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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!

FRI-SAT, MAY 20 - MAY 21
District Conference

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
Deep Sea Fishing Trip

MONDAY, JUNE 6
Student of the Month Banquet

TUESDAY, JUNE 7
District Transition Party

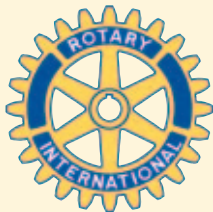
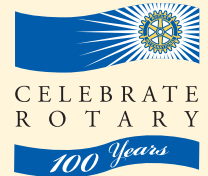
SATURDAY, JUNE 11
"Saturday Night Live"
Fundraiser

SAT-WED, JUNE 18-JUNE 22
International Convention

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
DARK (no meeting)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29
Transition Breakfast, 6:30am

SATURDAY, JULY 30 3PM
Beach Party & BBQ



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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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May 2005

DISTRICT 5320 BUSINESS ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

by Darrell Cavanaugh



Dr. Mark Cruz (center) was honored with four other finalists in the District 5320 Business Rotarian of the Year

Dr. Mark Cruz, a 15-year member of our Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club, was selected as one of five finalists in Rotary District 5320's Business Rotarian of the Year. Mark was selected from 29 nominations from throughout our district of over 2,400 Rotarians based on the exceptional quality of his dental practice and his contributions to the community and Rotary. On Thursday, April 21, 2005 the district hosted the First Annual Business Rotarian of the Year Luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel in Orange. **Rondal Piazza** of the Rotary Club of Lakewood was recognized as the first Rotary District 5320 Business Rotarian of the Year.

HISTORIC WALK OF OLD SAN JUAN

by Terry Rifkin

On April 9th a handful of Monarch Beach Sunrise Club members took a one-hour walk beginning on historic Los Rios Street in San Juan Capistrano. Rotarians enjoyed the picturesque historic district of old San Juan that was built between 1887 and 1910.

Our first stop was at the San Juan Capistrano Basilica. This Church, which opened in 1986, was designed after the Great Stone Church destroyed by an earthquake in 1812. The ruins of this historic church are located on the mission grounds. This replica, which took 10 years to complete, is one of only 46 churches in the USA identified as a place of Pilgrimage. In the Jubilee Year of 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Mission Church of San Juan Capistrano a "Basilica." This is a title of honor granted to churches that have achieved special religious, historical and cultural significance. We are lucky to have this church of great distinction in our own community. While we were visiting we saw a tribute to Pope Paul with a portrait, flowers, and black curtains draped from the doors to honor him.

On our tour, we also visited the world famous San Juan Library designed by architect Michael Graves and was completed in 1983. Our tour guide, **Carol O'Connell**, proved to be an incredible historian of the area and impressed her tour group with her knowledge of this lovely town. The group ended their morning having breakfast at Sarducci's Capistrano Depot. This social event was a treasure to be remembered.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CYNDI ELDERS



With Mother's Day on May 8th and Father's Day approaching on June 19th, I thought it would be nice to write a little something about Parents. All of us were brought into this world by our parents and most of us are parents or someday will be. With that in mind, just a few words in praise of **Parents...**

Parents are the start to our lives, spending many nights without rest, working many hours to provide, and selflessly imparting incredible gifts throughout our lives. The most important gifts we receive from our parents have nothing to do with money; they are the gifts of common sense, character, and self-confidence.

These gifts are bestowed upon us with rules we wished were not there, wisdom that we sometimes defied, hugs and kisses that we sometimes denied, and more love than we could ever imagine. Now that we are older, the logic appears and some of us find ourselves doing the very same things as our parents. All with the goal of developing children into self confident, caring, loving adults that will look back and wish they/we had known then what they/we know now! If you are fortunate enough to still have your parents or a parent in your life, take time to praise them for all the effort, remembering that none of us is perfect. If you are a parent, you are among those who now know that the most difficult and yet most rewarding accomplishment in your life is raising your children. When you think about parents and parenting, think about how grateful we should be for the emotion of unconditional love.

Hug your loved ones, celebrate your parents, and celebrate life!

MBSR MEMBERS WIN IN NEWPORT-ENSENADA RACE

by Barbara Merriman

Two Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Members, **Patty Vogan and Barbara Merriman**, recently competed in the Newport-Ensenada Race. They sailed on a boat named Campbell's Sloop, owned by **Susie Campbell**. The vessel is a 34' Catalina, and you may have heard our team all the way from Ensenada last Sunday when we were called up on stage to accept the Caroline Starr Trophy, which is given to the first All-Female Crew to finish the race. This is the third year in a row that the Campbell's Sloop team has won this trophy. Patty is a newcomer to the team, but not to sailing, and she proved to be a valuable member of our team—not only in her sailing skills, but in her photography skills and in her team-building skills! (I won't mention her drinking skills!!) There were nine women on the team and we are looking forward to other competitions this summer as well as to the next year's Newport-Ensenada Race.



