

Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Nominates Alan Wickstrom for 2009 Business Rotarian of the Year

DANA POINT, CA – SEPT 16, 2009: The members of the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club unanimously approved the nomination of long time Dana Point resident and CEO/President of BuildingOnline, Alan Wickstrom, for Rotary International District 5320's Business Rotarian of the Year this month.

"I am very honored and flattered by my fellow Rotarians' nomination for Business Rotarian of the Year" said Wickstrom, "I joined Rotary to be around like-minded people who live by the *Service Above Self* philosophy that Rotary was founded upon. The more you give, the more you receive in return and when you apply this with your family, friends, business and community service it makes you a whole person, bringing smiles to those around you each day."

Rotary District 5320 has 46 clubs with 2,140 members all located within 30 miles of each other, in Orange County and parts of LA County. Each of the 46 clubs are asked to nominate one member from each club and then a panel of independent judge's will select 3 who will be awarded 2009 Business Rotarian of the Year on Friday, September 25th at Rotary International District 5320's Awards Luncheon at the Knotts Resort Hotel in Buena Park. The criteria for nomination for Business Rotarian of the Year include: that the candidate exemplifies the Four-Way Test, has high ethical standards, is a leader in their vocational field, is active in the community, active in humanitarian service, is an active Rotary club member for more than 2 years, and is approved by the club president.

Russell Kerr, MBSR President, commented about Wickstrom's 2009 Business Rotarian of the Year nomination, "Every year the Rotary Clubs of Southern California selects fellow Rotarians from each Club who exemplify the tenets of Rotary in the professional and personal lives. I am thrilled and proud our club has selected Alan Wickstrom for our nominee from among our 60 members."

Last year Dana Point resident and psychotherapist, Terry Rifkin, was awarded the 2008 Business Rotarian of the Year and the members of the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club are hopeful Wickstrom will be selected this year.

ABOUT MONARCH BEACH SUNRISE ROTARY:

Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Club (MBSR) is a group of local business and community leaders who volunteer thousands of hours working locally, regionally and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training to our local youth, fundraising for local children's charities, promote peace and eradicate polio under the motto *Service Above Self*. MBSR is a part of Rotary International, the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Their club meets each Wednesday morning at the Ritz-Carlton in Dana Point and you may learn more by contacting MBSR President, Russell Kerr, at 949-487-0833 or online at MonarchBeachRotary.com.