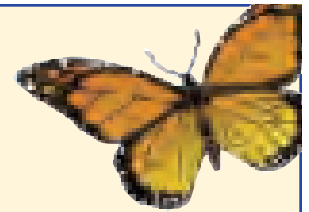




Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club

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June 2006

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

by Nan Eide



L to R: Rod Eide, Nan Eide & Tina Fleming

This year's District Conference was different this year, only 2 days (May 5 and 6); also different for MBSR because we had a special person to present to the District.

Approximately 5 years ago, Rotary International announced the formation of a new scholarship, one for Peace and Conflict Resolution. Our District was one of the first to help fund this scholarship, and ever since, we have

been trying to find a suitable applicant for this generous Master's program. Well, we now have one in **Christina (Tina) Fleming**.

Tina drove up from El Paso, TX (where she is working in a family birth clinic) to join Rod and I for the weekend. Her parents, **Dr. James and Lily Fleming** also joined us, and a whirlwind of 2 days followed, thusly:

Friday evening: Hospitality Night was a ballroom full of food, drinks, fun, and music. We circled the entire room, meeting, greeting and eating. There was a LOT of chocolate! MBSR was represented by a booth with **Cyndi** and handsome **Bob** handing out tequila shooters and beer, helped out by President **Paul**. **Ellen and Ed** also helped to set up the booth, and **Linda and Jeff** were hanging out having fun. The evening ended with music and dance.

Saturday daytime: Plenary and award sessions. Tina continued with her indoctrination into Rotary as she watched our club win lots of rosettes.

Saturday evening: The Governor's Ball. The semi-formal event started with a remembrance of all the Rotarians in the District who passed on during this last Rotary year. **Dominick Smith** was included in the solemn reading and bell tolling. On a happier note, Tina was presented to the audience and wowed them all with her composure and accomplishments for one so young. This evening also ended with music and dance.

Start making your plans to attend next year—it's a real party!



Pres. Paul, Jason Hagensick & Ellen Turnbull at District Conference Hospitality Night



District Award Winners (l-r): Patty Vogan, Pres. Paul Lehrich, Linda Knox-Hess, Anita Houston & Mitch Jackson

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - PAUL LEHRICH



The true colors of the club were evident at the Rotary District Conference in May 2006. Our club was honored during the conference for the Rotary grants benefiting Thousand Smiles and Katrina relief. Thanks go to **Mark Cruz** and **Doug Chotkevys** for their efforts and especially **Rod Eide** for helping to move the grant applications forward.

Our MBSR Chocolate "Rotary Wheel" was the centerpiece for the District Conference afternoon luncheon and raised dollars for Hurricane Katrina relief. That evening, **Nan Eide** introduced **Christina Fleming** (see *Nan's article, District Conference*). Congratulations, Nan, for all your work in the Foundation this year. In addition, **Don Gonnevill**e and this year's GSE Team gave a presentation of their trip to France and visits to the local French Rotary Clubs. Great job, Don!

Our club won the District's 1st Place Award for Club Bulletin! Congratulations, **Linda Knox-Hess** for a great job as Bulletin Editor and for assuming the job as our new Secretary in January 2006. We also won 1st Place Awards for Club Website (congratulations **Mitch Jackson**) and Club Service (congratulations Pres. Elect **Patty Vogan**). In addition, we won 3rd Place Awards for Community Service (congratulations **Anita Houston**) and International Service (congratulations **Gary Spencer**). It should be noted that the competition was extremely hard this year because Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary was classified as a Large Club.

The Vocational Committee, headed by **Darrell Cavanaugh**, had a great Student of the Month Program, Student of the

Month Awards Banquet, and Vocational Day for 120 students. The DHHS Interact Club had a great year, too. Congratulations, Darrell for a superb job!

Our Membership Committee added 10 new members this year. We now have over 60 members. Congratulations to **Neil Burns** for a great year and congratulations to **Bonnie Myers** for the Scholarship Committee work.

Thank you to our Children's Charities "Reaching for the Stars" fundraiser committee for their hard work this year—MBSR raised over \$50,000! Thank you, **Barbara Speare**, **Terry Rifkin**, **Martha Hoffmann**, **Lisa Wilson**, **Susan Marshall**, **Cyndi Elders**, and all the members who helped.

