



# The Spoke & Wheel

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*Rotary Club of Mission Viejo was Chartered September 13, 1974.*

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

**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:** Kalyan Banerjee, RI President; Greg Owen, District 5320 Governor

## CLUB SERVICE

# 2010-2011 District 5320 “Best Club” Award goes to... the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo!

Report by Jim Hansen • Photos by Bill Kersten & Joe Lavoie

During the June 14, 2011 Presidents' Meeting, the **Rotary Club of Mission Viejo** was recognized as, and awarded, the **“Best Club”** of District 5320 for 2010-2011!

The 46-club District had fierce competition; but, Mission Viejo's overall program won over the judges.

In attendance at the dinner meeting from Mission Viejo Rotary were: **Dr. Pushpa Chandwani**, **PP Norm Syler**, **PDG Dave Williams**, **PN Joe Lavoie**, **PE Dave Leckness**, and President **Jim Hansen** and Cathy.

Congratulations to the members of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo for making a difference in the community, state, nation, and world through **“Service Above Self!”**



### Events Calendar

\*July Project/s\*  
*MV Prelude in the Park*

### Upcoming Club Events...

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

Tuesday, July 5 - *Regular Meeting.*  
Tuesday, July 12 - *Regular Meeting.*  
Tues., July 12 - *Presidents' Meeting.*  
? July ? - *Board Meeting*  
Tuesday, July 19 - *Regular Meeting.*  
Tuesday, July 26 - *Regular Meeting.*  
Saturday, July 30 - *Prelude in Park.*  
Saturday, August 20 - *Angels/Polio Plus Baseball Game.*

### Upcoming District Events...

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

Tues., July 12 - *Presidents' Meeting.*  
Saturday, August 20 - *Angels/Polio Plus Baseball Game.*  
Tues., Aug. 9 - *Presidents' Meeting*



**CLUB SERVICE*****Dave Leckness takes over as President of M. V. Rotary!****Report by Jim Hansen • Photos by Bill Kersten*

Mission Viejo **Rotarian Dave Leckness** took over as President at the M.V. Rotary Annual Demotion Dinner held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011. **Dave**, a business owner, the Mayor of Mission Viejo, and longtime Rotarian, has set high goals for the upcoming year. He recently returned from the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans and he came back with several ideas for improving our club. **Dave said**, “We are not going to lean back on our laurels, although we could. We will continue to improve our service projects in the City of Mission Viejo, the nation, and the world - and we will have fun doin’ it!” **Dave listed nine starting goals for his year:** (1) We need to grow the club by focusing on recruiting new, younger members, (2) We should find out the ages of current members of our club, (3) We should consider lowering the dues of new members, (4) We need to improve the retention of current members, (5) We should make Rotary more attractive to members with kids, (6) We need to solicit more business cooperation with Rotary, (7) We must finish the job of polio eradication, (8) We need to enhance our publicity efforts through banners, a “U-Tube minute,” and the visibility of Rotary wheels about town, (8) We should have Interact members pass out Rotary information at the annual Symphony on the Green, and (9) We should consider “adversity awards” for young persons who have overcome significant obstacles to become top students and leaders.

2011-12 Board members serving with Dave are: **PDG Dave Williams, Secretary; PP Bill Kersten, Treasurer; Joe Lavoie, President-Elect; Jim Hansen, Immediate Past President; PP Victoria Avery, Foundation Chairperson; PP Scott Walker, Director-at-Large; PP Gary Poertner, Director, Club Administration; Jack Wallace, Director, Membership; PP Norm Syler, Director, Public Relations; PP Bob McQueen Director, Service Projects; Ken Dever, Coordinator, Club Service; PP Dennis O’Connor, Coordinator, Community Service; Dr. Pushpa Chandwani/PP Dr. Richard Frieder, Co-coordinators, International Service; Bob Brown, Coordinator, New Generations; and Tom Ross, Coordinator, Vocational Service.**

Editor’s Note: Congratulations, Dave and new Board members. It is shaping up to be the best year ever!

*(Many more photos next issue!)*

***QUOTE OF THE WEEK - JULY 1, 2011***

**“The best index to a person’s character is (a) how he treats people who can’t do him any good, and (b) how he treats people who can’t fight back.”**

– *Abigail van Buren (Pauline Esther Friedman), American newspaper advice columnist (1918-2002)*

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

***John Boyd International Service Award was presented to the Rotary Club of M.V.***

*Report by Jim Hansen • Photos by Bill Kersten*

Congratulations to members of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo on receipt of the John Boyd International Service Award for 2010-2011. A special congratulations to Director of International Service **Dr. Pushpa Chandwani** and Director of Special Projects **Dr. Richard Frieder**.

