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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; IPP Jim Hansen, Vice-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

VOCATIONAL SERVICE (TOM ROSS, COORDINATOR)

MV Rotary sponsored the Vocational Visions Halloween

Party *Photos by Bill Kersten • Report submitted by Norm Syler*

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo sponsored the Halloween Party for the clients at Vocational Visions in Mission Viejo. Vocational Visions supports adults with learning disabilities. It is a wonderful program and the RC of Mission Viejo is proud to sponsor events and/or projects each year.

This project, the Halloween Party, included financial support as well as hands-on activities for Rotarians. Rotarians in attendance were: **Norm Syler, Bill Kersten, Carol Todd, Dr. Pushpa Chandwani, and Jeanne and Jack Wallace.**

The clients had a wonderful time and the Rotarians are planning the next event in which to share time with these special adults.



Events Calendar

November Project/s
Foundation Dinner

Upcoming Club Events...

(Also, please see the calendar on the last page of this bulletin)

Rotary Club Web site:
www.missionviejorotary.org

Saturday, Dec. 3 - Trip to Door of Faith, Baja Mexico
Tuesday, Dec. 13 - MVR Holiday Party.

Upcoming District Events...

District 5320 Web site:
www.rotary5320.org
Tuesday, Nov. 15 - Presidents' Dinner Meeting at Double Tree
November 19 - Rotary Foundation Dinner

COMMUNITY SERVICE (DENNIS O'CONNOR, COORDINATOR)

***Mission Viejo Rotary
welcomes Mike Getto!***

Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten



The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo welcomed Mr. Mike Getto to the club this month. Mike is the Director of Franchise Development & Public Relations at The Hills Hotel in Laguna Hills. Mike has been a member of several other Rotary clubs around the U.S. as his career has led him from state to state and even to several foreign countries. The Mission Viejo club is very pleased to welcome Mike to this very active club.

In his free time Mike enjoys swimming, skiing and mountain climbing - among other things. He will be invited to give a Craft Talk in the near future so we may get to know him better.

Welcome, Mike, to the “Best Rotary Club” in District 5320!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK - NOVEMBER 15, 2011



***“Ideas have unhinged the gates of
empires.” - Paul Harris***

CLUB SERVICE - KEN DEVER, COORDINATOR

“Off-Site” Meeting at O’Connor Mortuary

Report by Jim Hansen • Photos by Bill Kersten

The November 8 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo was held at the O’Connor Mortuary in Laguna Hills. The off-site meeting was a Board idea to explore new ways to learn more about our members and their businesses/employers.

Neal O’Connor was our guest speaker and the meeting was coordinated by **President Elect Joe Lavoie** - an employee at O’Connor Mortuary. Mr. O’Connor shared the history of O’Connor Mortuaries, practical planning for inevitable deaths, and much more. Attendees were given a “behind the scenes” tour of the facility. All gained insight into the details and processes the mortuary staff carefully complete for surviving family members and friends.

Please visit: <http://www.oconnormortuary.com/>



CLUB SERVICE - KEN DEVER, COORDINATOR

Renaissance of Chinese Culture

Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten



Shizhong Chen, Ph.D., a molecular biologist and President of Genestitute - (Genestitute focuses primarily on advancing gene synthesis technology and its novel applications), was the guest speaker recently during a

Rotary Club of Mission Viejo meeting. Dr. Chen’s topic was, “Renaissance of Chinese Culture and Its Global Impact.”

Dr. Chen spend his time detailing Chinese cultural issues

including: cultivation of legends, cultivation of ethical values, maxim of Chinese, cultivation practices, Martial Arts, “traditional” Chinese culture, effects of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), and much more.

This was an extremely thorough and informative presentation.

For more information regarding Dr. Chen, please feel free to visit: <http://www.genestitute.com/>

SPECIAL ARTICLE***For the WWII generation****Article submitted by PP George Cooper*

For the WWII generation, this will bring back memories. For you younger folks, it's a bit of trivia that is a part of our American history. Anyone born in the teens, twenties, and mid-thirties, is familiar with Kilroy. We didn't know why, but we had lapel pins with his nose hanging over the label and the top of his face above his nose with his hands hanging over the label. No one knew why he was so well known, but we all joined in!

So who the heck was Kilroy? In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America," sponsored a nationwide contest to find the real Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article. Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts, had evidence of his identity.

Kilroy was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war who worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet. He would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark. Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then he realized what had been going on. The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his checkmark on each job he inspected, but added KILROY WAS HERE in king-sized letters next to the check, and eventually added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part of the Kilroy message. Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks.

Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With the war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them. As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced.

His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long hauls to Berlin and Tokyo.

To the troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that someone named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.

Kilroy became the U.S. super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GIs went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable (it is said to be atop Mt. Everest, the Statue of Liberty, the underside of l'Arc De Triomphe, and even scrawled in the dust on the moon).

As the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for coming invasions by U.S. troops (and thus, presumably, were the first GIs there). On one occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo! In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference. Its' first occupant was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?"

To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy front yard in Halifax, Massachusetts.

So, now you know! - George Cooper

ROTARY SHARES!



Photo Above: PP Dennis O'Connor, Webmaster and Facebook Coordinator

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



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

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-up: <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/programs.htm>

WEB SITE NEWS

UPDATED REGULARLY!

Be sure to visit the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Website at: www.missionviejorotary.org

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

WHITE ELEPHANT

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

REVISED OCTOBER 13, 2011*

Nov. 15 - Dave Leckness

Nov. 22 - Don Lewellen

Nov. 29 - Bob McQueen

Dec. 6 - Steve Mugg

***Dec. 13 - NO MEETING**

***Dec. 20 - Rick Murray**

Dec. 27 - NO MEETING

Jan. 3 - Verl Nash

Jan. 10 - Dennis O'Connor

Jan. 17 - Victoria Avery

TBA - Gary Brenner

Jan. 4 - Robert Brown

Jan. 31 - Paul Bucknum

Feb. 7 - Ellis Brust

Feb. 14 - Dr. Pushpa Chandwani

Feb. 21 - George Cooper

FACEBOOK NEWS

Visit us on Facebook!

MV Rotary's Facebook coordinator: PP Dennis O'Connor

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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

NOVEMBER 2011

November Project/s

Foundation Dinner

- November 1* - *ROTARY MEETING AT O'CONNOR MORTUARY*
- November 5th* - *Pre-PETS for Joe Lavoie*
- November 8* - *Regular Meeting*
- November 10* - *Board Meeting: Mayor's Conf. Room*
- November 15* - *Board & Pres. Elect Nomination Meeting*
- November 15* - *Presidents' Dinner Meeting: Double Tree*
- November 19** - **Foundation Dinner**
- November 22* - *Regular Meeting*
- November 29* - *Regular Meeting*

Rotary Club of Mission Viejo

DECEMBER 2011

December Project/s

Door of Faith

Holiday Party

- December 3* - *DOOR OF FAITH VISIT & EYE EXAMS*
- December 6* - *Regular Meeting*
- December 8* - *Board Meeting*
- December 13* - *NO MEETING - HOLIDAY PARTY*
- December 13* - *PRESIDENTS' HOLIDAY MEETING WITH DG*
- December 20* - *Regular Meeting*
- December 27* - *NO MEETING - HOLIDAY WEEK*