

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

by Gary Spencer

Earlier this summer I corresponded with Niels Jorgen Andersen in Porsgrunn, Norway about setting up a communication system (letter writing, email, etc) between the members of the Dana Hills Interact club and an Interact club in Norway. If they do not have Interact (since their high school system is different than ours and they do not necessarily have service clubs), I suggested that teenage sons and daughters of Rotary members may want to get their children involved in learning about their peers in the US and vice versa.

On September 21, I received email correspondence back from Niels Jorgen Andersen indicating that the Norwegian Rotaract president, Gunnar Sund Fagervoll, is very interested in my suggestions. At last contact, information had been forwarded to Gunnar and I am waiting for a response. I would like to encourage both old and new club members to join my International Service committee. The next International Service committee meeting will be at 6pm on Thursday, November 17th at the home of David Lopez.

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MAKE-UP LOCATIONS

(See our website for additional locations)

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:
 Tijeras Creek Golf Club

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

12:00 noon Saddleback Valley:
 Bakers Square, Lake Forest

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

THURS 12:00 noon Newport-Irvine:
 Radisson Hotel, Newport Beach

12:00 noon San Clemente:
 Pacific Golf Club

FRI 12:00 noon Laguna Beach:
 Hotel Laguna

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
 Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
 Laguna Playhouse Matinee & Dinner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
 Holiday Party at Club 19

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
 "White Elephant" Gift Exchange

MONDAY, JUNE 6
 Student of the Month Banquet, Dana Point Yacht Club, 6pm



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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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November 2005

THE 14TH YEAR... "GOT GOLF"!

by Barbara Merriman

On October 31, 2005, the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club definitely "Got Golf"! The committee had been planning this event since last June, and on Halloween, early in the morning, two strange looking characters arrived on the scene outside the Marbella Country Club pro shop! There was a very wicked looking witch and the Cat in the Hat! John Carranza, the golf pro, did not quite know what to do with these apparitions! Quietly, several other costumed characters arrived and quickly began setting up the registration tables, and the bagel/coffee tables. In a short period, 97 golfers arrived at Marbella to play golf and raise money for the Children's Charities that MBSR supports throughout the year. Most of the participants were masquerading as golfers, but the volunteers who came to help were festively dressed for Halloween in a variety of costumes and to be quite honest, a couple of our members were not recognizable until you heard their voices.

After registration, there was a putting contest and a contest called "Putting for Blood"

(wine putting) to amuse the golfers. In addition, the driving range was a source of amusement, depending on who was using it! The carts were lined up and ready to go and at 9:02 am, we were sent on our way to the various holes to begin the day. There were many on-course games that participants had a chance to compete in—there were "Monster Mashies," "Ghouligans," and a "Hex Saver" to help lower the scores. There was a "Die to Putt" event, which also lowered the scores of each team who bought into the games. Less serious games included the "Closest to the Grave," "Monster Drives," and "Straightest Drive."

After the round, players assembled on the terrace for adult

beverages and to bid on our Silent Auction items, which the volunteers busily set up while we were out playing golf. A wonderful Mexican buffet was served and prizes were awarded in the following categories.

"Men's Scramble" 1st Place went to the team of Bob Elders, Ed Meenahan, Steve Gross, and Dean Baltzell with a score of 53; 2nd Place to the team of Ted Bowersox, Todd Bearbower and Miles Hokuf in a card off with a score of 54. "Mixed Scramble" 1st Place went to the team of Barbara Merriman, David Bolton, Sea Prattes, and Earl Wooden with a score of 55; 2nd Place to the team of Celestina Rodriguez,



Volunteers having fun! (l-r): Bonnie Myers, Ellen Turnbull, Nancy Baumann, Cowgirl Terry Rifkin, Sharon Hemighaus, Julie Lungo, Ronda Oakes, & Patty Vogan

Mike Nichols, and Patrick Moran with a score of 57. The team of Jason Hagen-sack, Jim Vienneau, Miles Acer, and Alec Walker with a score of 69 won "Open Division Better Ball." The team of Cyndi Elders, Patti Short, Charisse Leake, and Caroline Haines won "Women's Scramble." Additional special awards for "Monster Drive" (Longest Drive) went to Dean Bartzell and Caroline Haines; "Closest to the Grave"

(Closest to the Hole) went to James Parsons and Cyndi Elders; and "Straightest Drive" went to Ed Meenahan.