The award was given to the club that provided the most impressive international service projects during the 2010-2011 Rotary year. From the forty-six clubs in District 5320, the Mission Viejo club was selected to receive the John Boyd Award for the club's international projects in Mexico and India.

Again, congratulations to all club members and to Pushpa and Richard for their leadership!



**NEW GENERATIONS**

***High School Scholarships***

*Photo by Bill Kersten • Report by Jim Hansen*

Nicole Lee (CVHS), Daniel Benedetto (THHS), and Clayton Mizutari (THHS) each received \$750 scholarships from the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo. In addition to being strong academically, each student was selected for his/her community service accomplishments as well. Additional recipients will be recognized in the coming weeks. Stay tuned...



**CLUB SERVICE**

***The O.C. Art Center***

On Tuesday, June 21, the Rotary Club of MV received a excellent presentation from Virginia Raposky of the O.C. Art Center. Arts Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Formed in 2010, their vision is to create a community art center for South Orange County that is a hub for creativity and community interaction. The center will provide visual arts education, and studio space rental for local artists, as well as exhibitions and events. For more information, visit: [www.ocartstudio.org](http://www.ocartstudio.org).



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**MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD - Draft****In attendance:**

Jim Hansen, President; Dave Leckness, President-Elect; Dave Williams, Secretary; Bill Kersten, Treasurer; Joe Lavoie, President-Nominee; Scott Walker, Immediate Past President (IPP); Gary Poertner, Club Administration Chair; Jack Wallace, Membership Chair; Bob McQueen, Service Chair; Norm Syler, Public Relations Chair; Dennis O'Connor, Director, Community Service; Rich Frieder, Director at Large.

**ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO June 9, 2011**

Board Members Absent: Victoria Avery, Rotary Foundation Chair; George Cooper, Club Training Officer; Bob Brown, Director, New Generations; Pushpa Chandwani, Director, International Service; Tom Ross, Director, Vocational Service.

President Jim called the meeting to order at 7:15 am. The Board met in the Conference Room of the Saddleback Valley Unified School District in Mission Viejo.

**Minutes Approved:** The Board approved the revised Minutes of the May meeting.

**President's Report:**

President Jim hopes to wrap up our meetings next Tuesday to set the tentative budget for Rotary Year 2011-12. He has added filet mignon as a meal choice at the Promotion/Demotion dinner. The event will be held outside on June 28th at the Arroyo Trabuco Country Club. President Nominee Joe is chairing the celebration.

Ken Dever has volunteered to serve as Fundraising Chair for Rotary Year 2011-12. He wants to continue and expand our Spring Fiesta and perhaps add a luau at the Norman P. Murray Community Center. The next District Presidents Meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Orange on June 14th. President Jim has been informed that we will be presented an international service award and suggests that Directors Pushpa and Rich attend. Presidents-Elect are expected to participate. President Jim said that President Nominee Joe has also been coming to the Presidents meeting. Secretary Dave stated that the District Governor had asked him to attend.

**Membership:**

Chairman Jack announced that our newest member, Eric Johnson, has expressed an interest in being involved in our club's international and youth projects. He is also making arrangements for our club's competing in the chili cook-off and tailgate party at the Angels' Game on August 20th.

**Public Relations:**

Chairman Norm stated that our Exchange Student, Marco Chanet from Italy, recently attended both a City Council meeting and an Angels' game. Caroline Moeller, our returning Exchange Student to Spain, will present the program at our club on July 5th.

We will be sponsoring a 3-4 week exchange student to England this summer at no cost. President Jim acknowledged and thanked Chairman Norm for his outstanding work on putting together both an incoming and outgoing youth exchange during the Rotary Year.

**Service:**

Chairman Bob asked for a volunteer to present our scholarship at Silverado High School on June 21st. President-Elect Dave said that he would try to do so. Scholarship recipients from 3 schools will receive their checks at our club meeting on June 21st. Two others will get theirs at our club meeting on July 5th.

Dr. Clint Harwick, Superintendent of Saddleback Valley USD will most likely become a member in August. He can help us find faculty sponsors for our Interact Clubs. Teachers no longer get special pay for service in this regard.

**Club Administration:**

Chairman Gary explained that our club will be operating under the RI New Leadership Plan during Rotary Year 2011-12. He has taken steps to make adjustments to both the organization chart and the budget for this purpose.

**MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD (cont.)****Community Service:**

Director Dennis encouraged all club members to become a Friend of the Mission Viejo Rotary Facebook page.

**Director at Large:**

Director Rich said that he has submitted our application for *Gifts in Kind* with Williams Sonoma. retention of current members, (5) we should make Rotary more attractive to members with kids, (6) we need to solicit more business cooperation with Rotary, (7) we must finish the job of polio eradication, (8) we need to enhance our publicity efforts through banners, a “U-Tube minute,” and the visibility of Rotary wheels about town, (8) we should have Interactors pass out Rotary information at the annual Symphony on the Green, and (9) we should consider “adversity awards” for young persons who have overcome significant obstacles to become top students and leaders.