Patty Vogan & Barbara Merriman and the crew of Campbell's Sloop on stage in Ensenada, accepting the trophy

ROTARIAN FOOD FEST

by Terry Rifkin

On April 19th at 6:30 PM, 16 Rotarians reveled in an evening of fun, fellowship, good food and fabulous wine when chefs from Neff-Neff Café in Laguna Niguel demonstrated how to prepare an elegant but casual dinner fit for entertaining in spring and summer. Because the "14 Hands Winery" from Seattle was providing the table wines for tasting, our theme for the cooking demonstration was "The Pacific Northwest Food and Wine". The meal was absolutely phenomenal; crispy fried oysters with lemon aioli, spring lettuce salad with marinated beets and ricotta crouton, herbed salmon with red onion-caper sauce, roasted portobello on garlic mashed potatoes, and blackberry cobbler with cornmeal-biscuit topping. WOW! We had to share the whole menu with you because our class was so impressed by the huge portions served and fit for kings and queens. Thanks again to **Carol O'Connell** for organizing an outstanding event pleasing to everyone.



Enthusiastic taste-testing class at Neff-Neff Café in Laguna Niguel

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE UPDATE

by Russell Kerr

Children of the ancient war-torn country of Afghanistan have just become a beneficiary of MBSR. Our neighboring Laguna Beach and Laguna Niguel clubs, along with others, have sponsored a proposal to form a Rotary Club in Heart, in the east. This may become the first Rotary Club outside of the capital, Kabul. The prospective new members are supporting a school in Herat called The Future Makers School for 150 children, aged 3 to 15, many of whom were orphaned during the fighting. **Sadiq Tawfiq**, of the Khyber Pass store in Laguna Beach and a 12-year member of the LBRC, will provide oversight through the Afghan Amity Society; \$1000 will go to materials for vocational education and \$1000 for textbooks. This assistance will enable children to study and acquire skills for entry into the work force, which will help facilitate their transition from poverty. We can expect first-hand reports from Sadiq following his visit to Heart over the next several weeks.



One of our newest members, **Margarita Martin** of the Colombo-American Education Foundation, has arranged for **Maira Alejandra Morales** to benefit from a \$500 scholarship from MBSR that will enable her to study English, office skills and accounting. This assistance will be channeled through the Colombo-American Education Foundation that we learned about in a regular meeting where Margarita and her Vice President, **Don Woodrow**, told us about their educational programs for disadvantaged and poor children in Colombia. Maira graduated from high school with their assistance last year.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



New MBSR officers, directors, and members were invited to attend the District Assembly on April 2nd at Chapman University in Orange. District Assembly was a morning of teaching in areas of Community Service, Vocational Service, International Service, Club Service, and Membership Development. In attendance: (l-r) Ronda Oakes, Paul Lehrich, Jayne Powell, & (not pictured) Sharon Hemighaus; our own Nan & Rod Eide were instructors of one of the classes.

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...*

Kudos to our Prime Time Players **Patty Vogan** and **Neil Burns** for donning pom poms to cheer on our upcoming Saturday Night Live Fundraiser for Children's Charities on June 11th at Soka University (obviously regressing to missed adolescence). Get in your auction items and make sure you and your friends buy tickets NOW!!!... **Grandpa Paulie** welcomes his 1st grandchild **Olivia Paige** into the world... **Patty Vogan** and **Barbara Merriman** won 1st place in their division for their all- women's crew sailing in the Newport-Ensenada race... Visit our friend **Dominick Smith** at Aegis. He will greet you with a cheerful "Bonjour" and welcome you into his apartment that looks like a French art museum... Our finemeister **Dennis** has just returned from a glorious 10 day Italian cruise. Did he pay happy bucks, or did we overlook that...??? Did **Carol O'Connell** have her keys in hand as she rushed down to the Promenade room Wednesday, thus requiring our CSI Valet friends to track her down there...? **Chris and Terry's** daughter **Jamee** just returned from a weekend at RYLA where she joined several other DHHS students MBSR sponsored to enhance their leadership potential and meet new and diverse friends... **Alex Jackson** (**Mitch and Lisa's** daughter) was asked by **DG Grant Engle** to speak at the District Conference luncheon on May 21st at the Double Tree Hotel. She will share her essay on "Celebrating Rotary"... Congrats to new member **Jill McGovern** who just passed her Real Estate Broker's exam... **John Hayden** and **Neil Burns** are auditioning for a Ringo Starr and George Harrison lookalike for their Fab 4 Boys Band. Rumor has it that their 1st gig will be singing their own rendition of "Yellow Submarine" at the Whiskey A Go Go... More *Ramblings* next month...

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June 7	Betty Pequet	Birthday
June 10	John Hayden	Birthday
June 10	Gail Turner	Anniversary
June 12	Bill Peverill	Anniversary
June 17	Gary Spencer	Anniversary
June 24	John Baumann	Birthday
June 24	Bonnie Myers	Birthday
June 25	Julie Lungo	Birthday

