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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!

SATURDAY, MARCH 19
 St. Patrick's Day Seniors' Luncheon

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
 District Assembly

SATURDAY, APRIL 9
 Historic SJC Walk

TUESDAY, APRIL 19
 Nef Nef Café Cooking Class

THURSDAY, APRIL 21
 District 5320 Business Rotarian of the Year Luncheon

FRI-SUN, APRIL 29 - MAY 1
 RYLA

SATURDAY, MAY 14
 Casa Romantica Field Trip

FRI-SAT, MAY 20 - MAY 21
 District Conference

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 11
 "Saturday Night Live" 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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March 2005

SPEECH & SINGING STUDENTS IMPRESS THE CLUB ANEW

by John Hayden

This February, another of our annual mid-Winter visits from America's future graced MBSR. Two speakers and seven singers impressed and delighted us with their talents and their presence. This year's contestants in the District 5320 Singer of the Year competition were the most collectively talented group I have heard in my eight years organizing this event. It was truly delightful to hear four of the singers who had been with us in previous years, and to hear the tremendous growth in their development since we had last seen them. **Sarah Watchinsky** was thrilling as she won first place in the theater music category, singing a selection from Leonard Bernstein's *Candide*. **Brian Vasquez** came in second with his charming rendition of *She Loves Me*. **Carrie Lee** of Aliso Niguel impressed us with her poise and command of the mood in her 1st place winning classical music selection and **Renato Longordo** showed us how a young man can warm our hearts with a well-sung piece of classical music. The singing of all the young people was of such high quality that we elected to send them on as a group to the district-wide competition at UCI on April 2-3. Thanks are due to judges **Barbara Merriman**, **Mary Jeffries**, and **John Baumann**, and a special thanks to Johnny for bringing the excellent equipment that helps the kids sound so great.



Speech Contest Winner Mohit Shewaramani

The theme for this year's speech contest is "Celebrate Rotary." Our two students are both very accomplished speakers and judges **Neil Burns** and **Mitch Jackson** had the difficult job of deciding which student should win first place. They decided that Aliso Niguel Freshman **Mohit Shewaramani** was the better speaker, and that **Carolyn McGough** of Tesoro H.S. came in a very close second. Both young people had prepared speeches that were very informative regarding the important work of Rotary International around the world. The intellectual level of both speeches was very good, while the delivery of Mohit was confident, almost authoritative, in its tone. This was particularly impressive in that Mohit only arrived in America 18 months ago, and has nearly shed his Indian accent already.

It is always heartening to us when we have the opportunity to see young people who are honing and developing their talents, subjecting themselves to the discipline required to achieve excellence, and willing to share their gifts with us (and the world). By sponsoring these activities, our club and the district are doing our part to encourage young people to speak with clarity, passion, and effective contact with their audiences; and giving the opportunity for the musicians to sing their hearts out and touch the world with their gift of song.



Singing Contest Winners with John Hayden:
(l-r) Sarah Watchinsky, Brian Vasquez, Carrie Lee, Renato Longordo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CYNDI ELDERS



On the morning of February 23, 2005, our Centennial of Rotary, we were honored to receive a beautifully framed proclamation presented by Mayor Wayne Rayfield that I would like to share with you, titled "Proclamation Rotary International Day February 23, 2005":

"Whereas, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations, and

"Whereas, there are over 1.2 million Rotary Club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 31,000 clubs in more than 165 countries, and

"Whereas, the Rotary motto 'Service above Self' inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world, and

"Whereas, Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary supports local and international charities and organizations including the Ocean Institute, Boys and Girls Club, Dana Point Library, Dana Hills High School, Laura's House, and Adopt-a-Social Worker to name a few, and

"Whereas, there are over 2300 Rotary Club members in more than 49 clubs throughout Orange County sponsoring service projects addressing many critical issues.

"Now, therefore, I, Wayne Rayfield, Mayor of the City of Dana Point, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2005 as 'Rotary International Day' in Dana Point, and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing Rotary International for 100 years of service, improving the human condition in local communities around the world. Dated this 23rd day of February 2005."

Mayor Rayfield also advised that he would be recognizing our club and mentioning the proclamation at the City Council meeting held on that same evening. What a proud day for Rotarians worldwide!

OLE! MONARCH BEACH SUNRISE HOSTS DISTRICT GOVERNORS ELECT

by Renee Hamilton

What a day we had! February 23, 2005, the 100th anniversary of Rotary International. And what better way to celebrate the extraordinary reach of Rotary than to welcome District Governors Elect from around the world! A fabulous evening was enjoyed by all.

Keeping with our international theme, **Mary Jeffries** and her culinary friend, **Carmen**, took us to Mexico. Actually, they took us to the home of **Martha Hoffmann and Neil Burns**, but the atmosphere was pure Mexico at fiesta time: music, blinking rings, paper flowers, margaritas and a fabulous dinner of chile rellenos, frijoles and flan. How do you say "Yum!" in Spanish?!

