



Dr. Mark Cruz (right) with Student Ethics Panel, a January program



Some new members during Fireside Chat at the Eide home



Perpetual visiting Rotarian Ray Hartstine from Skokie, Illinois speaks to Club

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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!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10
 Valentine's Day/MBSR's Birthday
 Social, 7pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
 Lunch for Ronald McDonald House

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
 Student Singing Contest

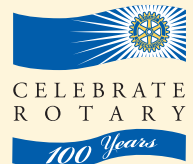
SATURDAY, MARCH 18
 St. Patrick's Day Sr. Luncheon

SATURDAY, MARCH 25
 District 5320 Foundation Dinner

FRI, APRIL 28 - SUN, APRIL 30
 RYLA Camp

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
 11th Annual Benefit for Children's
 Charities, El Niguel CC, 6pm

MONDAY, JUNE 5
 Student of the Month Banquet,
 Dana Point Yacht Club, 6pm



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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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February 2006

WHALE OF A TALE: ADOPT-A-CLASS

by Barbara Merriman



Students ready for the boat trip!

MSBR has just done a good deed for several children in our community! On January 13, 2006, and again on January 17, 2006, we adopted three elementary classes (each day) from Concordia School in San Clemente. The kids were excited to be at the Ocean Institute, and even more excited to go out on the R.V. Sea Explorer. **Lenka Spechalova**, the coordinator, introduced us to the kids and told them that they were here because Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary had sponsored them for the day. A big cheer went up!

Chris Hawn represented MSBR on the 13th, and **Paul Lehrich** and **Barbara Merriman** represented us on the 17th, although Paul had to leave before the boat trip. On the Friday trip, in addition to the usual samplings of the ocean and the ocean bottom that they do on the Sea Explorer, we sighted a large pod of common dolphin, jumping and playing all around the boat. It was very exciting for the students to see this behavior and there was almost as much jumping and playing from the students as there was from the dolphins!



Barbara Merriman (back row, second from right) with students



Chris Hawn (back row, center) with kids

Adopt-A-Class is such a wonderful program, allowing classes who could not otherwise afford it, the opportunity to come to the Ocean Institute. Because of cuts in school funding the Institute does not charge schools the actual cost of the programs, so the difference is made up in fund raising, grants, and donations such as ours. With our donation, we made a big difference in the lives of 150 kids those two days. They had an experience that they will not soon forget. On behalf of the Ocean Institute, I thank the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary—and I am proud to be a Rotarian!

SAVE THE DATE FOR CHILDREN'S CHARITIES!

by Sharon Hemighaus

The date is rapidly approaching for the 11th Annual Benefit for Children's Charities sponsored by Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29, 2006. This year the event will be held at the beautiful El Niguel Country Club in Laguna Niguel. Plan to arrive at 6:00pm for cocktails and a silent auction. Dinner will be from 7:00-8:00pm followed by a great comedy show and a live auction.

The theme this year is Comedy/Entertainment, so please keep this in mind as you are soliciting for auction items. We want this year's fundraiser to be as successful as all of our past events. This means we will need 100% participation from all MBSR members. Start bringing in the auction items now... We will need all items in by April 15 at the latest. We will keep you up to date on any new information. Look for your invitations to arrive in the mail soon.

It promises to be another fantastic event that is not only fun for all who attend, but all proceeds go to a great cause! See you there!

MONARCH BEACH SUNRISE ROTARY MEETS ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 7AM AT THE RITZ-CARLTON LAGUNA NIGUEL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - PAUL LEHRICH



The Rotary committees are preparing for a busy February and March. Historically, February has always been busy with the local students' speech and singing contests. John Hayden brilliantly conducts the contests representing students from our local school districts.

Our Rotarians ate well at the second annual "Chili Cook-Off & Poker Party." Members prepared more than six types of chili and played poker throughout the evening. We thank the Boys & Girls Club for letting us use their facilities during the night. We look forward to our next social party celebrating Valentine's Day and Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary's 18th Birthday at Julie Lungo's home.

President-Elect **Patty Vogan** and her advisory committee will be calling on you for your help for our upcoming Children's Charity Night at El Niguel Country Club. This event is worked by the entire membership so please give the committee their needed cooperation. Now is the time to

start planning and calling on your local businesses for auction prizes.

Our weekly programs have been outstanding. Interesting speakers have presented our club with many ideas. In addition, the student ethics panel, composed of students from Dana Hills High School and Aliso Niguel High School, was outstanding. The Rotary minute from our perpetual visiting Rotarian **Ray Hartstine** was most interesting as he described his many years of Rotary as well as his experiences in various vocations. **Al Soley** and **Dr. Mark Cruz** are to be commended for these great programs.

Our club donated money last year to the Ocean Institute. It was a pleasure being on the docks of the Dana Point Harbor watching kids go on the Schooner and the RV Sea Explorer. Classes from Concordia Elementary School learned about the Ocean Institute and had a great day going out to sea and seeing all kinds of sea life. The kids had a great time and appreciated MBSR's generosity.

Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotarians, keep up your good work: "Service above Self!"



Last month's new members with their sponsors! L-R: Neil Burns, Lisa Wilson, new members Susan Marshall & Matt Fortier, Frank Mogavero, & Paul Lehrich



January Students of the Month, Lila Kalaf & Daniel Shapiro, with Paul Lehrich

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*...

Etiquette lessons will begin before Valentine's Day for anyone who would like to join **Rod Eide**. If you are buying your roses for your sweetheart, best not to tell her that you are purchasing them at Costco because you can get them cheaper there... Ask **Neil Burns** what this means, "Everybody is doing Neil." He may turn VERY red... The "King of Hot" for 2005, **George Rendon**, was dethroned by the 2006 "Hotter than Hot" Chili Cook-off winner, **Russell Kerr**. His chili "Kaitaia Fire" is still "down under"... President **Paulie** was heard blowing the Four Way Test at the Texas Hold 'em poker party. That poker face and a mouth full of lies put the ethics of his administration in question... Speaking of the Prez, pretty sad that he had to contact his mother to find out his and **Jaleh's** anniversary for the new roster... Who has P.L.S.????????? Is it contagious?????... Turns out that **Mike Soliman** is quite the card shark. Who would guess?... Eight new Rotarians eligible for the Fireside Chat. How cool is that? Our Rotary family is growing in leaps and bounds... The good doctor **Cherie Hinchliffe** just returned from de Nile... Tell your friends about the Comedy Night for Kids' Charities coming up on April 29 at El Niguel Country Club... *More Ramblings next month...*

ROTARIAN HIGHLIGHT: CYNDI ELDERS

by Neil Burns

Cyndi Elders and husband Bob are close to Bob's three children Jeff, Jennifer, and Steve, and passionate about their five grandchildren. A Realtor with Keller Williams OC Coastal Realty, Cyndi works with clients primarily in South Orange County, and hopes Bob will soon join in her career. Her favorite sports are skiing and golf, and she loves to walk the beach, exercise, and read, but her passion is travel, especially to Europe, Tahiti, and cruising on Windstar.

Shortly after Cyndi moved to Monarch Beach, Sheri Hanratty introduced her to MBSR as a place to meet other professionals contributing to their community, and although

she knew little about Rotary, she soon joined the Board as Secretary and followed the leadership path to President, and Past-President of the club. Cyndi feels blessed in finding MBSR, and both she and Bob believe her fellow Rotarians are not only dedicated and committed to community, but the nicest group of people they have known, and her very best friends.

Although Cyndi enjoys all MBSR's activities, she is most fond of the scholarship program where she mentors her third student, Vocational Day, and community service. She is actively involved in planning the club's centennial project with the Dana Point Library.



Cyndi Elders & husband Bob

CHILI COOK-OFF & POKER PARTY

by Don Gonneville



Russell Kerr with his Kaitaia Fire Winning Chili

The tradition lives on. The date: Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006. The place: Boys & Girls Club of San Juan Capistrano. (Thanks, James Littlejohn). The event: MBSR's 2nd annual Chili Cook-Off and Poker Party.

If you can sample better chili anywhere in Southern California, we haven't discovered it yet. Six contestants this year, six great chilies. "Chili" George Rendon came to defend his title; "Hot Stuff" Russell Kerr was determined to unseat George; "Snappy" Mike Peterson, "Spice Girl" Bonnie Myers, "Saucy" Susan Marshall, and yours truly rounded out the contestants. A seventh contestant, Margarita Martin, arrived with her entry too late for the judging, but the poker players eagerly consumed her chili. After the eating and judging, a clear winner was declared. Last year's "Duke of Spice" George Rendon was dethroned by the new "King of Hot" Russell Kerr. Congratulations, Russell—it was a hard-fought battle.

After the feast, we had three tables of poker players of all levels who were vying for the club championship, but we never reached that point, and just declared everyone a winner. We have it on good authority that the "World Poker of Champions" received entry applications from over 20 of our local residents on Sunday.

Thanks to everyone who came and made the evening a great success. Let's do it again next year. "Third Annual..." has a nice ring to it.



President Paul taking bribes?



So who bluffed this hand?

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES, MARCH 2006

Mar 1	Don Gonneville (Nancy)	Anniversary (9)	Mar 22	Jill McGovern	Birthday
Mar 4	Jayne Powell	Birthday	Mar 23	Mark Montgomery	Birthday
Mar 5	Tim McMahan	Birthday	Mar 26	Nan Eide	Birthday
Mar 7	Joe Fitzgerald	Birthday	Mar 27	Russell Kerr (Pamela)	Anniversary (35)
Mar 18	Susan Marshall	Birthday	Mar 30	James Littlejohn (Christine)	Anniversary (15)
Mar 18	Mike Soliman	Birthday	Mar 31	David Lopez	Birthday