The Golf Committee, headed by **Barbara Merriman**, **Rod Eide**, and Don Gonnevill, had a great day at Marbella Country Club when our golf fundraiser brought in over \$20,000. Thank you for your hard work.

It is hard to imagine that a year has passed since Cyndi Elders and I presented centennial papers from Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary at the 100th Anniversary Convention in Chicago. It has been a privilege and honor to lead our club as President during the 101st year of Rotary International. The job has been easier because of the wonderful, enthusiastic, energetic, and committed group of Rotarians who work hard every day to make a difference in our world and the global village in which we are members. I am extremely proud of the club's accomplishments this year and I know that 2006-2007 will be another great year for Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary and its members. Good luck to Patty Vogan as she begins to "Lead the Way."

Keep up the good work and remember: "Service Above Self."



Bonnie Myers (l) exchanges Club Banners with Rotarian guests from France



Lisa Wilson gives 'Rotary Minute' on the RI Convention experience



Chris Weber (l) receives his Blue Badge and is pictured with sponsor, Rod Eide and Paul Lehrich



Laguna Playhouse Executive Director Richard Stein receives speaker's gift from Paul Lehrich

ROTARIAN HIGHLIGHT: JULIE LUNGO

by Neil Burns

Julie Lungo and husband **Marty** have two children, 20-year-old **Aliana**, a junior at UCLA studying Atmospheric & Oceanic Science with a minor in Italian, and **Christopher**, a 14 year-old freshman at Dana Hills High studying guitar, golf, and girls, in no particular order.

A young Julie indulged her passion for clothing design by earning a degree from CSUN and spending five years in the business, but economic realities encouraged her to resume her education, earning an MBA, which led to a career in business lending. For the last eight years, she has been responsible for all lending at American Security Bank in Laguna Niguel.

Julie also enjoys assisting Marty at their jewelry store, Marinelli's, in Monarch Beach. She recently completed the Graduate Gemologist program at GIA, and loves working with the beautiful gems and jewelry Marty and she design.

When not working, they enjoy traveling, particularly to Marty's family home in Italy where the art, food, and architecture are unbeatable.

Julie enjoys MBSR for all the dedicated people who really care about our community, and the opportunity to participate in many varied projects. She particularly enjoys MBSR's Student of the Month recognition, and the Scholarship and Adopt-a-Social Worker programs.



Julie Lungo

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 Cyndi Elders know so that she may include it in our *Ramblings*...

Prez Paul gives us so much fodder for Ramblings. At least he is going out with a bang. At the Student of the Month Banquet when one of the student musicians finished a page and tossed it to the floor to move on to the next page, our Boy Scout Paulie, swiftly recovered the tossed page and put it back on the music stand (right on top of the page he was trying to play. Guess you had to be there for that precious moment... Another stellar SOM banquet this year **Darrell**. Kudos to you! Your Presidential year is just around the corner... Club members **Martha Hoffmann, Neil Burns, Rod and Nan Eide, Patty Vogan, and Terry Rifkin** will be having an International rendezvous with **Jason and Liz Hagensick** in Copenhagen. Rumors prevail about the content of this meeting. Watch CNN for details... The National Inquirer, the Star, and Accent Hollywood are following up on the story of Patty and Terry's home stay with **Sven Jurgen** from Bergen after the International Convention. Don't trust

everything you read. Pictures don't lie... Also, look for stories about Honorary Rotarian **Barbara Meglen** and husband Joe's RV trip to Alaska. Hoping that if grizzlies are found on route that they can duck into a local igloo...