Our DGE guests included **David and Jan Yap** from Australia, **Alfredo and Beatriz Frangella** from Argentina, **Luis and Gloria Pelaez** from Columbia, **D. and Nellima Goutham** from India and **Michel and Martine Monteau** from France. Amid gathering clouds and intermittent rain, MBSR members **Don Gonneville, Kent Campbell** and



MBSR Hosts for International DGE's



Enjoying the evening are (l-r) Don Gonneville, Martine & Michel Monteau (DGE from France), Darrell Cavanaugh, & Nancy Gonneville

Renee Hamilton chauffeured our guests to Laguna Niguel, with a stop at Cannon's to admire the view. As if on cue, while the group enjoyed a glass of wine, the clouds broke and the evening sun bathed the harbor in a golden sunset. From Cannon's, the party made their way to the Burns & Hoffmann abode for a fun-filled fiesta. Appetizers and dinner were muy rico, the music delightful, and the guests seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. A highlight was the presentation of two beautiful saris from Nellima Goutham to our lovely hostess, Martha, and our equally divine president, Cyndi! Those ladies can wear silk!

Special thanks go to everyone who contributed to a delightful evening: **Patty Vogan** for her "behind the scenes" assistance; our favorite music man, **John Baumann**; **Bonnie Myers**, who missed the fun but provided transportation back to the hotel; our hosts, our MBSR members who rolled out the welcome mat, and everyone else I've forgotten to mention. Our international guests each commented what an extraordinary club we have. But we knew that... Bravo, MBSR!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| April 3 | Anita Houston | Birthday | April 17 | Paul Lehrich | Birthday |
| April 6 | Barbara Speare | Anniversary | April 23 | Al Soley | Birthday |
| April 10 | Tom Wilson | Birthday | April 27 | Terry Rifkin | Birthday |
| April 11 | C. W. Gruenig | Birthday | | | |



MONTHS AHEAD OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP

by Carol O'Connell & Terry Rifkin



Our social committee has planned a couple of fun-filled months beginning on April 9th with a one-hour walk beginning and ending at historic Ramos Café on Los Rios Street in San Juan Capistrano. Enjoy the picturesque historic district of old San Juan that will take us through the magnificent gardens of Mission SJC, the Basilica (the New Church, one of only six churches in the USA identified as a place of Pilgrimage) and the world

famous San Juan Library designed by architect Michael Graves. Meet at 9:00 am in front of the Ramos Café on Los Rios Street in SJC. Admission to Mission SJC is \$6.00; breakfast at the Ramos Café after the walk is optional.

On April 19th at 6:30 pm, enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, good food and fabulous wine when chefs from Nef Nef Café in Laguna Niguel demonstrate how to prepare an elegant but casual dinner fit for entertaining in Spring and Summer. The culinary class is \$45.00 per person and includes dinner and wine paring. More details to follow.

Consider our next event on May 14th an old fashioned field trip right down to the brown-bag lunch. Our walk begins and ends at historic Casa Romantica Cultural Center and

Gardens in San Clemente. The walk includes a tour of Casa Romantica's beautiful gardens then takes us to some of the most beautiful views and vistas along the California Coast. The walk concludes with an exhibition of national importance, **RECOVERY: The World Trade Center Recovery Operation**. This important exhibit chronicles the quiet history after September 11 as thousands of detectives, FBI agents and forensic evidence specialists worked around the clock to recover personal objects and material evidence from the collapse of the World Trade Center. Please bring a brown bag lunch for a lawn picnic following the exhibit. 9:00 am, \$6.00 per person for 1-19 visitors; \$5.00 per person for 20+ visitors to the exhibition. More details to follow.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

by Bonnie Myers

Dear Members of Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club,

I want to thank you all once again for the tremendous support you gave me as chair of this year's special Centennial Celebration Foundation Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort.



MBSR Attendees Celebrated Rotary at Foundation Dinner

Firstly, thank you, President **Cyndi**, for throwing your enthusiasm behind this event, and working behind the scenes to ensure our club's involvement.

In response to my request during the holidays, many of you remembered to "party hearty" and collect those champagne bottles that were used in the centerpieces. **Patty Vogan**, by the way, was the "creative consultant" who suggested using those bottles, as an inexpensive, yet festive touch!

Frank Mogavero devoted over thirty hours to the special audiovisual tribute to the clubs of District 5320, shown on two 10' x 8' rear projection screens. He incorporated plenty of shots of the great members of MBSR into the show.

John Baumann picked out much of the music that was used during the presentation. John also donated time and effort to bring his sound equipment to the hotel that night, and supplied the great background music prior to dinner.

Mitch Jackson also agreed to serve when asked to put together the Power Point presentation used to recognize all members and spouses/significant others in our district who are Paul Harris Fellows. The recognition was shown during dinner, again on the rear projection screens.

A super-efficient team of **Penny DiCaro, Linda Knox-Hess, Martha Hoffmann, Lisa Wilson, and Neil Burns** worked one morning at a club meeting to decorate 400 of the 470 candles that were used as party favors at each place setting.

Twenty-six of our members committed to attending the dinner, which meant braving the grueling traffic on the 5 Freeway at that time of night! Your presence there in the ballroom was so much appreciated by **Rod** (our District Foundation Committee Chair), **Nan** (our club Foundation Chair) and myself, as dinner chair.

I am proud that Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club, the BEST club in the district, played such an active role in making the dinner the successful event it was. As always, great things can happen when our members pool their talents and resources! Thank you, everyone, once again!



Rod Eide presents Foundation Dinner Opportunity Drawing Grand Prize to Layla & Mike Soliman. Their ticket (1 of approx. 20,000) will take them to Vail for a week!