Contingency for New Projects" line item.
2. **Appropriate \$1,000 in Support of the Shea Center for "Emerson:"**
 - Director Dennis suggested that the Board approve a \$1,000 grant to the Shea Center (in the name of "Emerson," a service dog) in support of a \$5,000 Rotary commitment to the Center. Immediate Past President John Caldwell of the Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano presented the proposal at the regular Rotary meeting and is requesting a like amount from 5 clubs in South Orange County. The Board approved \$1,000 for this purpose. The money will be taken from the budgeted "Contingency for New Projects" line item

The amounts approved will reduce the Contingency line item in the budget from \$3,000 to \$1,600.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 David C. Williams, Secretary

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

September 1, 2010

“Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to.” - Unknown





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

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

- Sept. 7 - Dennis O'Connor
- Sept. 14 - Gary Poertner
- Sept. 21 - Dagmar Richter
- Sept. 28 - Tom Ross
- Oct. 5 - Aaron Sako
- Oct. 12 - Norm Syler
- Oct. 19 - Scott Walker
- Oct. 26 - Jack Wallace

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/i/31>

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ROTARY SHARES

PP Victoria Avery, (Dan),
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Investments

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(Nanik), Medical Doctor

PP George Cooper,
(Margaret), Adhesive Distributer

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Phone Systems

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BRING A GUEST

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Education

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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?*