Co-chairs of this event, Don Gonneville, Rod Eide and Barbara Merriman would like to thank the committee and the volunteers who worked so hard to make this such a success. We also wish to thank the sponsors, donors of the auction items, the breakfast and items for the goodie bags. Another big thank you goes out to the members who came to play and either brought or coerced their friends into playing and making this not only fun, but also financially successful! Final numbers are not quite in yet, but the estimate of the bottom line is in the neighborhood of \$22,000.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - PAUL LEHRICH



What a wonderful way to end the Rotary Month of October 2005 and bid farewell to Daylight Savings Time—a beautiful warm sunny day at the 14th Annual Children's Charities Classic Benefit Golf Tournament held at gorgeous Marbella Golf Course. Many Rotarians played golf as well as those Rotarian volunteers dressed in Halloween outfits that manned the golf holes and After Hours Silent Auction. It was a pleasure to see some of

the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary recipients volunteering and helping us out. It was a great day for golf and friendship. Hats off to our Tri-Chair committee Barbara Merriman, Rod Eide, and Don Gonnevillie who motivated all of us for a successful event that raised money for the kids. After a busy day, we still had time to go home and Trick-or-Treat.

Red Ribbon Week for Drug Abuse Education was another favorite this year at Niguel Hills Middle School and Aliso Viejo Middle School. Over 300 students participated in the poster contest against drugs. Co-chairs Lisa Wilson Jackson and Dr. Frank Mogavero were received with applause at the school assemblies presenting winner posters for the grades.

More and more interest from the students in the poster contest is creating a wonderful awareness by our Rotary club.

As we enter November, a month which is devoted to the Rotary Foundation, our club has to become more aware of the many gifts the Rotary Foundation gives to our world. Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotarians have always been very charitable to the Foundation; however, we have to continue our good work in raising funds to help eradicate Polio Plus and move on to other areas such as water quality. Our club recently gave funds to the Thousand Smiles Clinic in Mexico and our Dr. Mark Cruz is trying to secure a matching grant for the clinic through the Foundation. Hopefully this will be another great deed of the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club.

As our Bulletin goes to press, our club has lost a wonderful member, Dominick Smith. Although a member only for a short time before getting sick, his leather gloves and attaché case will be missed. He appreciated the Rotary friendship while he was sick. His brightest moment was receiving his Blue Badge just weeks ago. This past year was a rough year for Dominick, but he fought his illness with a Rotary passion. May Dominick be at peace with himself—his spirit exemplified "Service Above Self."

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...

Congratulations to our newest blue badge member David Lopez on finally completing the requirements for his permanent blue badge status. Now he has a new house in Laguna Niguel and a new home in Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary... Cyndi Elders and husband Handsome/or Pump Bob have returned from Spain where they celebrated Cyndi's BIG 5-0 and their anniversary. Reports are that they have been seen flamenco dancing nightly at Brio... The 14th Annual Golf Tournament was a resounding success netting over \$22,000. Lots of money to give away next May. Congratulations to the committee and Tri-Chairs Barbara Merriman, Don Gonnevillie, and Rod Eide for a fabulous effort. But who says having a Hooter Girl doesn't help build revenue????... Don Gonnevillie will well represent MBSR and Rotary when he goes to France next year with the GSE Team. What an honor!... John Baumann will celebrate Nancy's birthday in beautiful Hawaii. Aloha... Wonderful to see Barbara Meglen and Tim McMahon back at the club. We sure missed them... Farewell to our French gentleman Dominick Smith. He fought his disease valiantly. He had a smile to the end and his love of life helped him to beat the odds lasting months beyond physician's predictions. His Rotary spirit and kinship to all of us will not be forgotten... *More Ramblings next month...*

FROM THE SOCIAL CORNER

by Mary Jeffries

It is always a wonder to see who attends the social events. Last month at the "One Wine and One Munchie per Person" art event at the St. Regis, Rotarians scored free parking and a great sunset. Unfortunately, the photo of the lovely sun setting through the palm trees did not turn out (where is Mark Montgomery when we need him?), so you missed seeing Russ, Cyndi, Sharon & Dean, Mary, James, Ronda, and Jill (where has she been?) hugging their loved ones. After viewing the art, all went for dinner at Brio, where Dean and James libated the table, an art in itself, and we learned that Sharon has a family winery! (How nice!) All had lots of fun sharing stories...

Stay tuned for the Laguna Playhouse gossip and start rummaging your garage for our annual "White Elephant" holiday gift exchange meeting.

