



# Monarch Beach

## SUNRISE ROTARY

ON THE CALIFORNIA RIVIERA



## MBSR's Career Day at the Ritz-Carlton

by Nan Eide, Chairperson

Standing on a raised platform, I'm looking down at a sea of young, fresh faces, interspersed with older faces of varying ages. It is an early November morning, and it is Career Day for Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club!

November 5th, marks the nineteenth anniversary of this big, bright event for our Club. Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club is only 20 years old, so obviously the members recognized the need for high school seniors to explore possible future occupations from the start.

It's an ambitious project; 2 high schools are involved, 2 cities, the school district, and the membership of the entire club. And for businesses that are not represented by the club members, we go out into the community and ask them to join us in donating their time and talents for half of a day. We also invite them to join us in breakfast, bringing the total number of people in the room to almost 200. I believe that it is a huge testament to the community spirit and belief in the value of the future generation that everyone so generously gets involved. And has such a good time!

After breakfast at the Ritz Carlton with Rotarians and community leaders, and a timely, impressive speech — more on this later — the students and their mentors break into small groups and head out for a couple of hours of “job shadowing”, culminating for lunch at “On the Border”, a long standing benefactor of the club.

Our speaker this year is special. **Brian Verdugo** is the son of one of our members, and was a participating student in this event 12 years ago. Now he is back, a self-made success before age 30, relating to the students, and telling them what he did, how he did it, and what they must do in any chosen career, in this day and age. They listen intently, and so do all of the adults in the room. A really shining example of what we all hope for our young people. His theme was perfect for the students; “Youth and Entrepreneurship”. Just terrific!

It's a big, bright beautiful day, and very fulfilling. A big “thank you “ to all of our members, and to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.



Students eagerly lined up for Career Day at The Ritz-Carlton



Vocational Chair Nan Eide, Speaker Brian Verdugo, and President Linda Hess



Officers from OC Sheriff's Department Host Students



Speaker Brian Verdugo with his Mom, Martha Hoffmann and two students enjoying lunch at “On The Border” to wrap up Career Day

## President's Message

by Linda Knox Hess

### November is Foundation Month

The Rotary Foundation supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Rotary International's sixth president, **Arch C. Klumph**, created the Foundation in 1917 as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of \$26.50 to more than \$117.9 million contributed in 2004-05. Its event-filled history is a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity.

The Foundation's Humanitarian Programs fund international Rotary club and district projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world. One of the major Humanitarian Programs is *PolioPlus*, which seeks to eradicate the polio virus worldwide. One year ago, Rotary International partnered with the **Bill & Melinda Gates** Foundation to inject a much-needed \$200 million into the global campaign to eradicate polio, a crippling and sometimes fatal disease that still paralyzes children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East and threatens children everywhere. The Rotary Foundation received a \$100 million Gates Foundation grant,

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## MBSR Golf Tournament Fundraiser

by Rod Eide

The Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club held its seventeenth annual Golf Tournament fundraiser on a blustery day Monday, Oct. 13th at the Tijeras Creek Golf Course in Rancho Santa Margarita. The Santa Ana winds blew all day, but did not blow away the spirit of Rotarians and their guests as they raised *over \$12,000* for our children's charities.

With a field of only sixty-two golfers the new twist of a golf ball drop raffle helped raise the "ante" for a successful event. It was even too windy for a helicopter to drop the balls, so the Club representatives actually "rolled" the balls on the putting green and counted those that went into the special "winning" holes. Lilith Sanchez spearheaded this portion of our event and did an amazing job to add approximately \$2400 to the coffers (not to mention that her husband actually won the first prize amounting to over \$400!!).

The tournament was followed by a delicious lunch, silent auction, and awarding of tournament winners prizes. Many thanks to the Tournament Committee and all who worked so hard to make the Event happen. It was evident that in spite of mother nature's rather foul elements everyone had a great time!



