

# Sunrise over San Luis Rey Rotary Club of Oceanside

Happy Thanksgiving to all

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

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November 2005 Newsletter

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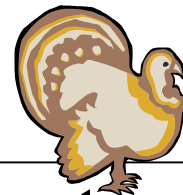
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Prez. Sarah sez:



## Too many disasters...

Rotarians are known worldwide for their generosity in coming to the aid of people groups around the world when disasters hit. I am hard pressed to remember a time (but you know about my memory) when there were so many disasters (Pakistan and Central American) and when there are two (not just one) on US soil (Katrina and Rita devastation).

Just imagine the flood (no pun intended) of emails that I am getting as the recipient of District and International email on this subject.

Every Board meeting since the disaster in Louisiana hit, your Board members have pondered what to do. Our decision remains "that the needs will remain long term and we should wait and see." Your Board is also clear that they would prefer to put a face to the recipient of our contribution.

How can you find out what Rotary International is doing and what other clubs in our District are doing? The Rotary International website ([www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/disaster/reliefforts.html](http://www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/disaster/reliefforts.html)) and the District website ([www.rotary5340.org](http://www.rotary5340.org)) are good places to start. Another source is the Rotarian magazine.

In a recent letter from RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer, he mentions the need always for \$\$ but also mentions that with each of these recent disasters there will be long term needs.

As many know our District and Rotary International have a Matching Grant program that enables clubs to receive matching grants from the District and RI. Our \$ 500 matching grant last year to a club in Brazil was matched and matched again. The local club contributed to the project and before you know it over \$4000 was available to buy vision equipment for a local hospital. When the cost exceeded the estimate, a family member of the Brazil club came up with the difference so the project was able to proceed without being dramatically cut back.

Down the road, there may be Matching Grants to help with the Pakistani/Afghanistan/India earthquake damage and or the devastation in Central America left by Hurricane Stan. You see, Matching Grants are only available for international projects.





California is gorgeous, verdant and cool, but there was something mystical about the miles of stunning coastline and the laid back lifestyle certainly fit my personality. I decided right then and there that I would someday come here to live."

A mere fifteen years later, following high school, some time spent traveling in Europe and the Middle East and meeting new people, plying her hand at various trades, four years of college at the University of California in Sacramento and three years of law school at the University of California at Davis, Leslie made her way to San Diego and settled in the Rancho Bernardo area. But her restless spirit was still alive, and in the next five years she would also live in North Park, La Jolla and Solana Beach before settling in her current residence in Oceanside.

Likewise, she has had an interesting array of jobs since migrating south. "When I first moved here I didn't know anyone and I didn't have a job. I had taken the Bar Exam in July 2000, but we wouldn't receive our results until the Friday after Thanksgiving. Until then, I was kind of in limbo. I couldn't work as an attorney since I didn't yet have a license, and I really couldn't start anything else until I knew whether or not I would have to study for the bar exam again. (The California bar exam has an average pass rate of about 50% on any given exam). That was a little scary. But I did have a contact at the Elder Law and Advocacy center and showed up at their door one day asking them to put me to work." They did, and for the next several months, Leslie volunteered as a legal assistant at the non-profit organization, helping senior citizens with all kinds of legal problems from divorce to restraining orders to lawsuits against unscrupulous merchants and con artists. "It is truly sad what can happen to our vulnerable senior citizens. Elder Law is a fabulous organization that provides exceptional services to seniors on a shoestring budget. I took great satisfaction in the work I did there, and I know that my help changed lives."

