



Monarch Beach

SUNRISE ROTARY
ON THE CALIFORNIA RIVIERA

MBSR Pirate BBQ, Social Event

by Mary Jeffries

Ahoy! And a Ho Ho Ho! **Captain Kerr** safely guided his *GhostShip* to the coastal waters of Dana Point when the wind was right. His crew this sail were 30 stalwart sailors, the first landing since sailing from the Carlton Coast in July. All the crew is sworn to tell the truth and rid the town of non-beneficial acts. All on the lookout for Privateers and their foul ways. The opportunity for all interested to have a feast made by the crew of the *GhostShip* was rumored for weeks and the shipmates participated in preparing their finest salads and dips for this festive occasion. Included in the best first course were **Mate Peverill's** bean dip, and **Mate Cavanaugh's** seven-layer dip.

Famous among the Dana Point waters are the barbeque brothers, **Mate Gary** and **Captain Kerr**. They are remembered for their careful timing of the fire and vittles on them. They were assisted in the outdoor galley by their cabin girls, **MaryEarl** and **Pam** along with **Rotary Rod** and **Nan**.

That pirates love of gold is no secret, so they were especially delighted to see the galley had prepared Chocolate Treasure Pots laden with gold ingots triumphantly placed by **Chef Mary** for the crew's pleasure.

As the *GhostShip* pirates have very little to do when they are at anchor, they spend their time drinking, listening to music and singing sea shanties. One such shanty, sung heartily by **Mates Cherie, Pam, Jan** and **Mary** to the music of **John Baumann the Great's** guitar, was "Hang Down your Head Tom Dooley."

A vagabond named **Alan**, fresh off the Italian Coast, made a chance stop to fill the air with fancies about events to come when the wind is still again.

And there was a stowaway named **Elizabeth** who surfaced with a smile once the ship landed. Smiling because she had this chance to introduce her companion to this awesome worthy crew.

Please join the Captain again on his next voyage beyond the Carlton Coast. And remember: **THERE WILL BE CHOCOLATE!**



Ahoy Maties! MBSR enjoys some Pirate Fun



Captain Kerr with Chef Gary, the Barbeque Brothers



Chocolate Treasure Pots with 24 karat gold leaf!

President's Message

by Russell Kerr

Are we having FUN yet? Feeling fulfilled? Our club is humming with excitement and our weekly meetings are well attended. Thank you for participating in the life and service of our Rotary Club.

September is New Generations month with a focus on folks who are closer (even younger) in age to our newer members! Those are great days in our lives – untapped energy, new creativity and engaging tenacity. While some New Generations clubs are being formed, I believe that our club can become even more vibrant with the addition of members from all ages – new generations and older generations. On October 8, at the Salt Creek Grille, each of us has the opportunity to invite some folks that we think could be Rotarians. I encourage each of you to invite a few business acquaintances to enjoy this evening of Rotary fellowship with our neighboring clubs.

Participation in the END POLIO NOW tail gate party and Angel's game was excellent. More than 20 kids from the Boys & Girls Club and 30 MBSR members with friends joined 1200 Rotarians to raise money for this global cause. Never mind who won – the fellowship with hundreds of Rotarians was rich! Our club benefited from the opportunity to serve and to support a great cause.

Marines 5th Regiment support group was assisted by a number of MBSR volunteers and partying members, at the last Dana Point concert in the park for 2009. The concert

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Columbia Project Update

by Margarita Martin

As reported in previous newsletters, the Colombo-American Education Foundation and the International Rotary Foundation have been working together for the last 3 years to help the Colombian students at the Reynaldo Matiz School obtain a better and higher level of education. Three years ago, work on a computer lab project was begun that today is a reality. Sixty computers were obtained that were partially refurbished and mostly donated, and reprogrammed with *Windows 95* in Spanish. This project has been directed to an elementary school with one thousand children, located in the small city of Neiva, Colombia. To serve the students, a computer lab for education and a computer maintenance lab for computer hardware education will be opened. The computers have finally arrived and we are on our way to complete this fabulous project!

Margarita Martin, as the lead coordinator for this project, has personally learned that perseverance and patience is a virtue. She will be traveling to Colombia during the month of August and September to ensure the success of all the efforts. She wants to thank all of you for believing in a better world and making this project a success. She is looking forward to meeting the Rotary partners in Colombia during her trip and has heard they are very excited about this project and are looking forward to continuing the journey.



October, 2009

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct 1	Mitch Jackson	Anniversary (Lisa, 1988)	Oct 16	Linda Knox Hess	Birthday
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Oct 6	Sharon Baltzell	Birthday	Oct 27	Ellen Turnbull	Birthday
Oct 10	Alan Wickstrom	Anniversary (Liz, 1987)	Oct 30	Cyndi Elders	Birthday
Oct 14	LaVal Brewer	Anniversary (Kelly, 1995)			



Rotarian Highlight: Russell Kerr

by Neil Burns

Current MBSR President **Russ Kerr** and his wife, **Pam**, have two married daughters, **Rachel** and **Vanessa**, and though Russ enjoys many hobbies from exercising, to camping, hiking, mountain biking, traveling and meeting people throughout the world, his primary preoccupation is family and two beautiful grandchildren.

Russ owns an Edward Jones office in Monarch Beach, and finds helping friends solve financial problems and achieve their goals incredibly rewarding. He holds a fascinating resume, having spent 25 years with World Vision bringing humanitarian relief to under-developed nations in Asia, Africa, and Europe. Not to be outdone, Pam is the director of the Aegis Retirement Home in Laguna Niguel.