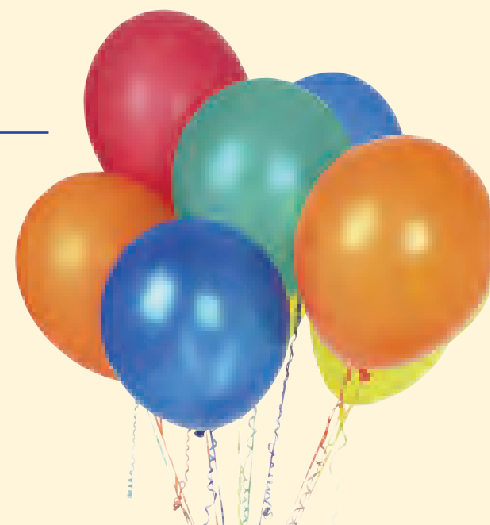
Continued wishes for a speedy recovery to **Barbara Merriman** who is recovering from surgery after a terrible sailing accident. We're glad you are on the mend... **David "Spike" Lopez** is sporting a new "do." Check it out... **Linda Knox-Hess** had jaws drop when she whipped happy bucks out of her bra at the Boys and Girls Club. This had to be a first at MBSR, let alone in Rotary International. Soon to be new Membership Director, **Terry Rifkin**, claims that interest in Rotary is exploding! Applications are pouring in to join Monarch Beach Sunrise and Rotary members from all over District 5320 are defecting to join our club. What a great Membership drive to kick off the new Rotary year... Will **Gary Spencer** be taking his fly-fishing act on the high seas to join

Anita Houston and deserving children from the Boys and Girls Club on their annual fishing trip? Now is time for those big fish tales to come to reality... Upon Patty's return from Scandinavia, (if she returns) she will be booting out President Paul and taking over the podium as our new President. It is a guaranteed year of fun and surprises... This is my last Ramblings column. I have appreciated the support of my award-winning editor Linda Knox-Hess this last year. **Cyndi Elders** will be privately investigating your personal business and writing the Ramblings column for the next Rotary year. Since her finger is always on the pulse of the Club gossip, ("How nice"...) I assure you that it will be a juicy tabloid year.

It has been a pleasure to bring you the latest and greatest "you read it here first" news this year... *Terry*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES, JULY 2006

July 3	James Littlejohn	Birthday	
July 6	Steve Worthington	Birthday	
July 13	Mark Fox	Birthday	
July 19	Margarita Martin	Birthday	
July 23	Mike Soliman	Anniversary	Wife: Layla, 22 yrs.
July 30	Bonnie Myers	Anniversary	Husband: Paul, 40 yrs.





Students of the month from the past year gathered at a special banquet given in their honor at the Dana Point Yacht Club on June 5.

Be honest. What is the image you have of high school students—self-absorbed, entitled, know-it-all, lazy, drive discourteously and too fast?

Due in part to the exposure to the outstanding students our club recognizes from Dana Hills High School as Students of the Month, we have seen another side of students. What we have seen are outstanding scholars, dedicated athletes, entertainers, musicians, club organizers and officers, and caring volunteers. These students give us real cause for encouragement that we will have excellent leadership to guide us in the years ahead.

In September 1999, Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club recognized our first two Dana Hills HS seniors, **Marisa Garcia** and **Marcus Herrema**, as Students of the Month. **Jim Walsh** was the principal of DHHS at that time and **Don Gonneville** was the president of our Rotary Club.

Fast forward to June 5, 2006 to our 7th Annual MBSR Student of the Month Banquet held at the Dana Point Yacht Club. This has been **Paul Lehrich's** "Service Above Self" year as president of our club and **Carolyn Williams'** fifth and final year as principal of DHHS. Since we started in September 1999, we have recognized 126 outstanding seniors from DHHS.

This was another wonderful evening of recognition of the students and their parents. All 18 Students of the Month and their parents attended. Joining the many

Rotary members and spouses in honoring the students were **Carolyn Williams** and **Rob Nye** of DHHS and the mayors of Dana Point, **Lara Anderson** and Laguna Niguel, **Cathryn De Young**. We also recognized Carolyn Williams' 37th year as an educator and her final year as principal of DHHS as she moves on to become the Assistant Superintendent of the Capistrano Valley School District. Besides the dinner and the awards presentations, several of the students treated us to some excellent vocal and instrumental performances. This was a very nice time to pause and reflect on what is right with our world. This program is a celebration of accomplishment and a tribute to the power of parental love, discipline, and support.

