

Sunrise over San Luis Rey Rotary Club of Oceanside JAN/FEB 2010 Newsletter

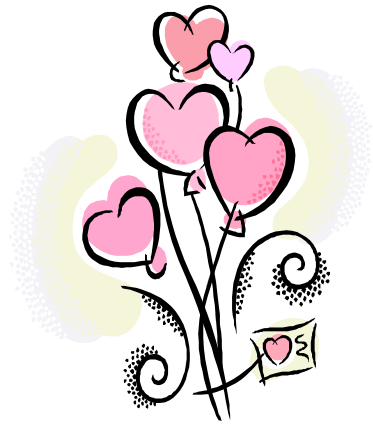
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year, Friends! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! 2009 was a great year for our club. Just look at some of the projects and events we have enjoyed in the past six months:

WE...

- Ø Partnered with Oceanside Civitan for a fundraiser at Sunshine Brooks Theater.
- Ø Gave away a big chunk of cash to Courtney, our last 50/50 "opportunity drawing" winner, who spread the joy by donating nearly half back to the club!
- Ø Put on another top notch Veterans' Day Program at El Camino High School.
- Ø Hosted several SLR Rotary "Students of the Month" from Ocean Shores High School and had a stellar Christmas party for the children of their students, complete with Santa!
- Ø Sponsored and served Thanksgiving Dinner to Family Recovery Center and made Christmas even brighter for a military family at Camp Pendleton.
- Ø Enjoyed each other's company at a Fall fellowship event at Nick's home, attended a Regional Round-Up District Council Dinner in Carlsbad, and even went to Mira Costa College for a special club meeting!
- Ø Topped off 2009 with a holiday party at Dominic's.
- Ø And, of course, we've already enjoyed several great club newsletters, thanks to Barb!

President's Corner (continued)

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! The fun is only half over; we still have the following to look forward to:

- Ø Applause for a Cause
- Ø Rotary at Work Day
- Ø Tons of great programs
- Ø Even more Students of the Month
- Ø RYLA
- Ø Golf Tourney
- Ø And don't forget DEMOTION!!!

I hope you are having as much fun as I am at Rotary! We undoubtedly have the most fun of ANY Rotary club ANYWHERE! Here's to 6 more fun-filled months!

A NOTE FROM THE COE'S

I always enjoy hearing you all share your stories during happy dollars, and I mean it when I say that I'm interested in getting to know you better! I think we all are! So, in that spirit, I will share with you a little bit of what is on my mind and in my life these days...

Well, friends, it has been a very busy year for my family. Between grad school, Rotary, WRC, Jason's full-time and part-time jobs, and everything in between, I am finding that there is just never enough time to sit back and soak up all the wonderful moments with my hubby and kids. But, I'm so blessed to be able to stay home with them all day. I'm the first to admit that being a "stay-at-home" mom is not what I expected: the house isn't always spotless, we aren't eating gourmet home-cooked meals every night, and I'm not in the best shape of my life because I have ample time to visit the gym everyday.

Those of you who have children are surely laughing right now because you realize just how ridiculous those expectations were. I mean, WHAT was I thinking?!? The truth is I hardly have time to wash my face in the morning and change out of my pjs, let alone hit the gym. And cooking gourmet meals requires consistent trips to the grocery store, a task I simply dread because hauling my boys anywhere is a workout! Whew, they are heavy! J Ahh, the real world.

But the trade-offs are totally worth it. Until Brody and Ryder came along, I never understood the love that a person feels for their children. It is immense! And the everyday miracle of watching them learn and grow continues to blow my mind. As I write this article, Jason and I are in the middle of potty training Brody, who used his potty several times yesterday and today. We were so proud! And Ryder is trying so hard to crawl, I'm sure it will be any day now that he makes his big move. Can you believe he'll be 8 months old by the time this hits the press? I, for one, cannot. The time is just flying by.

Anyway, the point of all this is to say that while life may not always be perfect or what we expect, it sure is good. Wet kisses from Brody and big smiles from Ryder just fill me up everyday. And the fact that Jason comes home every night to share in the fun and work, tops it all off. Sometimes I worry that it is all too good to last, but every night that my head hits the pillow, nearly too tired to sleep, I say a prayer of thanks for what I have right now. And included in those thanks is the friendship and support of my fellow Rotarians. I truly enjoy our club and the relationships we are building together. Thank you!!!