**President-Elect:**

President-Elect Dave said that we only need to provide the check to pay for the “Ziggy the Bear” statue on Olympiad Road near the entrance to Lake Mission Viejo. The estimated cost is \$1,900, and the City of Mission Viejo will make all of the arrangements. The Board voted to drop plans for a lockbox in the base of the statue. He recently returned from the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. He came back with several ideas for improving our club: (1) we need to grow the club by focusing on recruiting new, younger members, (2) we should find out the ages of current members of our club, (3) we should consider lowering the dues of new members, (4) we need to improve our retention of current members, (5) we should make Rotary more attractive to members with kids, (6) we need to solicit more business cooperation with Rotary, (7) we must finish the job of polio eradication, (8) we need to enhance our publicity efforts through banners, a “U-Tube minute,” and the visibility of Rotary wheels about town, (8) we should have Interactors pass out Rotary information at the annual Symphony on the Green, and (9) we should consider “adversity awards” for young persons who have overcome significant obstacles to become top students and leaders.

**Immediate Past President:**

IPP Scott recommended that we increase our contingency line item in next year’s budget. He said that fundraising involving a “Taste of Mission Viejo” might be successful. Aaron Sako’s wife works with a Hawaiian dance group with might assist us with a luau activity.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Bill reported \$54,275 in the Buckhalter-Wiggins Memorial Fund and another \$20,423 in our Charity Passbook Savings Account. We had \$29,980 in our Operating Account and about \$4,500 receivables. The next billing will include payment for the Demotion/Promotion dinner. All of the bills have been paid, except for \$2,000 reimbursement for the President-Elect to attend the Rotary International Convention, and \$6,000 in scholarships.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Secretary Dave reported that our attendance for May slipped to 79%. Year-to-date we are holding at 80%. He recommended that our monthly dues statements include a minimum of \$9 for The Rotary Foundation to enable us to achieve a 100% Sustaining Club banner next year.

**Other:** The next Board meeting will be: TBA  
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
David C. Williams, Secretary, Rotary Club of Mission Viejo

**ROTARY SHARES!**



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

**WEB SITE NEWS**  
**REGULARLY UPDATED!**

*Be sure to visit the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Website at: [www.missionviejorotary.org](http://www.missionviejorotary.org)*

*Note: For confidential club information, you must use your password.*

**FACEBOOK NEWS**

*Visit us on Facebook! MV Rotary's Facebook coordinator: PP Dennis O'Connor*



**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**



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

**WHITE ELEPHANT**

**Please bring a White Elephant item on your assigned date. Of course, you may donate \$20 if you prefer.**

***Revised - July 1, 2011***

- July 5 - Dave Williams
- July 12 - Victoria Avery
- July 19 - Bob Brown
- July 26 - Paul Bucknum
- Aug. 2 - Pushpa Chandwani
- Aug. 9 - George Cooper
- Aug. 16 - Bill Craycraft
- Aug. 23 - Ken Dever
- Aug. 30 - Richard Frieder
- Sept. 6 - Bill Greenfield
- Sept. 13 - Ann Hagerty
- Sept. 20 - Sarah Hagerty
- Sept. 27 - Jim Hansen
- Oct. 4 - Jacki Hanson
- Oct. 11 - Michael Jagerman
- Oct. 18 - Eric Johnson
- Oct. 25 - Jack Jones

**BRING A GUEST!**

**Make-up Clubs**

Coto de Caza/Rancho Santa Margarita - Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Coto De Caza Golf & Racquet Club.

Laguna Niguel - Tuesdays, 12 p.m. at Savannah Chop House, 32441 Golden Lantern.

Monarch Beach - Wednesdays, 7:15 a.m., Ritz Carlton Hotel Monarch Beach

Laguna Beach - Fridays, 12 p.m., Hotel Laguna, 425 S. Coast Hwy.

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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**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?***

**Rotary Club of Mission Viejo**  
**JULY**

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**Rotary Club of Mission Viejo**  
**AUGUST**

**August Project/s:**  
***Angels/Polio Plus Baseball Game***

- Tuesday, August 2 - Regular Meeting*
- Tuesday, August 9 - Regular Meeting*
- Tuesday, August 9 - Presidents' Dinner Meeting*
- ?, August ? - Board Meeting*
- Tuesday, August 16 - Regular Meeting*
- Saturday, August 20 - Angels/Rotary Polio Plus Baseball Game*
- Tuesday, August 23 - Regular Meeting*
- Tuesday, August 30 - Regular Meeting*