## Membership Matters

by Zoreh Behbehani

Among the first things I needed to do when I moved to Laguna Niguel was to get a California drivers license. So, standing in line to take my written test at the DMV, I saw a woman wearing a Rotary pin. I told her I have been a Rotarian since 1987 in Overland Park, Kansas. I wanted to join a Rotary club here. I had visited two clubs here and was in the process of making a decision to join one of them. She said "why don't you visit Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club before you make a decision?" It took me only one visit to this club to decide that this was the one for me. The Rotary pin is always a conversation starter. I have seen it in Europe, South America, Australia, Africa, and Asia. Wherever you go you always have Rotarians who are willing to be your friend. I guess if **Susan Marshall** was not wearing her Rotary pin that day I would not be a member of this club today. (So, you know who to blame...!) *Membership matters and so does proudly wearing your pin.*

## December, 2008

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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 (Joe, 1983)  
 Dec 30 Patty Vogan Birthday  
 Dec 30 Ted Bowersox Anniversary (Mary Kay, 1972)

# US Marine & MBSR Friend Dies in Afghanistan

by Terry Rifkin

1st Lt. **Trevor Yurista** died Monday October 27th when an improvised explosive device exploded near him while he was on duty in a remote region of Helmand province.

Trevor volunteered to go back to Afghanistan in order to support *Operation Enduring Freedom* and the intelligence officers that he was training. He was a “Boots on the Ground” soldier. He worked as a ground intelligence officer in Afghanistan and in Iraq, where he served two previous tours.

MBSR best knows Trevor for his collaboration in creating and executing the Pendleton Adventure that was sold at our Spring Fundraiser. The results of his efforts helped to yield \$17,100 that were donated to the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group. This was the support group’s largest donation to date. Trevor also joined hands with Rotary volunteers at the 1st Marine Car Wash. Perhaps some of you remember him.

Trevor was my friend. His courage, loyalty, fierce love and respect for his country exemplify the fine dedicated individuals who make up the Marine Corp. In his last email to me in just 12 days before his death he wrote, “All I can do is my part and I hope that it makes some difference for the future.”

Trevor Yurista: good soldier, fallen hero, the epitome of Service Above Self. Trevor will be missed by not only his family and friends, but also those whose life he touched in Dana Point, in Rotary, and on base at Camp Pendleton.



Terry Rifkin with Trevor at the 1st Car Wash



Trevor with children of recipients of the first Camp Pendleton “Adventure”

# 5th Marines Flag Dedication

by Terry Rifkin

It was an honor for USMC Captain **Juan Fernandez** to be with MBSR on October 29th when our District Governor was in the house. The mood was set by John Hayden’s thoughtful song for the morning “The Marines’ Hymn.” Captain Fernandez thanked and praised Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotarians for their dedication to the soldiers and sailors of the Fifth Marines.

After reading a letter of recognition from General **Nicholson** recognizing with extreme gratitude the efforts of MBSR, Captain Fernandez presented a flag that flew over RCT-5 Headquarters in Fallujah to President **Linda**. It was a phenomenal honor to receive such a meaningful gift from the highest in command for our Rotary Club’s support and service to the 5th Marines.

Right: Captain Fernandez of the 5th Marines presents colors and certificate of appreciation to Pres. Linda Hess

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# Ramblings

by Neil Burns

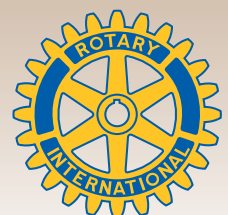
Many thanks to **Rod** for organizing another fine golf tournament, but has anyone noticed that he’s using wine to cook the books – the net profits keep getting better with age. It’s always smart to under-promise and over-perform, Rod. And then there’s **Terry**, always the giver, using “Service above Self” to justify hugging another marine. And now she’s planning on bringing two marines home with her. She said something about Thanksgiving dinner, but there are couches filled with people who crave attention. Still, the flag ceremony was very moving. Thanks **Terry**, for bringing the 5th Marines project to our attention. **George** is officially old, celebrating a big birthday on the 21st. The board is divided on your birthday present – a cane, or going all in with an official Rotary wheelchair. We’ll get back to you. **Matt Fortier** looked tanned and cool in his Hawaiian shorts. We’re going to miss you, Matt. Keep in touch. We’re creating a perpetual fine named the **Lisa Wilson**. It’s a plaque with a sharp tongue aimed like an arrow. The target this month was bike race chair **Cyndi** who “really knows how to work a street corner.” You really need to pay big time for that one, Lisa. And finally, birthday greetings also go to President **Linda** who, thankfully, is younger than George. Until next month, many happy returns!



