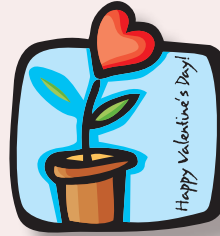




Monarch Beach

SUNRISE ROTARY

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Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Receives "Non-Profit of the Year" Award

by Cyndi Elders

During the Dana Point City Council meeting held on Monday, January 26, Mayor **Lisa Bartlett** presented the City's first "Non-Profit of the Year" award to the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club. President **Linda**, along with thirteen other MBSR members, was there to receive the honor.

Mayor Lisa, also a member of the Club, said that the Club was selected for the award because she has been able to see firsthand the work the group does. City staff member, **Lynn Kelly**, gave a very nice Powerpoint presentation about the Club, and also about Rotary International, naming many of the projects the Club has done both locally and internationally over the almost 21 years of its operation. The presentation also noted many of the charities that MBSR has contributed to over the years, as well as noting that the Club has donated an average of \$80,000 to \$100,000 per year to such organizations during the past several years!

MBSR will celebrate 21 years of service in February and it was quite an honor to receive recognition for its outstanding work. An article covering the award presentation was printed in the Orange County Register on Thursday, February 5th.

Congratulations to the entire membership! ■



MBSR receives "Non-Profit of the Year" award!



President Linda with Assistant District Governor Cliff Nelson and the Non-Profit of the Year 2009 award received from the City of Dana Point.

Dana Point Festival of Whales "Grunion Run"

by Diana Crandall

The Dana Point Festival of Whales is having a children's "Grunion Run" on Sunday, March 15, 2009. We have the opportunity to help staff the Registration and Check-in Tables on the morning of the event. They are having a Volunteer Meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2009 to learn our assignments and receive our "Grunion Run" t-shirts. They will be serving refreshments. The morning of the event, the regular volunteers will start their shifts at 5 and 6 am. The event will be over by 10 am. There are shuttles to take you to and from the event and on to the Pancake Breakfast afterwards. Please email Diana Crandall Crandall@PRUOC.com to sign-up. ■



President's Message

by Linda Knox Hess

In a world where ethnic conflict, terrorist attacks, and civil strife fuel hatred and threaten stability in so many regions, Rotarians worldwide share a mission to promote world understanding, goodwill, and peace through improving health, supporting education, and alleviating poverty.

February—Rotary's "World Understanding Month"—focuses our attention on international understanding, goodwill, and peace. The anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905 is designated "World Understanding and Peace Day."

By supporting the Rotary Foundation and participating in its programs, we find many ways to achieve those goals. For example, Rotarians promote international understanding and enjoy international friendships. Those friendships take root every time an Ambassadorial Scholar meets his or her host family or a district welcomes a Group Study Exchange team. Such life-changing experiences broaden our perspectives and sharpen our interest in the world.

Next month, MBSR will host the GSE Team from Bavaria (March 23-27) and show them a bit of Southern California hospitality. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to share the experience of promoting world understanding and world peace.

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Group Study Exchange Coming to MBSR

by Don Gonneville

The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers.

This year, District 5320 is participating in an exchange visit with District 1840 from Bavaria, Germany. For four weeks, beginning on March 23rd, a Bavarian GSE team consisting of four young professionals and their Rotarian group leader will experience Southern California's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced here, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. In return, we will send a team to Bavaria for four weeks to pursue the same objectives.

During their stay, they will participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, five to six hours per day of cultural and site tours, and a few hours per day of free time with host families.

For each team member, the Foundation provides the most economical round-trip airline ticket between the home and host countries. Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district.

In order to facilitate the process, our district designates host clubs, which provide "host families" for the GSE team; and concierge clubs, which arrange the professional, cultural, and social visits during the day. This year, MBSR will be a host club. Five of our members will provide lodging, breakfast, and dinner for the five Bavarian team members for four days. We will also host the welcoming reception on Monday evening, March 23rd, and serve as the concierge club on Wednesday, March 25th.

Everyone who has participated in past GSE events has found the experience to be a very rewarding, and they have often led to life-long friendships. ■

Thanks from Aliso Niguel High School

by Nan Eide

In a letter addressed to Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary in November, 2008, the ROP Career Guidance Specialist from Aliso Niguel High School, June Anthony, thanked MBSR for the fabulous Vocational Day put together by our Vocational Committee. Ms. Anthony wrote:

"Thank you for putting this day together and for all of your hard work. ... The stories from the students have been wonderful. This program will have a lasting impact on many of our seniors at a very important time in their lives."

A big thank you to everyone involved in this special day! ■

March, 2009

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mar 1	Don Gonneville	Anniversary (Nancy, '97)	Mar 22	Jill McGovern	Birthday
Mar 5	Tim McMahon	Birthday	Mar 24	Bruce Brenon	Anniversary (Sarah, '07)
Mar 7	Joe Fitzgerald	Birthday	Mar 26	Nan Eide	Birthday
Mar 13	Kelley White	Birthday	Mar 27	Russell Kerr	Anniversary (Pamela, '71)
Mar 18	Susan Marshall	Birthday	Mar 30	James Littlejohn	Anniversary (Christine, '91)
Mar 18	Mike Soliman	Birthday	Mar 30	Lilith Sanchez	Birthday



Fireside Chat Means We Have New Members!

by Rod Eide

Once again the pleasure of hosting a Fireside Chat meeting was necessitated by the recent addition of three new members. The meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday, January 28th at the home of **Rod and Nan Eide**.

