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MAKE-UP LOCATIONS

MON 6:15 p.m. Newport-Balboa:
Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club

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:
Pacific Golf Club

FRI 12:00 noon Laguna Beach:
Hotel Laguna

SAVE THE DATES!

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
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SATURDAY, MAY 14
Casa Romantica Field Trip

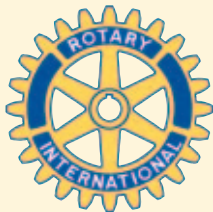
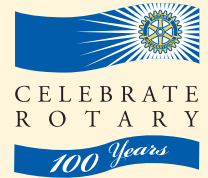
FRI-SAT, MAY 20 - MAY 21
District Conference

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
9th Annual Deep Sea
Fishing Trip

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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on the California Riviera
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April 2005

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE!

by Martha Hoffmann

Good food. "Cher". Music and dancing. Friends. Beautiful Soka University. Enticing auction items. And lots of fun. And it's all to raise money for children. This is our major fundraiser of the year, without which we would be unable to be as generous as we are when it comes to writing those checks to charities at the end of the Rotary year.

Let's all work to make this a very successful event by asking our favorite restaurant, hotel or bed and breakfast, activity center or local business to donate to this worthy cause. Most places are actually very pleased to be asked and donations are far easier to come by than you would expect. If every person in the club could get two or three donations, we'd be well on our way to a very successful evening.

The second important element is to start talking to your friends, neighbors, relatives and business associates to save that date - **SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH** - for an evening of fun

and entertainment. We've begun sending out Save the Date cards, but a personal conversation or phone call really helps spread the word to the people you know to put it on their calendar and look forward to an enjoyable evening. It seems with these kind of events, we all work very hard to make the evening happen, but we

don't take the necessary time to talk with the people we know and build some enthusiasm. The event will be a huge success with a good crowd.

So make a real effort in the next few weeks to do two things: write, email or personally ask for a couple donations and talk with two or three people about attending the event. If we ALL do this, it spreads the workload around and results in an event we can ALL be proud of. We have an incredibly vivacious club

and our fundraisers are a great place to showcase all our talents. Let's have a great **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE!**



AWARD BOOKS

See President's Message, next page



President Cyndi working on Award Books Day



Paul Lehrich assembling Award Books

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CYNDI ELDERS



April has been designated "New Beginnings" by Rotary International. Spring is the perfect season for new beginnings as the birds seem more melodic, flowers and trees are all blooming, and wardrobes become more colorful leaving the winter "blues" behind. Rotarians begin planning this month for our new year (July 1) with the District Assembly on April 2 to train new officers, directors, and new

members. Your President-Elect is busy getting district directory ads together, working with his new "team" to attend District Assembly, and coordinating the assembly of our

District award books.

On Saturday, March 26, Paul, Rod, Carol, and I met at Nan's office putting the finishing touches on the Award Books - putting captions to pictures of our many events throughout the year. Avenue of Service Directors Renee, Anita, Paul, Darrell, Neil, along with Nan, Terry, Carol, and Patty spent many hours preparing the written portions for each of the books. The use of computers enabled us to present photos in collage form to dramatically improve the quality of our books. Putting the materials together truly gives you a sense of great accomplishments this year. Please be sure to read them and be proud of all you have done!

As this Rotary year is winding down and plans are implemented for the upcoming year, start thinking of new ideas, new programs, prospective new members, and how you can help our new President continue the spirit of the VERY best Rotary club!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SENIORS' LUNCHEON

by Anita Houston

Enthusiastic Rotarians met at the Dana Point Community Center at 9:00am on March 19, 2005 to begin setting up the St. Patrick's Day Seniors' Luncheon. We started boiling water to heat up Hennessey's famous corn beef, cabbage, carrots, and potatoes. Hennessey's also provided a green salad and all the fixings that go with a traditional Irish meal. Besides the catered food, all of the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotarians pitched in with drinks, rolls, condiments, decorations, and dessert.

By ten o'clock, people were arriving, anxious to get the perfect location in the gymnasium-turned-banquet room. Tables were set with Irish theme tablecloths and decorations. The seven-piece band started playing Irish tunes at eleven o'clock, adding to the warm feeling of this event—a favorite for the seniors (as well as the Rotarians and Interact members).

At noon, we started serving 100 plates. Twenty-one Rotarians busily served all the plates and six new Interact members from Dana Hills High School along with their teacher, **Natalie Hribar**, joined in serving beverages, lunch, and dessert. The band continued to entertain throughout.

As always, thanks to MBSR member **Daniela Radu**, this luncheon was efficient, delicious, and fun; and the seniors are already looking forward to signing up for next year!



Mark Cruz with son, Brendan, & Anita Houston



Russell Kerr & George Rendon in the kitchen

RAMBLINGS...

by Terry Rifkin

Each edition of the MBSR Bulletin, there will be a brief paragraph of little newsy tidbits. Should you have any dirt to include, please let me know so that I may include it in our *Ramblings*...

