

MONARCH BEACH SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB

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MAKE-UP LOCATIONS

MON 12:00 noon Anaheim:
 Diamond Club, Edison Field

TUES 7:10 a.m. Mission Viejo:
 Casa Del Sol Golf Club House

7:15 a.m. San Clemente Sunrise:
 Talega Country Club Heritage Grill

7:30 a.m. Newport Sunrise:
 Five Crowns, PCH

12:00 noon Laguna Niguel:
 St. Regis Hotel & Spa

7:00 p.m. Coto De Caza/RSM:
 Dove Canyon

WEDS 12:00 noon Saddleback Valley:
 Irvine Suites Hotel

6:15 p.m. San Juan Capistrano:
 Sarducci's Capistrano Depot

THURS 12:00 noon Newport-Irvine:
 Atrium Hotel

12:00 noon San Clemente:
 San Clemente Inn

FRI 12:00 noon Laguna Beach:
 Hotel Laguna

SAVE THE DATES!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14
 Poker & Chili Cookoff

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
 Speech Contest

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12
 Sock Hop & Swing Dance Lesson

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
 "Centennial Celebration"
 Foundation Dinner

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
 Singing Contest

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
 District Assembly

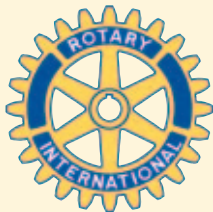
FRI-SUN, APRIL 29 - MAY 1
 RYLA

FRI-SAT, MAY 20 - MAY 21
 District Conference

MONDAY, JUNE 6
 6th Annual Student of the
 Month Banquet

SATURDAY, JUNE 11
 Viva Las Vegas Fundraiser

SAT-WED, JUNE 18- JUNE 22
 "Centennial" International
 Convention



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THE 4-WAY TEST OF THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

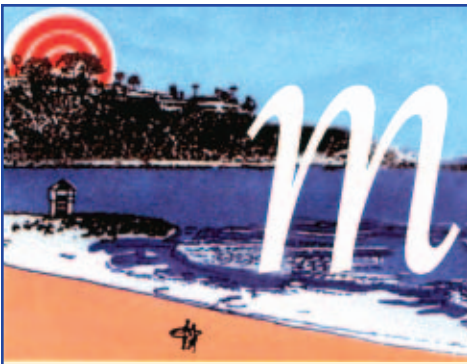
Is it the *truth*?

Is it *fair* to all concerned?

Will it build *goodwill*
 and *friendships*?

Will it be *beneficial*
 to all concerned?





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on the California Riviera
www.monarchbeachrotary.com



January 2005

MONARCH BEACH SUNRISE ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY

by Carol O'Connell



Enjoying the Holiday Party

It is Saturday, December 11th just an hour before guests arrive at Paul & Jaleh Lehrich's beautiful home in Monarch Beach. I am filling the last brown bag with sand and a candle of more than fifty luminaries while Paul & Jaleh are in their kitchen wrapping silverware in white napkins and tying them with red ribbon. There is holiday music playing throughout the house and the fresh pine, eucalyptus and pepper berries that Linda Knox-Hess, my husband Tony and I clipped earlier smells great and adds a festive touch to the Lehrich's home, already decorated with poinsettias and glowing candles.

Terry Rifkin is the first of the Christmas Elves to arrive but is soon called away to join the other elves and Rotarians for caroling at Aegis Assisted Living. The caterer arrives and quickly goes to work organizing the holiday tables with delicious food, appetizers and libations. Soon the house is filled with more than 50 Rotarians and friends toting bottles of wine to generously share with the group. Paul and Jaleh's home comes alive with laughter, singing and clinking glasses, toasting good times, good friends and happy holidays.

Many, many thanks to our party hosts Paul and Jaleh Lehrich for their graciousness and hospitality.



Santa with his Elves at the Holiday Party

MONARCH BEACH SUNRISE "DECKS THE HALLS" AT AEGIS

by Terry Rifkin



Aegis Holidays Brightened by Carolers

A great holiday tradition in its second year found Club members crooning Christmas tunes for the senior residents on December 11th. What a joy it was to have members, their spouses, children and grandchildren to make the holidays a little brighter. There were actually 4 generations of significant others of Club members attending this heart warming event.

The Aegis staff and a few residents started off the evening with a set of Christmas Carols to get us all warmed up. Then Rotarians took center stage by the beautifully decorated tree to belt out the traditional Christmas songs. Big print on the song sheets not only assisted the residents, aging Rotarians also appreciated the bold lyrics. It undoubtedly boosted our abilities that evening.

Many miracles occurred in this magical season. Even individuals who have dementia and Alzheimer's disease remembered some of the words and tunes of these aged songs. What fun it was to see their smiles having the children in their midst!

Other wonders included a visit from Santa (those shorts and hairy legs caused quite a fright), and even Rotarians sounded good when John Hayden's accordion could create a light-hearted and warm ambiance to camouflage any sour notes.

Director, Renee Hamilton arranged to have hot cider and cookies for the residents. Many thanks to Renee and the Aegis staff for their support of our holiday community service event.

Handshakes and good holiday wishes were exchanged and then Rotarians whisked away to the home of Paul and Jaleh Lehrich for our festive holiday party. It was, again, a great way to begin our celebration of the close of a blessed year to be able to start with service to those less fortunate than ourselves.



Rotarians Caroling at Aegis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CYNDI ELDERS



Happy New Year 2005! It seems impossible that the first six months of our Rotary year is now behind us and we are already implementing second half plans. Your accomplishments during the first half were incredible and we will now be focusing on our largest fundraiser, which is chaired by Martha Hoffmann. The success of this event will have direct impact on the amount of funds available in

July to distribute to our favorite charities. Please give Martha your full support in her efforts to make it a very successful event!

