



Sunrise over San Luis Rey Rotary Club of Oceanside

Meet Wednesdays: 7:15 am
Jolly Roger Restaurant
Oceanside Harbor

May/June 2007 Newsletter

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President Bob... Greetings Rotarians,

Typically as we near the end of a year, we tend to reflect on the accomplishments of the past. My year as President is rapidly approaching a close, (do I hear a sigh of relief??) yet I choose to focus on the future. No, I am not talking about the future in which I might be able to sleep in for a few extra minutes on the occasional Wednesday morning! I want us to focus on the future and build on the accomplishments of the past.

First off, I am happy to say that we have increased our membership over the past year! We lost a few members over the year, but gained 4 (editorial comment, miss a few meetings and the cast changes dramatically) new ones. It is through new members and fresh ideas that we will be able to motivate our club to move in new directions. I hope that everyone will welcome our new members and encourage them to share their ideas and thoughts about what we can do to become more effective in our efforts to serve our community. Please understand, I am not saying we have been doing anything wrong. It's just that with new members and different perspectives, we will continue to grow and grow. I want to extend a special welcome to our newest member, **Sandy Hughes**. For those of you who were not present to hear her award winning biography, Sandy is a recent transplant to our community from Arizona and Director of Human Resources for Tri-City Hospital. I know Sandy will make a great addition to our club, however, I did notice that she was sitting at the self appointed "Bad Girls Table".

(Is this **SECOND?**) Looking ahead to next year, we will continue to build on a new fundraiser project that we kicked off this year. In February we had our first (and what I hope will become annual) night out at the Theatre. It was extremely successful, and we had fun at the same time. In an effort to make this an even bigger event, we are searching for a larger venue that will enable us to go out and market this to the community and increase our visibility, not to mention make it a more fiscally successful event! One of the goals I have for our club is to become more self-supporting, and rely less on the financial contributions of our members. Through projects like the Theatre event and our Golf Tournament we will achieve that goal.

(**THIRD ?**) I cannot find enough words to express how proud I am of our club this year. Each year we are asked to set a goal of giving for the Paul Harris Foundation, and I am happy to say that we exceeded our goal by nearly 20%. Through your generosity we have achieved what many other clubs in our district were unable to achieve. A special **THANK YOU** to Tina Ortiz. Her efforts inspired us to reach out and make a difference throughout the world. I am confident that we will continue this trend in the future.

(**FOURTH**) This week we have kicked off a unique project for our club. I would call it our own Matching Grant program. Through the Wheelchair Foundation, wheelchairs are distributed throughout the world. The cost for these wheelchairs is \$75.00. For every member who contributes \$37.50, the San Luis Rey Rotary Club will match that amount. This is an awesome opportunity to help a person in need and worthy of our support. Rotary Clubs throughout the world have combined to sponsor over 125,000 wheelchairs in over 100 countries. If you would like more information about this program you can check out the website at www.wheelchairfoundation.org. Dennis Merchant is heading up this effort and will be able to answer any questions you have. I urge you to take advantage of this limited time offer.

As usual, I could go on and on about the wonderful work that you all do to make our club a success. I have been very fortunate to have the support of so many people this year and I hope that you will continue to support our President-Elect John Hartin. Please allow me to reflect on the past year for one moment though. I would like to say a special thanks to the Officers and the Board Members who have put extra effort into making this all happen. They are working behind the scenes to make sure that we act in the best interests of our members as a whole, and they have done a fantastic job. And a special thanks to outgoing board member Nick Ruddick. In addition to Nick's work on the website, he has been instrumental in formulating our budget for the last several years, and I appreciate his efforts for a sometimes thankless job.

Did I mention only 6 weeks to go????? President Bob

Rumor has it that Bob would LOVE to serve another year!

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 at Editor's choice.

Given the fact that I have not been able to be at Club Meetings and won't be until July, my gossip scouts are falling down on the job. Those of you who should be in this column get off easy yet again.

Preparing the garage, the Thursday before, several dedicated SLR members gathered together and this is what they did.



PE Hartin and Anita solving prob?



"What in the world is in here?" PEH



How many Rotarians does it take to hang window coverings?



Good thing Dave Little is tall!



Our captain, Laurie, thought we took too many breaks



Some members actually did real work.



A motley crew but they are OURS!

John Hartin, President Elect is heading for SLC and the Rotary Convention with wife Maureen.

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



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 May/June birthdays.

FOUNDATION NEWS !!

Submitted by Tina Ortiz, Foundation Chair



I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Rotary Foundation this year. The Foundation is my passion and one of the main reasons why I am so proud to be a Rotarian.

As Rotarians we belong to a worldwide organization that serves the needs of many within our local community as well as the international community. Our Club has helped eradicate Polio in Ethiopia, Africa....we have purchased wheelchairs for the disabled in Malawi....we have volunteered at dental clinics in Ensenada....we were part of a matching grant that built a well and brought water to an underdeveloped country. These are just a few of our projects....all made possible by the generosity of our Club members.

Each year we are asked to add \$125.00 to our Paul Harris Sustaining membership. Your contribution helps provide textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia.... cataract operations for three blind individuals in India...or 120 polio vaccines for children.

Through your generosity, our Club raised \$4,775.00 for the foundation...115.76% of our annual goal. This brings our total giving to \$51,310.00 since our club chartered in 1992.

Joining our 16 Paul Harris Fellows was Kay McDaniel and joining our 4 multiple Fellows were Jan Hire and Barbara Wayne. Congratulations to all of them!

BOWLING FOR \$\$. SLR members are everywhere. I am proof that you do not need to know how to bowl to participate, just need to know how to have fun. Actually Jan is a good teacher and about 3 games from the end she figured out what I was doing wrong. Thanks Jan.

Not sure how much money we raised because no report from Jan to include. She must be having fun now that taxes are done.



Thanks to Capt Jan, we knew our names.



SLR Team



One of many gutter balls ?

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.

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

SLR, Oceanside, El Camino & Camp Pendleton Club Golf tournament June 26, 2007. Register NOW. Seek out retailers for donations and door prizes. Twist friends' arms to join you in the tournament. Our club depends on the proceeds from this event to fund operations.

You don't golf? Pay for a Marine to play in the tournament!

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