Your friend,
Jodi

PICTURES OF JODI AND FAMILY



Members sharing news



Proud Mom, Tina, forwarded this picture of Bri's first snow on Dec. 7 at college – St. Mary's; Bri's new home away from home – having a ball!

As of Jan. 5, 2010 - good news from David Plank:

Our daughter Julie has at last been released from intensive care to physical therapy at Tri City. Her 19 weeks of hospitalization are about to end, her doctors tell us. So by the time you receive this newsletter she should be home with her family. My sincerest gratitude to all of you who remembered her in your thoughts and prayers.



Christmas does come in January... 3:03 am on 1.16.10 Tess Hire arrived in Oakland (at the hospital and not in the foyer of her house, like her sister Zoey. She has lots of thick dark hair and was 6lbs. 15oz and 19.09 inches long. I feel so blessed to be here and share this with my son Garth and Hollie, Rhys (4) and Zoey (18Mo). My other son Scott was here also. Pictured holding Tess is Hollie's Grandmother Lois.
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News from the Jan 13 meeting

- Shawn's fiancé, Malady, has officially moved here and now calls our area "home", having made her retirement from Miami Police Dept. official. She got Shawn to the Rotary meeting.
- Tim gets his other new knee installed in mid February – he may never stop his bike riding
- Sarah reported her surgery Jan. 14 is a simple 'in and out' type. Sad news is Cokie is, now in dog heaven.
- Dave Little reported getting hooked in a computer virus/scam, as did Marge.
- President Elect Anne announced March 11 Soroptimist Salad Luncheon.
- Bill had a new echocardiogram and they found nothing wrong – Hooray!

APPLAUSE FOR A CAUSE—March 7 at Hilton Garden Inn, Carlsbad

-AFAC is getting closer. Invitations are now available as well as sponsor and donor letters (there are no tickets this year). Please get invites and sponsor letters distributed soon. Please donate an item to the event. If you can't get one donated by a business, consider making a small contribution yourself: a gift certificate, sale item from a store, re-gift from Christmas. When we put it all together we can make great things happen!!!

**Announcement flyer is on web site – please spread the word

REMINDER REGARDING SPEAKERS

As we enter the second half, home stretch, final curve, last hole, final stroke, last shot of our beloved Prez Jodi's term, we all need to put together an awesome format of speakers. Please note our incredible line up of Speaker Teams. Let's make our meetings ones to remember!

Speaker Teams January – June 2010

Speaker Chair: Curt McRae

January 4 dates

Sarah McAfee (Team Leader)
Bob Schroeder
Jan Hire
David Little

February 4 dates

Mike Kastrup (Team Leader)
David Plank
Jane Allison Austin
Kay McDaniels

March 5 dates

Dennis Merchant (Team Leader)
Courtney Berlin
Marti Ferris
Bob Reinseth
Tina Ortiz

April 4 dates

Ed Brown (Team Leader)
John Hartin
Dusty Rhoads
Anita Wold

May 4 dates

Ron Rand (Team Leader)
Marge Swacker
Nick Ruddick
Pat Patrick

June 4 dates

Barbara Wayne (Team Leader)
Shawn Murray
Tim Poldrugo
Carol Minor



Well, here's Anita giving one of her poses at the Jan. 13 meeting. I think it is perhaps a raspberry to us to say she's leaving us at the end of the month and moving up to be near her daughter in Carson City.

Who moves to Carson City? Does a sane person leave this area for Carson City? Ha ha! Anita is off on an exciting new adventure, having officially retired from the insurance business. We will certainly miss her and her funny antics and fun personality but we certainly wish her a wonderful new life adventure and hope she stays in touch. All the best to you Anita



"SERVICE"

Here are Tina, Bob, and Dusty who volunteered to help with the Election Night ballot scanning at the Oceanside Special Municipal Election held on December 8. Thanks so much for assisting your City on Election Night. Great Job!



Snapping our Rotarians at the Jan. 13 meeting

