



Happy
Easter

Sunrise over

San Luis Rey Rotary Club
of Oceanside

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President's Message



Greetings Friends!

Wow, the past two months have just flown by! And with this weather, it feels like summer is already here. Before you know it we'll be celebrating another year for San Luis Rey Rotary at Demotion!

I want to thank all of you for your hard work that made Applause for a Cause a great event. Of course, the real fun comes when we give all the money we raised away to our favorite charities and projects. Our Golf Tourney is right around the corner, so start getting pumped for that!

This is truly a special club, and I am so happy to be a part of it. I am also happy to welcome our two new members, Milady Irizarry and Tom Boyle, who I know will enjoy getting to know all of you like I have! Let's keep the good times going with more great programs, laughs, friendship, and of course, Service Above Self!

On a personal note, here are a few pictures of Jason and the boys. We took them to Wild Animal Park recently, and also hit the beach last weekend. Aren't they the best?!?

Your friend, Jodi



Photo memories of recent Rotary meetings



Honoring our Ocean Shores students for doing a great job in school. Keep up the good work; we're pulling for you



Our original 1992 Charter President George Gaumont paid us a visit



Congrat's Bill on another Paul Harris!!

Save the date

Rotarians at Work Day
is April 24

Keep it available for our
work project this year.
News to follow with
information on the
project



Welcome our 3 new members:
Joaquin, Tom and Milady

Welcome to new member Milady—here's her bio:

Milady Irizarry

Biography

I was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. I have 11 brothers and sisters. My parents moved our family to Miami in the 70s. I finished high school in Miami. I have one son and four grandchildren. My son, daughter-in-law, and four grandchildren all live in Orlando, Florida.

From the time I was a kid growing up in New York, I always wanted to be a police officer. After high school, I attended college and took a couple of jobs as a secretary and substitute teacher while pursuing my goal to be a police officer.

In 1981, I was hired by the Miami Police Department as a Police Officer. I was promoted to Sergeant in 1987, Lieutenant in 1992, and Captain in 2004. In 2005 the Chief of Police appointed me to the rank of Commander. I worked numerous assignments over the years which included: patrol, sexual battery, training, narcotics, communications, and the community policing unit (NET – Neighborhood Enhancement Team). As a lieutenant, I worked as the field duty commander in patrol. As a Captain, I ran the Crime Suppression Unit. I spearheaded a citywide operation that targeted street level narcotics in collaboration with the Homicide, Auto Theft, Robbery, & Burglary Units. This project has now run for over 5 years. It has been extremely successful in reducing all the noted crimes and no officers have been injured or involved in shootings during the operations.

Upon appointment to the rank of Commander, I served as a District Commander and later as the Deputy Commander of Operations for the Specialized Operations Section. The Specialized Operations Section consists of Traffic Enforcement (Motors), K-9, Traffic Homicide, Crime Suppression, Bomb Squad, Special Events, SWAT, Public Service Aides, Mounted Patrol, Marine Patrol, and the Aviation Unit. I had 212 personnel under my command in Special Operations.

I have an Associate's Degree in Business & Accounting, Bachelor's Degree in Business & Finance and a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) & Entrepreneurship. I attained my degrees incrementally while working and going to school over the course of my 29 year law enforcement career.

I met my fiancée, also a Police Officer and fellow Rotarian, in June of 2008 at a police management training course in Boston, Massachusetts. We had a long distance relationship. In December 2009, I retired from the Miami Police Department after 29 years of service to move to California.

I currently live in Carlsbad, California with my fiancée. At this time, I am enjoying my new found freedom as a retiree and pursuing purely recreational courses in music at the local junior college. I look forward to starting my own business in the near future. I am also looking forward to providing service to my new community as a Rotarian.

Welcome to our Club Milady and thanks for the great bio!

[Hopefully we will also receive bio's from Tom or Joaquin for a future newsletter]

Costa Rica meets Sarah and the Overseas Adventure Tour

It was so much easier flying to Costa Rica than Ethiopia – only a two hour time difference between Oceanside and Costa Rica. We arrived in San Jose Costa Rica late Thursday night and were on the road by 8:30 am Friday. Every two days we changed hotels/lodges and scenery. We covered all but the bottom 25 % of the country. Good weather followed us wherever we went (except of course in the Rain Forest where it is always raining).

Rice and black beans were the staple of every meal. Breakfast they added scrambled eggs and fruit. Lunch they added a chicken or fish dish of some kind and dinner resembled lunch. Everyone drank water by the gallons; I think that I took the prize for highest water consumption.

We river – rafted, zip-lined, visited a coffee plantation, a pineapple plantation, took early (I mean sunrise early) nature walks, long hikes through the forest looking for unusual wildlife which was easy to spot (very abundant), river boat trips to spot birds and Caymans, and so very much more.

Now, in mentioning we, I am referring to 15 wonderful fellow travelers. In advance I knew 7 and the rest were as nice as the group I signed up with. One of our group was a professional photographer and I will have more pictures to share when I get hold of Robert's pictures.

I would highly recommend Overseas Adventure Tours. The price was reasonable and the whole package of events, lodging etc could not have been better.





Folks having a fun time at Applause for A Cause

Speaker Teams March – June 2010

Speaker Chair: Curt McRae

A big thanks to the January and February teams for their great selection of speakers.

Thanks, Curt

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

Don't forget...

to check our Club web site which contains our calendar, meeting schedule, speakers, birthdays, etc. Thanks Nick for keeping us informed, for the great pictures, etc.

NEWSY/NOSIE ITEMS

- Rumor has it that Pres. Jodie has an addiction and needs to go to ILMA group meetings (I Love Microphones Anonymous)
- Rumor has it Tim is coming back as a bionic man with 2 new knees; did I hear he was in the Ironman race?
- Hats off to all who worked on AFAC—the event was a great success
- Newsletter Editor continues to go through weird health issues—not only a winged scapula but now old people's chickenpox aka shingles—boy is that a trip... ugh!
- Dave Plank's daughter Julie continues to have small signs of improvement
- Get your golf partners ready for our upcoming golf tournament



2010 District Conference



DG Marge Cole invites you to join in the fun, fellowship, and learning that will happen at [District Conference](#). Top level speakers will provide information on water in D5340 and Rotary water projects world wide. A bus tour of Imperial Valley will provide a unique perspective on water and energy. Top it all off with a barbecue and dancing!