The purpose of our Fireside Chat meetings is to give our new members, and others who attend, a special opportunity to learn about Rotary in general, as well as about how our Club operates. This helps members decide how they can best focus their participation in Club activities and enjoy their membership.

The meeting was attended by new members, **LaVal Brewer**, **Kathy Flores**, and **Bruce Brenon** (and wife **Sarah**). They were joined by President **Linda Hess**, President Elec/ Club Service Director **Russ Kerr**, Community Service Co-Director **Diana Crandall**, Vocational Service Director **Nan Eide**, Membership Director **Gary Spencer**, Club Bulletin editor **Cyndi Elders**, and Information and Orientation Chair **Rod Eide**.

Following an enjoyable social and snacks period, the meeting proceeded with introductions and a review of the agenda, which included the viewing of a short video offering a fine overview of Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. This was followed by a presentation of the Club operation and how it works by President Linda and the other Club leaders.

Linda used an enlarged copy of the Club organization chart to help the new members understand all of the opportunities to get involved in Club activities, and accordingly, who to see about it. Finally the contents of folders given to each, containing everything a new member needs to know, were explained.

When all questions had been answered, the meeting was adjourned, and it was very clear that the Club now has three more absolutely outstanding new members. ■



Ramblings

by Neil Burns

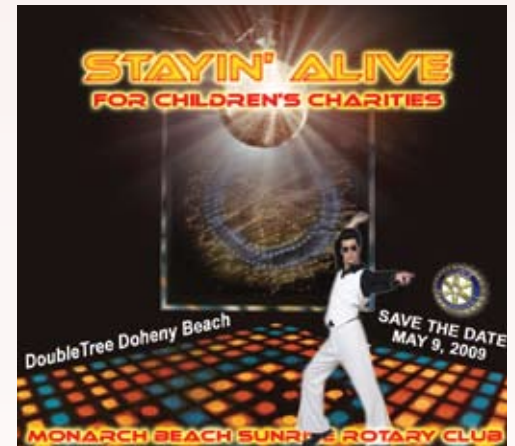
Lots to celebrate at MBSR as we enter 2009, not the least of which is reconnecting with old friends. **Mark Cruz** and **Patty Vogan** both returned to the fold after necessary absences, and we're all happy to see and hug them both again! **Lisa Wilson** celebrated her birthday too hard to appear at Rotary the next day. Way to go Lisa! And as **Rod** tells the story, **Nan** rewarded him with his 44th consecutive one year contract. Happy Anniversary to both!

Lisa also wondered how **John Hayden** felt about celebrating 25 years as a counselor. John's response is that he's a cognitive therapist which I guess means he feels nothing. **Bruce Brenon's** wife surprised him with a very small new outfit — congratulations Bruce on the coming addition to your family!

James is getting revved up for the Grand Opening of the Boys & Girls Club's new teen center. Everyone is invited to the celebration on Saturday, March 14. Maybe by then James can explain to **Christine** that he's invited a Group Study Exchange Bavarian to dinner for three days in March. You can't back out now James, its public!

And we're all VERY pleased that **Jan Peverill's** surgery was successful. We're all praying for your very quick recovery, Jan.

Cheers till next month! ■



Save these dates!

Wed, 2/4: Speech Contest
Thur, 2/5: MBSR Social: Dinner & Play ("Sylvia")
2/20 - 2/22: PETS @ LAX
Mon, 2/23: RI Birthday/Anniversary
Wed, 2/25: Singing Contest
Sat, 3/14: St. Patrick's Day Seniors' Luncheon
Sun, 3/15: Festival of Whales Grunion Run
Mon, 3/16: Board Meeting, 6pm
Sun, 3/22: "World Water Day"



Mon, 3/23: GSE Team Welcome Party
3/23 - 3/27: Bavaria GSE Team (MBSR Hosting)
Fri, 3/27: District Conference Hospitality Night
3/27 - 3/29: District Conference, Hyatt Regency Newport
Sat, 3/28: 5th Marines Car Wash
Sat, 4/4: District Assembly, Chapman University, 8am-noon
Sat, 4/25: "Rotarians at Work" Day
Sun, 4/26: DP Grand Prix of Racing
4/24 - 4/27: RYLA
Sat, 5/9: MBSR "Stayin' Alive" Fundraiser



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?

MARCH LITERACY MONTH!



Above: Photos of the computer lab at the new school in Colombia. It looks like it is in the final stages of completion after 2 years! The tables will be in by next week. I am planning the trip to take the computers before the end of February. I will keep you up to date. —Margarita Martin



President Linda presents ribbon to young rider at Shea Therapeutic Riding Center's recent "Drive to Ride Horse Show". The horse, Winston, is sponsored by Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary.

Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Officers & Directors 08/09

- President..... Linda Knox Hess
- Vice PresidentOpen
- Secretary Martha Hoffmann
- Treasurer Rod Eide
- President ElectRussell Kerr
- Imm. Past President.....Gary Spencer
- Community Service Diana Crandall & Don Gonneville
- International ServiceMitch Jackson & Mike Soliman
- Vocational Service.....Nan Eide
- MembershipGary Spencer
- Foundation SupportNan Eide
- Club ServiceRussell 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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Please call our GSE Team Coordinator, Don Gonneville, for more information.

Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club celebrates 21 years of "Service above Self" since originally chartered February 24, 1988. Let us pause, reflect, and consider how we are pursuing Rotary's Fourth Avenue of Service—International Service. It is our international service, and our international fellowship, that will do the most to help us all build a more peaceful tomorrow. ■