The recent tragic Tsunami in Southeast Asia is on everyone's mind and I have heard from many of you regarding

what we can do. This is undoubtedly the worst natural disaster in the world and we all feel a need to open our hearts and offer support in some way. The Rotary International website offers a great deal of information regarding ways to contribute. Our next board meeting will be held on January 18 and we will discuss ideas regarding our club participation. As Director of International Service, Renee Hamilton is also gathering information and ideas and will report to the Board of Directors for discussion. Your individual input and ideas are encouraged and welcome. Relief/aid will be required for a very long time, so though we initially felt an overwhelming desire to rush right into something, I feel that we should take time to decide what we can do that will have the greatest impact. As we watch the horrific footage of the events, we again count our blessings and are so very grateful for our families, our friends, our health, and the peace in our homes.

Best wishes for much love, health, happiness, and peace in 2005!

CLUB SERVICE

by Paul Lehrich

This year's Club Bulletin has been one of our club's "best ever"! Linda Knox-Hess has coordinated and distributed the bulletin every month; members, guests, and visitors to our website can view all newsletters on-line at www.monarchbeachrotary.com.

Our Attendance Committee/Sergeant-at-Arms John Rose is busy making sure that all members and guests are greeted every week. This is most important for new members and guests attending our meetings.

Rod Eide's "Rotary Minute" has been most educational and very interesting. We enjoy hearing about Rotary International and local programs.

The program committee headed by Carol O'Connell continues to outshine itself with great speakers that are most informative.

And finally our "life blood"... Our social committee headed by Terry Rifkin and Carol O'Connell put together a fantastic holiday party attended by over 50 people including District Governor Grant Engle.

Thank you to all members who help keep our club running smoothly and doing whatever it takes to make Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club the best Rotary Club in District 5320.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2005-2006

On December 15, 2004, the MBSR Nominating Committee, comprised of Past Presidents Nancy Baumann, Nan Eide, and Terry Rifkin, current President Cyndi Elders, and President Elect Paul Lehrich, ran the election. Members not only voted at the meeting, but also voted via e-mail.

Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club's officers for 2005-2006 will be:

President Paul Lehrich
President Elect Patty Vogan
Vice President Darrell Cavanaugh
Secretary Ronda Oakes
Treasurer Rod Eide
Imm. Past President Cyndi Elders

The Nominating committee thanks all members who participated and especially those members who ran for office.



Rotary Officers for 2005-2006
L-R: Paul Lehrich, Patty Vogan, Darrell Cavanaugh, Ronda Oakes, Rod Eide, and Cyndi Elders

HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM 2004

by Penny DiCaro

This year the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary club reached beyond our local community for our Holiday Giving Program. We participated in Operation Homefront's holiday program, "Sponsor a Military Family for the Holidays" and sponsored nine military families from Camp Pendleton. MSBR members donated food baskets, gift cards, new toys and new clothes and then wrapped and delivered the gifts to the recipients. Thank you to all for participating in this event. Your contribution made the holidays a little bit brighter for a family that sacrifices so much for our country year after year.



President Cyndi Elders (center) with a military family

We also adopted a family of seven in San Juan Capistrano. They were in need of just about everything, so the MBSR elves shopped, wrapped and delivered two car loads of food, toys and clothes to this family. Thanks to James Littlejohn for helping us find this family. Margarita Martin from Colombo-American Education Foundation donated two complete turkey dinners which James helped to distribute through the Boys and Girls Club.

My heart sings knowing we helped so many deserving and needy people. I want to thank all of you for making this possible. You have been so generous with your money and time.

DECEMBER INDUCTEES



L-R: Neil Burns, Cyndi Elders, Terry Rifkin, new members Gary Spencer and Jayne Powell who were inducted in December of 2004, and Carol O'Connell

STUDENT OF THE MONTH UPDATE

by Darrell Cavanaugh

This year marks Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club's 6th year in recognizing outstanding students from Dana Hill High School. Our Student of the Month Program recognizes two Dana Hills High School seniors each month during the school year who exemplify Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self". The students are nominated and selected by the DHHS staff and Principal Carolyn Williams. These students are real achievers and not only do well academically, but also give their time to help others through various extra curricular activities. Hearing the accomplishments of these students at such a young age gives us tremendous hope for the future.

Please mark Monday, June 6, 2005 on your calendars to attend our club's 6th Annual Student of the Month Banquet where we will host all 18 recognized students and their parents. The banquet starts at 6pm and will be held once again at the Dana Point Yacht Club.

Students of the Month recognized this year to date are:

Sep 2004: Marisa Tate and Matt Atkinson

Oct 2004: Sara Rogers and Holden Slusher

Nov 2004: Dana Leindecker and Matthew Gribble

Dec 2004: Kelly Lockwood-Larson and James Frkovich




October Students of the Month Holden Slusher and Sara Rogers with Darrell Cavanaugh



December Students of the Month, James Frkovich and Kelly Lockwood-Larson, with Darrell Cavanaugh

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

February 1	Penny DiCaro	Birthday	
February 2	Dennis Gabrick	Birthday	
February 2	Tim McMahon	Anniversary	
February 14	John Baumann	Anniversary	
February 14	Nancy Baumann	Anniversary	
February 17	Rod Eide	Birthday	
February 22	Gail Turner	Birthday	
February 23	Carol O'Connell	Birthday	
February 24	Sylvia Szabo-Larson	Anniversary	