



Sunrise over San Luis Rey Rotary Club of Oceanside

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President Bob... Greetings Rotarians,

Wow, where do I begin? Our Rotary year is quickly approaching the end, yet we have so many things to accomplish! There are many exciting Rotary events coming up such as the District Conference in Ensenada, May 18-20th and the International Convention, June 17-20th. If you are looking to get away for a few days, either one of these events would be a great way to enjoy some Rotary fellowship and to learn about all the wonderful work that we are accomplishing on an international level. While we may tend to focus on projects in our local area, we are indeed making a difference globally. Our Matching Grant funds to provide safe drinking water for over 20 schools in India was recently approved at the District level, and has been forwarded to Rotary International for final approval.

I'm not sure if it has been the time change or spring fever or what, but it seems that we have been missing a lot of members lately. If you haven't had a chance to make to a meeting recently, it sure would be nice to see all of you. We have had some really great speakers this year, and it would be good if we had a full audience to show our appreciation of their efforts in getting to our early, early (did I mention early) meetings! For those of you who do find that you have conflicting schedules and maybe aren't able to make it on a regular basis, did you know there are several different ways that you can do a make-up meeting?



I'm sure we all know that attendance at another club would qualify for that, but there is also another way, Rotary E-Clubs. Rotary E-Clubs are Internet based Rotary Clubs throughout the United States and the world that hold weekly meetings on-line. Now, I am not advocating that you participate in one of these in lieu of attending our wildly entertaining meetings, but they are an alternative to keep up your attendance percentages, which our bylaws maintain should be at least 60%. If you are interested in more information about Rotary E-Clubs, you can check out the Rotary International website and look under Club Locator or see me for more information.

Coming up very quickly is our 2nd Annual Rotarians at Work (RAW) Day. For those of you who are new and not familiar with RAW, this project began in our very own District and is spreading throughout the world. On April 28th, ALL Rotary clubs from our District will participate in hands-on community projects in and around San Diego and Imperial Counties. 100% participation of members is encouraged. This year our project will focus on the YMCA OZ Shelter Services located at 215 Barnes St. in Oceanside. The Shelter provides housing, counseling and other services for runaway and troubled youth. They have a storage area in a converted garage that needs closets, painting and other upgrades, and also several bedrooms that need painting and blinds and a little sprucing up. There will be plenty of work for everyone to do, and we might have a little fun doing it too!! I am told that Rotarians LOVE to PAINT! If you have family members who would like to participate, please bring them, we will find a job for everyone. I have passed around a sign up sheet several times, but I am still missing many names for this project. Please let me know as soon as possible whether or not you will be able to make it. If you are not able to make it on that day, let me know. I think we have some preparation work prior to that day and any help would be most appreciated.

I apologize for the length of this column but as I have been reminded several times (!!) we skipped a month (or 2?) and there is a lot to cover.

Finally, a reminder that I touched on briefly at last week's meeting. Our club operating expenses depend on Happy Dollars and Opportunity Drawings. Our income for breakfast does not generally cover the cost of the meals each week, due to guests and speakers. We have tried to lessen the financial impact on members this year by avoiding passing the hat as much as in past years, and utilizing club funds for our special projects and charities. That said, I appreciate the participation in Happy Dollars after my brief reminder, but we need to continue this. I think we all enjoy hearing what is going on in everyone's life. This is our opportunity to do that (although, maybe Carol tells us a little too much!). I am not really the type to do a lot of "Fining." I would much rather you willingly part with your dollars J. Thank you all for the constant support and I look forward to a successful end of the year. Hope to see you all April 28th!

President Bob

Ed. Comment: Boy oh boy, when Bob gets going, he gets going. Way to go Bob.

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Letters to the Newsletter Editor – Sarah [Editorials]



If you've been snooping around and have something curious or interesting to share with the members, email the information to me and I'll get it in the next available newsletter. We're always interested in good-snooping news. Email to sarah2dogs@cox.net. You too can share your news. After all...it is your newsletter! Editor has sole discretion to use the article or make up something. If you should have sent news and didn't, it will be made up by Editor's choice.

No submittals this month. Does that mean:-

- 1) that you WANT me to make up stuff for you?
- 2) that you are lazy to the core?
- 3) that you are knee - deep in cleaning up after the Holidays?
- 4) that you are working far too hard at work and not hard enough on Rotary snooping?

BIRTHDAY CORNER: (EDITOR'S NOTE: someone please send me one of their birthday pictures or else every Birthday Corner will be greeted by the cutest female baby in the Club which might not be a bad thing).



With no submittal from our Hospitality chair, I have no clue whose birthdays to celebrate. Cokie, my 13 yr old Lhasa Apso upstaged my piano practice the other day to show me how it is done. In case you can't hear, she is playing Happy Birthday to the April/May birthdays, her mom (me) being one.

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NEW MEMBER Welcome to Marge Swacker

Marge Swacker (The Rev. Marge Swacker, Ph.D.) is a California gal who grew up in L.A., attended college on Point Loma (back when it was California Western University), did one stint in Mexico and another in Berlin, was ordained in Memphis TN, served churches and hospice in the Midwest, and is now back home in Southern California.

I guess that says it all, but here's a little Q&A for you.

WHY DID YOU COME BACK? I'm an only child. My father has Alzheimer's and my mother had suffered a stroke; he's in assisted living and she died just over two years ago. They said they needed me, so I loaded up my library and my cat and moved back out here.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW? I have a smallish practice as a counselor. I'm a generalist with particular work in grief counseling. I still fill in when a minister needs someone to take over for a while.

WHEN DID YOU BECOME A ROTARIAN? My first club was in Arnold MO. Then came High Ridge MO where I was the 'first lady' followed by Chesterfield MO and Chula Vista (CA, of course). My work moved, so my Rotary Club did too.

WHAT'S YOUR PASSION? I am a committed peace worker, believing that violence, be it family violence or international warfare, is rarely the best way to solve disputes. Next month I am going to Israel and Palestine on a peace and justice trip and soon hope to begin my training as a registered mediator.

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? You know the windmill on I-5? Well, that's where I live with my faithful cat Sisyphus.

Welcome Marge. We are glad you chose us.

DON'T FORGET – Up to the minute club news and events can always be found on OUR website. Also take a moment to visit the Club Photo Gallery.

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Rotarians At Work Day April 28th

98th Annual RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah from 17th-20th June 2007

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