A Charter Member of the Makati East Rotary in Manila, Russ has visited clubs throughout the world, and is proud of Rotary's reputation and accomplishments, and he particularly enjoys meeting and working with business peers giving back to the community. He hopes we can exploit every opportunity to create and maintain peace throughout the world!

As President this year, Russ hopes to reach out to potential new members who should know and enjoy MBSR.

Ramblings

by Elizabeth Lozano

I was fortunate to travel to beautiful – AND HOT – Miami, Florida this month, and visited the Coral Gables Rotary luncheon. Most of the men and women were dressed in business suits, next to impossible given the heat. Needless to say, there were some great people there, but I don't think any club compares to ours, with the joyful singing of Beatles songs led by John and wonderful hugs! Did I mention there weren't any hugs?

Mary is doing a great job getting us started with great social activities. If you missed it, we had a fun BBQ at the Harbor with **Captain Russ** (pirate hat and all) and some delicious food made by fellow Rotarians. The Angels game had a great turnout, and boy am I glad to be part of eradicating polio! **Terry** had more fun with the Marines this month, and we are so glad to be a part of supporting these men and women who do so much for our Country.

Congrats to President Russ on his latest birthday venture to garlic country, and a very special congratulations to grandpa **John Hayden** and his daughter and new mom, **Jenny**. See you next month!

Angels Baseball Game End Polio Event

by Paul Lebrich



Saturday evening, August 29th, Monarch Beach Rotary Club took 25 members of the Boys & Girls Club to the Angels game which was a fundraiser for Rotary District 5320 with funds going to Polio.

Over 1,200 members of Rotary and guests were present for the game. MBSR had over 30 guests present for the game against Oakland.

Kids were given a "baseball hat" backpack and hot dog money.

The Rotary Clubs of South County Coast invite you to a Rotary Mixer



Join fellow Rotarians and invited friends to enjoy an evening of fellowship and camaraderie.

Salt Creek Grille, Monarch Beach
Thursday, October 8th, 6 - 8pm

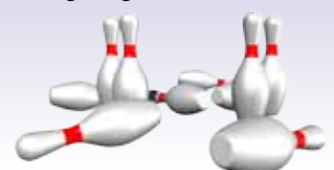
Cover charge: \$20/person

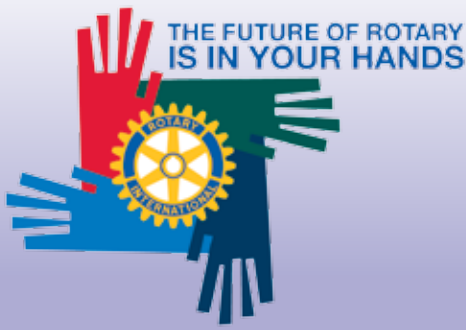
Wine & hearty hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Save these dates!

Mon 9/21: Board of Directors Meeting - Boys and Girls Club
Fri 9/25: District Rotarian Business Person of the Year Awards
Sat 10/3: Car Wash for the Marines
Thur 10/8: Salt Creek Grille New Member Drive 4:00-7:00pm
Thur 10/22: Golf Tournament

Sat 12/5: Holiday Party
September: Sign-ups for MBSR Bowling League!





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?

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Officers & Directors 09/10

President.....Russell Kerr
 Vice President Al Soley
 Secretary Nan Eide
 Treasurer/Foundation Rod Eide
 President Elect/
 Club Service James Littlejohn
 Imm. Past President..... Linda Hess
 Community Service Susan Marshall
 International Service Mitch Jackson
 & Bruce Brenon
 Vocational Service..... Zohreh Behbehani
 Membership Kelly White

Club Service Committee Leaders:

Website.....Alan Wickstrom
 Club Bulletin..... Sharon Baltzell
 Public Relations Cyndi Elders
 Photography Terry Rifkin
 Programs Alan Wickstrom
 Info/Orientation Rod Eide
 Song Leader..... John Hayden
 Fellowship Penny DiCaro
 Social Mary Jeffries
 Happy Bucks/
 Fine Master Joe Fitzgerald
 Sergeant at Arms Paul Lehrich
 Attendance John Rose

Fundraisers:

Golf Tournament.....Neil Burns
 Children's Charity..... TBA
 RI President John Kenny
 District Governor..... Bret Gerdes

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



Pres. Russell presenting the MBSR wheel of Chocolate to C. Philip Ross, featured speaker on global warming facts and myths



Pres. Russell presenting a check to Risha Shukla, 13 years old and founder of 'Kids who Care' Foundation



Teresa Saldivar, 2009 President of the California Jewelers Association, receives check for CJA Peter Hess Scholarship from Past Pres. Linda Hess

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was fantastic including the youngest band ever, Ugly Paint, along with Marine Chris Lozano & his band, plus The Tijuana Dogs, recently returned from their tour of Ireland. You made a real impact by being involved.

Fundraising is on our minds! Great ideas were shared at our recent club meeting. Please work on those ideas that we together could use to raise funds for our charities. We need a fundraiser chair. It is the only vacancy in our organization. I urge you to volunteer to lead the fundraising efforts for this current Rotary year. We have lots of people willing to help – they need a leader!

August was a great month. Let's make September even more effective because **THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS.**