In November, the happy news came. Leslie had passed the bar. Unfortunately, this meant she now had to leave Elder Law and search for a job with a paycheck. "I have this really bad habit that needs constant remuneration – I like to eat." So, with her shiny new Bar Card, a disarming smile, and more than a bit of gumption, she perused the San Diego legal job market, and landed a job with a medium-sized firm downtown that specialized in maritime law. "I told them in the interview that I was qualified to work for a maritime law firm because my dad had taught me to fish for bluegill and bass when I was seven, and I loved Popeye cartoons. Fortunately for me, the senior partner at the firm, in addition to being a brilliant trial lawyer, also had a great sense of humor and I landed my first real job as an associate with the firm. I learned a lot about litigation and the legal system (things they don't really teach in law school) and got to do some interesting travel investigating cases and doing discovery. However, after awhile I realized that my heart was really in public service, and so I said good-bye to private practice and accepted a position as a Staff Attorney with the City of El Cajon, out in East County." After two-and-a-half years, Leslie left to take a job with the City of Oceanside, and now is a Deputy City Attorney in the six-attorney office. The City attorney's office provides all manner of services to city departments and to the city council. Asked whether she likes this job, she immediately lights up when describing her position: "I love this job. I am thrilled to be working with top-notch legal professionals in a congenial and rewarding atmosphere. Here we provide an important service, protecting the city from frivolous lawsuits, and making sure all city departments receive legal advice designed to keep the city out of litigation in the first instance. "This is a great group of people to work with. I am so happy with my public sector job – I really feel like I'm making a difference."

Asked whether she intends to move again in the near future, she replies rather wistfully that motherhood (she is a new mother to 5-month old Scarlett Lorraine) and marriage make mobility less likely, and that she intends to stay put for many years.

But that doesn't mean her life has become boring. On the contrary, with the unflinching support of her family, this whirling dervish continues to volunteer her time and energy with several local charitable organizations and can be seen lending a hand at the quarterly Canine Companions for Independence graduations, and at the various fund raising events for St. Madeleine Sophie's Center, an El Cajon center for developmentally disabled adults. Scarlett now attends most events as well. "I think it is important to lead by example and teach her the values of service and responsibility that I hold so dear."

When asked how she came to be a Rotarian, she is quick to credit her good friend and past Chapter President, Laurie Dunne. "Laurie and I met three years ago at Canine Companions where we were both volunteer puppy raisers for the program. Laurie used to speak about her Rotary Club projects and meetings but I never really knew what it was or what the organization actually did until I attended a meeting. I was impressed with the wide array of professions represented and with the wide range of people so willing to get involved and lend a helping hand. I immediately identified with the civic-minded group and wanted to become a member. I am truly honored to be a Rotarian."



Scarlett and Hudson, the family's "change of career CCI puppy"



**THANK YOU LETTERS FROM OCEAN SHORES HS STUDENTS**



September 8, 2005

Dear Rotary Club,

Thanks for the donation you gave us. You giving us binders gave us a good start. We really appreciate your help. There are a lot of us that didn't have enough money to buy our school supplies this year. It's good to know we have someone there for us, especially for our education.

Sincerely,  
Janet Ortega

Dear Rotary Club,

I am currently a senior at Ocean Shores High School. I wanted to thank your organization for your donation to our school. I appreciate your donation and for supplying our school with binders. It helps to be organized and prepared for school.

Sincerely,  
Lizbeth Ceballos

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Dear Rotary Club,

Thank you for what you have given us. I feel blessed to know that there are people out there who really look out for us. It is also wonderful that you're taking time out of your lives to help others. Thank you for keeping us ready and organized for school.

With many thanks,  
Luis Aguilar

At our October 12 meeting we had a Sharon South sitting. She stopped to visit us from AZ. She's looking good and ain't it grand!

### **Our Club's Thanksgiving Dinner for FRC -- David says...**

Please remember the Thanksgiving dinner that our club will be hosting at the Oceanside Family Recovery Center on 22 November, Tuesday, 12 noon. An average contribution of \$20 from each of us will fund this traditional festive Thanksgiving dinner that we provide for FRC residents and invited guests.

Also continue to remember FRC's ongoing need for infant vegetables and fruit. Think Gerbers. If you are not a shopper, funnel your funds through David Plank to Bob Schroeder, who loves to Camp Pendleton-commissary-shop.

### **LAST CALL: Foundation Gala**

On Friday, November 11, 2005, at the Aerospace Museum Rotarians and their spouses are invited to attend the annual Paul Harris Gala. \$50/person (see the neat online announcement at [www.rotary5340.org](http://www.rotary5340.org)) There will be a grand door prize of V.I.P. tickets to a space launch at the Kennedy Center, which will include a tour of the Center, plus a stay at Disney World.