## Save these dates!

- Wed, Nov 5: Career/Vocational Day
- Sat, Nov 15: District Foundation Dinner, Norwalk
- Mon, Nov 17: MBSR Board Meeting
- Sat, Nov 22: Thanksgiving Seniors’ Luncheon
- Sat, Dec 13: Holiday Party (Sharon Baltzell’s Home)

- Mon, Dec 15: Board Meeting, 6 pm
- Wed, Dec 17: “White Elephant” Club Meeting
- Wed, Dec 24: DARK (Christmas Eve)





# 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?

## DECEMBER IS ROTARY FAMILY MONTH!



Rotary District 5320 Governor, Roger McGonegal was the featured speaker on October 29 at a very special meeting of the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club. He spoke about the many joys of service and the importance of staying involved both locally and internationally. He talked about the District 5320 Foundation Dinner that will take place on Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 6 p.m. for the Reception and 7 p.m. for Dinner at the Norwalk Marriott Hotel 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA. You may Register on line for this event. Roger is responsible for District 5320 that has 47 clubs with 2,278 members all located within 30 miles of each other, in Orange County and the best part of Los Angeles County. —Alan Wickstrom

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Captain Fernandez (left) recognized the tireless service of MBSR member and Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group Director, Terry Rifkin, as well as the President of the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group and former Marine, Pete Hammer, who was an honored guest at the meeting.

Goodies for our troops will be collected throughout the month of November for an early December mailing to our troops. Please write a note of thanks to our servicemen and women letting them know that you are thinking of them at this special time of year and that you appreciate their sacrifice. Bring some goodies, cd's, personal items, or other thoughtful gifts so that there is a little bit of home felt so very far away.

### Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Officers & Directors 08/09

- President..... Linda Knox Hess
- Vice President ..... Open
- Secretary ..... Martha Hoffmann
- Treasurer ..... Rod Eide
- President Elect ..... Russell Kerr
- Imm. Past President..... Gary Spencer
- Community Service ..... Diana Crandall & Don Gonnaville
- International Service ..... Mitch Jackson & Mike Soliman
- Vocational Service..... Nan Eide
- Membership ..... Gary Spencer
- Foundation Support ..... Nan Eide
- Club Service ..... Russell Kerr
- Club Bulletin ..... Cyndi Elders
- Attendance..... John Rose
- Sergeant at Arms..... Paul Lehrich
- Fellowship & Social..... Lisa Wilson
- Information/Orientation ..... Rod Eide
- Programs..... Alan Wickstrom
- Fine Master..... Neil Burns
- Song Leader ..... John Hayden
- Chair, Photography..... Terry Rifkin
- Chair, Publicity..... Cyndi Elders
- Club Website..... Alan Wickstrom
- Golf Tournament ..... Rod Eide, Mitch Jackson & Russell Kerr
- RI President ..... D. K. Lee
- District Governor..... Roger McGonegal
- Asst. Dist. Governor ..... Cliff Nelson

### Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Make-Up Locations

- TUESDAY
- 7:10am, Mission Viejo
- Casta del Sol Golf Club House
- 7:15am, San Clemente Sunrise
- Talega Country Club Heritage Grill
- 7:30am, Newport Sunrise
- Five Crowns, PCH
- 12 noon, Laguna Niguel
- Savannah Chop House
- 7:00pm, Coto De Caza/RSM
- Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club
- WEDNESDAY
- 7:00am, Coto De Caza/RSM Del Sol
- RSM Bell Tower
- 6:15pm, Newport-Balboa
- Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club
- 6:15pm, San Juan Capistrano
- Sarducci's Capistrano Depot
- THURSDAY
- 12 noon, Newport-Irvine
- University Club @ UCI
- 12 noon, San Clemente
- Iron in the Fire Restaurant
- FRIDAY
- 12 noon, Laguna Beach
- Hotel Laguna
- See website for more details

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which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar-for-dollar, over three years. Through its educational programs, the Foundation provides scholarships for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people. Anyone who contributes a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation may become a Paul Harris Fellow. Donors are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition when their cumulative giving reaches \$1,000.

Finally, on Saturday, November 15 our Club will be recognized as a 100% Paul Harris Fellows Club (as of June 30) at the Norwalk Marriott's Foundation Dinner and newer Paul Harris Fellows will be recognized as well. I encourage all Club members to attend this event and be collectively proud of our ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation, and all of the "good it does in the world."