Finally the truth may be known that our own **Patty Vogan** made it all the way to the semi-finals for Donald Trump's Show "The Apprentice". Because of a very strict gag clause, Patty has had to keep this exciting news to herself. Wouldn't she have made great reality T.V.?... **Daniela Radu and Julius** announced their good news about "the littlest Rotarian" due September 23rd... Good old **Rod**, coughed up the dough for our Soka University breakfast... or maybe not... after all the tadoo, Rod forgot the check in the car. He does have a tough time parting with money... Listen for the buzz about "Saturday Night Live", June 11th... **Barbara Merriman and Patty Vogan** have been seen sailing on the deep blue sea as they prepare for the upcoming Ensenada race... **Kent Campbell** gave a moving inspiration at Soka last week... or did he????... Be sure to pay a visit to our member (and French gentleman) **Dominick** at Aegis where he is recovering from surgery, but please call beforehand (949) 489-0748... **Gary Spencer's** note cards are making him a "big fish" in the club... email **Tim McMahon and Ted Bowersox** who are on leave right now to let them know that we are thinking of him... Congrats to **Ellen Turnbull** for her new career change to Real Estate and **Darrell Cavanaugh** for his transition to Life Insurance... Where in the world is Waldo??? Where in the world is **Ronda**??? We will be losing her in April as she follows her favorite Rock bands around Europe, thus the spiked do and piercings... Stay tuned next month for more *Ramblings*.

10 YEAR OLD PAUL HARRIS FELLOW HONORED

by Linda Knox-Hess

On Tuesday, March 1, 2005, **Alexandra Jackson** (a Paul Harris Fellow since 1995) was honored by the Laguna Niguel Rotary Club for her winning essay on "Character and the Rotary Four-Way Test". In attendance were her proud parents and club members, **Mitch and Lisa Jackson**.

All fifth grade students in the Capistrano School District were invited to enter the essay contest and a total of three winners were picked. The essay was limited to one page. Of note is the fact that Alexandra insisted that she enter the essay contest on a level playing field and did not want any of the judges to know that she was a Paul Harris Fellow or that her parents were in Rotary.

Her school and principal acknowledged Alexandra's accomplishment when she was asked to share her essay with her classmates during a morning assembly at Malcolm Elementary School. The following day, all three winners were honored guests at the Laguna Beach Rotary Club and each read their essay and received a beautiful plaque for her efforts. Alexandra proudly wore her Paul Harris necklace for the event.

Here is Alexandra's essay...

The little girl's big brown eyes gazed up at me as I handed her a bag of food to help her get through the next few weeks. She gave me a small, weak, grateful smile and with two words, gave back to me all I had given her, and more. The words were "thank you".

I live in Laguna Niguel and I don't usually see people who worry about more than things like, do I have enough money to buy ice cream from the ice cream man? Do I



Alexandra Jackson

have enough computers for everyone in my house? Do I have that extra money in my wallet to go buy that shirt that's in fashion?

When I was in Mexico, I learned that there were more important things to worry about. Things like, "do I have enough money to put food on the table for my family tonight?"

This was not my first time visiting the Indians in Tijuana, Mexico, nor will it be my last. I had been there before to help build houses for people in desperate need.

Going to Tijuana Mexico was a great character building experience because it actually allowed me to live out the four-way test.

Is it the truth? The truth is that we have people all over the world who are in need and just as desperate as my friends in Mexico.

Is it fair to all concerned? The fact that some people in the world

have so little and others so much is not fair. But the fact that so many are trying to help those who are in need is amazing.

Will it build goodwill and better friendship? My family and friends going down to Mexico, I think will definitely build goodwill and friendship because of the feeling that so many of the needy get when they realize that people care about them and want to be friends.

Will it be beneficial to all concerned? It will be beneficial to all concerned because all of the giving to the poor is good. It is helping everyone involved.

I plan to continue helping those less fortunate in the future. I hope others will too.

—Alex Jackson

"ADOPT A SOCIAL WORKER" FOOD DRIVE

by Penny DiCaro

Many thanks to all of the Rotarians who contributed to our recent Food Drive. I was able to deliver three very full shopping carts of food to our adopted Social Workers. They were thrilled, as their pantry has been empty. This food will go to needy families for emergency situations. This is a temporary measure to provide them with something to eat until they can find the assistance they need. Once again, Rotarians making this a better place to live...

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May 2	Paul Lehrich	Anniversary
May 4	Sheri Hanratty	Birthday
May 5	Darrell Cavanaugh	Anniversary
May 12	Lucy Parks	Birthday
May 13	Barbara Moore-Meglen	Birthday
May 15	Mark Cruz	Birthday
May 15	Frank Mogavero	Birthday
May 16	Chris Hawn	Birthday
May 25	Daniela Radu	Anniversary
May 27	Darrell Cavanaugh	Birthday