We recently visited Daniela and Miss Nicole Marie, too. Babies smell so good and she entertained us with huge dark blue eyes watching everything! Have fun, Daniela—these are the best of times!



John Malcolm Elementary School Principal Susan MacConaghy (l) accepts check from Pres. Paul Lehrich & Lisa Wilson for her school's Library Computer Reading Program.

ROTARIAN HIGHLIGHT: DOUG CHOTKEYVS

by Neil Burns

Doug Chotkevys and his wife, Susan, have a full house with children Brett (22), Stephanie (15), Danielle (11), and James (4).

As City Manager, Doug is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the City of Dana Point and its approximately 35,000 residents. He enjoys spending time with his family on the weekends, as well as traveling the country with daughter Stephanie watching her play "travel softball." He also enjoys gardening, woodworking, motorcycle and bicycle riding, freshwater fishing, wine tasting and watching most sports events.

Doug believes in "service above self," and enjoys belonging to an organization that compliments his professional life. He truly enjoys serving the public and making a positive difference in people's lives everyday of the week.

A former member of the large, extremely active Uptown

Whittier Rotary Club, he found it complimented his job at City Hall. And Rotary was far more attractive than the Lions, which did not allow women! With his positive experience in Whittier, Doug knew he would soon join MBSR, another Club with a great reputation.

He particularly likes the balance between fellowship and community service at MBSR, and he likes to start his City Council meeting days on a positive Rotary note!



Doug Chotkevys

"NOT SO COOL ANYMORE!"

by Frank Mogavero



Aliso Viejo Middle School, L-R: Pres. Paul Lehrich, Lisa Wilson, 3rd Place Winner Jessica M. Wilson, Anita Houston, 1st Place Winner Tawny Zambrano, James Littlejohn, 2nd Place Winner Amanda Packer, and Dr. Frank Mogavero.

Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary members were once again treated to a large number of colorful anti-drug themed posters for this year's "Drug Use Is Life Abuse" Poster Contest. Students from two local middle schools submitted art, which was judged by Rotary members Lisa Wilson, Frank Mogavero DDS, Anita Houston, Pres. Paul Lehrich, and James Littlejohn, plus a member of LOCA art institute, based on art value, as well as on the anti-drug message conveyed. Niguel Hills Middle School and Aliso Viejo Middle School submitted many creative designs, which made selecting the winners a daunting task for the judges.

Judges selected three winners at each school, with the first place winner slated to receive a check for \$100, the second place winner to receive \$50, and the third place winner to receive \$25. In addition, the first place winner at each school had their creation turned into an anti-drug themed poster to be displayed in all of the classrooms of each respective school. Co-Chairs Lisa Wilson and Frank Mogavero DDS, together with the judges, presented the awards at each

school's assemblies on Monday, October 24th.

At Niguel Hills Middle School, the winners were: 1st Place, Ben Tearle; 2nd Place, Sean Montazer; and 3rd Place, Constance Kell. Ben's colorful winning entry depicts a snowboarder flying over a snowboard park. It enjoins the viewer to "Jump Away from Drugs!"

At Aliso Viejo Middle School, the winners were: 1st Place, Tawny Zambrano; 2nd Place, Amanda Packer; and 3rd Place, Jessica M. Wilson. Tawny's winning entry depicts a speedy cartoon-like ambulance, and reminds the viewer that Drug Use is "Not So Cool Anymore!"

All six winners and their parents will be invited to attend our Rotary meeting on Wednesday, November 30th to be honored (and to be presented their checks!).

Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary can be proud of the impact our Club has on helping to deliver an "anti-drug" message to the impressionable minds of our local middle school students. While previously a t-shirt design contest, Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary has been pleased to support a "Drug Use Is Life Abuse" anti-drug design contest now for over a decade!



Niguel Hills Middle School, L-R: Lisa Wilson, James Littlejohn, 1st Place Winner Ben Tearle, Dr. Frank Mogavero, 2nd Place Winner Sean Montazer, Anita Houston, 3rd Place Winner Constance Kell, and Pres. Paul Lehrich.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES, DECEMBER 2005

Dec 1	Daniela Radu	Birthday
Dec 6	Ronda Oakes	Anniversary
Dec 11	Barbara Speare	Birthday
Dec 12	John Rose	Birthday
Dec 19	Ron Lackey	Birthday

Dec 28	Neil Burns	Birthday
Dec 29	Barbara Moore-Meglen	Anniversary
Dec 30	Patty Vogan	Birthday
Dec 30	Ted Bowersox	Anniversary