Thanks again to the membership of Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club for your enthusiastic support of our Student of the Month program. Special thanks to **Martha Hoffmann** for creating the program, **Al Soley** for printing it, **Nancy Baumann** for registration, Don Gonneville for the pledge and parent tribute, **Chris Weber** for the invocation, **Mitch Jackson** for the Rotary presentation and President Paul Lehrich for his leadership and humor. Together, we have created a very positive and meaningful tradition. As amazing as the kids have been the last seven years, I have the feeling that the best is yet to come.

And the beat goes on...

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ENTERS 11TH YEAR

by Bonnie Myers

Five wonderful students were chosen this year to receive a two-year scholarship under our club's Community College Scholarship program. Recipients received notification of their awards at the Awards Night, held annually at each of the two high schools (Dana Hills and Aliso Niguel) submitting applications for the program.

A panel of Rotarians, including President **Paul** and members **Cindy Elders, George Rendon, Neil Burns, Julie Lungo, and Bonnie Myers**, interviewed twelve scholarship applicants. Questions were posed to the students, based in part on the answers each provided on the application form.

Unlike many traditional scholarships, the club's program guidelines do not require a record of exceptional academic excellence, but rather evidence of a proven determination to build or maintain good grades in spite of difficulties encountered by the applicant. Factors taken into consideration can include the need to work to supplement family income, responsibility for the care of younger siblings, and having to deal with various traumas such as death or divorce. In the final analysis, recipients are chosen based on both financial need and strength of character.

Below is a brief introduction to our five 2006-2008 scholarship awardees:

Cody Baker is an aspiring filmmaker, with an impressive list of completed films already produced. He views his upcoming two years of community college work as the prerequisite for a Bachelor of Arts degree from a four-year university.

Marco Castilleja was immersed in drugs and gangs in his first two years of high school, when he decided to turn his life around. He dreams of owning his own restaurant some day, and hopes to obtain a vocational certificate and AA degree.

Oscar Coronado has a love of music, writes poetry, and seeks a career in entertainment. An immigrant from Mexico, he has become proficient in English in just two years. In addition to his classroom work, he works long hours in an outside job.

Ivan Ocampo hopes to work in the field of computer sciences. He will be the first in his family to graduate from high school and attend college. Living apart from his Mexican family, Ivan has been paying for his own room and board at the home on an aunt, working 25 hours a week.

Jennifer Jones hopes to become an educator, building on her love of children and commitment to education. Jennifer was born with cerebral palsy, a condition that has presented many challenges throughout her high school years. Jennifer impressed committee members with her upbeat personality and determination.

Rotarian mentors are being sought for each of these students. Once a mentor has been assigned, students are invited to attend a club meeting so that the entire membership has a chance to meet them and offer their encouragement!

MBSR extends condolences to Past Presidents Ted Bowersox & Mitch Jackson on the passing of Ted's Father and Mitch's Mother.



May Students of the Month, Kern Haug & Lauren Grey, with Darrell Cavanaugh (left) and Paul Lehrich (right)



Terry Rifkin (left) and Pres. Elect Patty Vogan prepare to leave for the RI Convention



Neil Burns inducts Steve Worthington (right) as a new member



"Roads to You" concert tour members visit MBSR (pictured with Paul Lehrich & Dr. Mark Cruz, back row 2nd & 3rd from left). Under the Patronage of Jordan's Queen Noor, this International Musicians Assembly of more than 30 young musicians representing 18 countries blends Middle Eastern and Western influences to bring the message of peace and cultural understanding through music. The tour is the brainchild of 26-year-old award-winning Jordanian composer and pianist, Zade Dirani.



MBSR Finemaster, Joe Fitzgerald



Plasma TV winner, Doug Chotkevys (l) receives prize check from Rod Eide



Ken Robinson gives his Craft Talk

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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

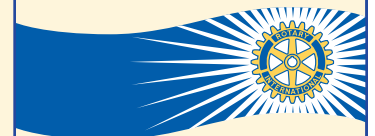
12:00 noon San Clemente:
Pacific Golf Club

FRI 12:00 noon Laguna Beach:
Hotel Laguna

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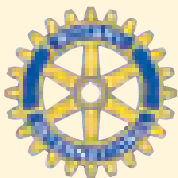
MONDAY, JUNE 26
 Deep Sea Fishing Trip for Kids
 6:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28
 Transition Breakfast
 6:30a.m.



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