### **From Vocational Service Chair Rosemary:**

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Friday **December the 16<sup>th</sup>** our Club along with the Oceanside Soropotimist Club will be giving a Christmas party for the small children in the nursery at Oceans Shores. Hopefully Nick will be Santa Claus again. There will be a list of the children with age and sizes circulated so you can make your pick for bringing presents.

Merry Christmas (early)

### **From Membership Chair Greg Weeding:**

#### **'A Membership Moment'**

**Why do we need new members?**

**We need new members to:**

- è Infuse our club with new ideas, energy and enthusiasm;
- è Enhance community representation;
- è Broaden our service base, expanding the number and scope of the projects we can undertake.

As you can see, increasing membership is vital to a club. So keep looking for those potential Rotarians. We know they are out there. More to come . . .

Sad news...

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week. Larry LaPrise, the man that wrote "The Hokey Pokey" died peacefully at the age of 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in... And then the trouble started.

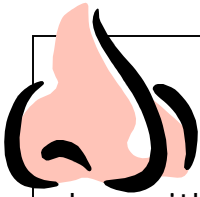
Shut up. You know it's funny.

"Sad News" provided by Past Pres Mikey

## Member updates/scoop

Members are too busy to keep up with, but here's a few reports heard recently:

- Jim & Patsy Downs flew all the way to Dallas, Texas to watch a volleyball game—it's because their granddaughter was playing. Beware, Jim's a little cranky since his San Jose State, could not 'thump' the Aztecs
- Reggie and Des' have moved to Fallbrook so that Reggie does not have to hear our complaints at the gym anymore... [ Like any of us were at the gym hee hee!]
- Pres.Elect Bob went to London for 2 weeks. Guess he's taking vacation before his Rotary year starts.
- Elliot and Ebru went to Turkey on vacation to visit family ... and now he's raring to go
- Past Pres Curt got to see Reggie's son play ... [and I don't think Reggie gave happy dollars for that]
- Nick and Sue were on another vacation to Connecticut and parts unknown—but bless his heart he can still do Rotary internet work no matter where he is—thank heaven. What a computer geek...oops guru is the word.
- Marilou announced that she has yet another satellite business she just opened in Escondido—holy smoke how busy can you get. Also, at a birthday celebration morning in Sept. we didn't know that's her birthday time as well...
- Billie and Claud went to Washington state to visit family and came home exhausted
- Our Trivia Bee team of Elliot, Billie and Leslie actually made it to the finals... awesome! They're ready for next yr.
- Bob and Pat went to Hawaii – we'll have to see him do the hula 'cause we're sure he practiced while there...
- Rosemary and yours truly are off to Greece—cruising the Greek Isles with a day in Rome – Bon Journo...
- Tina went to Ireland -- rumor has it she came back with the Blarney ... stone...?
- Past Pres. Curt went salmon fishing—and now has fishing stories vs. snake stories...
- Jack Duffie went mushroom hunting in Wisconsin on his vacation... humm That qualifies him for his blue badge!



## Letters to the Newsletter Editor - Barbara [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 [bwayne@ci.oceanside.ca.us](mailto:bwayne@ci.oceanside.ca.us) You too can share your news, after all...it is your newsletter!

Do you have news for your fellow Rotarians? If so, send it to Barbara at [oceansideclerk@cox.net](mailto:oceansideclerk@cox.net) or [bwayne@ci.oceanside.ca.us](mailto:bwayne@ci.oceanside.ca.us) or call 757-9976. 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

## Calendar

**November** (see our website for this month's speaker info.)

1 - 7:15 am Board mtg at Longboarder

8 - GO VOTE TODAY

9 - CLUB MEETING DARK - to be at the Veteran's Day Program

9 - 8:30 am.--Our Veteran's Day program at El Camino High School

11 - Foundation Paul Harris Gala

21 - Our Family Recovery Center Sharing Thanksgiving celebration

24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING - Let's celebrate our many blessings

**Dates in December:** Dec. 3 – Club Christmas party at Flying Bridge  
Dec. 16 – Ocean Shores Christmas party for toddlers