

Rota Monica Issue Number 25

CrAZy ShIrT/bLoUsE DaY -- bylaws/policy and procedure changes will be discussed and voted upon at this meeting. So please join us for this very important meeting ... and, when you do, make sure it is in the wildest, craziest, silliest, kewlest shirt/blouse you can find.

Bill Buxton led us in prayer while Paul Gaulke tried to keep us on key. The head table (consisting of Karim "I am back" Jaude, Robert Moore, Prez-Pill-Pusher-Paul, Bill Fritzsche, Alonzo "let me check out this guy Berntsen" Hill and Greg Hargrave) behaved quite well. Paul grabbed the opportunity to collect \$150 in yawn-money from Mr. Fritzsche, Frank Lavac was fined \$150 for going to Africa, and I was fined \$150 for going to Los Vegas with June. Paul admitted that he could not really fine June so; I was actually paying for her. Wait ... how does a trip to Africa compare to a trip to Los Vegas????? Although we did see lions at the MGM, piranhas at Mandalay Bay and zebra fish at Caesars. So maybe it is just the same!

January is Rotary Awareness Month

Belonging to a Rotary club gives men and woman an enjoyable and organized way to contribute to their community. Rotary members meet weekly to plan club, community, and international service activities. By using their skills and expertise globally, members also enhance their professional network, career development, and cross-cultural understanding. Rotary clubs are nonreligious, non-governmental and open to every race, culture and creed. Members represent a cross section of local business and professional leaders. Make someone you know aware of Rotary this month.



Our speaker this past Friday was Gary Berntsen. Introducing him, was Ralph Pezzullo, the co-author of Jawbreaker: The Attack on Bin Laden and Al Qaeda: A Personal Account by the CIA's Key Field Commander.

Gary spent more than twenty years as an officer in the Clandestine Service and served in an array of Field Command assignments. He comes out from under cover for the first time to describe his no-holds-barred pursuit of Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda.

Please bring your used movie videos and DVDs to the meeting on January 27. Our Interact Club, at the Brentwood School, is collecting them for the UCLA children's cancer ward. They want to expand the small library of movies available for the children, ages 1 to 18. Your participation in this worthy effort is very much appreciated. Greg Hargrave - Interact Club.

Governor Ingo Werk, Rotary International District 5280 cordially invites all Rotarians to Assist in Recruitment and Nomination of Candidates for Non-Rotarian Team Members in the 2006 Group Study Exchange Program. See Prez Paul or June-Bug for more information.

Board agrees to charter provisional China Clubs

The RI Board of Directors voted at its November 2005 meeting to charter the Beijing and Shanghai provisional Rotary clubs, paving the way for a growing Rotary presence in China.

June's Corner:

There were four new members added during December, Karim Jaude, Diana Price, Ken Waltzer and Dick Winchester. Welcome to your all!

We have had five resignations: Brenda Katz, Emery Stoops, Joyce Stoops, Bill Hunt and Bob Fredricks.

Susan Dawson will be on a leave of absence from January 13 - March 3. Don't worry she'll be back!

If anyone has an old digital camera they do not need, please let June know. The camera she uses to take so many of our pictures is broken and not really worth fixing.

President's Message: A Chance to share ideas

During the first half of this Rotary year, I have had the opportunity to visit a large number of intercity meetings in many parts of the world. This has given me the chance to communicate with thousands of Rotarians and to hear what they and their clubs are doing and what they expect from Rotary International.

My philosophy is fairly simple. If we in the RI Board room are to make the right decisions, we must know what Rotarians expect from us, because all of Rotary's best work takes place in the clubs and districts. The Board is the strategic decision maker, and the clubs and districts implement those decisions with support from RI. Therefore, it is extremely important for the Rotary leadership to speak and listen to Rotarians, preferably on their home ground, so that the correct strategic decisions can be taken.

The intercity meetings have also given me a chance to get acquainted with the array of projects that clubs and districts are performing - many of which the Rotary worlds does not know about. I take this opportunity to tell clubs and districts about cooperative efforts that might allow them to achieve better results at the same cost. Based on what I've seen at intercity meetings, I have been able to share administrative concerns with the RI Secretariat in Evanston and bring items to the Board that might otherwise not have been dealt with.

The intercity meetings normally draw about 400-500 attendees. They are basically the regular weekly Rotary meetings of all the clubs in a specific area merged together. The Rotarians come early or stay afterwards to mingle. I am the speaker of the day, and a question-and-answer session or a photo session is often included in the program. Sometimes the local governor is present and RI directors sometimes attend.

The intercity meeting offer a wonderful opportunity to experience fellowship and friendship, two of the cornerstones on which Rotary is built and that are so important for us as we work for a better world through Service above Self. - **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar**

International Assembly moves to San Diego

After 14 years in Anaheim, the International Assembly is moving 95 miles south to San Diego, where the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego will serve as its new home. Located on scenic San Diego Bay, the hotel boasts the largest waterfront property on the West Coast. On February 16th-23rd, 530 district-governors-elect will gather at the hotel for the 2006 International Assembly.

During their stay, Rotary's newest leaders will attend stirring plenary sessions, lively group discussions, and informative RI Administrative meetings. For many, the assembly also is their first chance to experience the internationality of the organization.

STEVE: THE PICTURE CAN BE FOUND HERE:

http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/programs/060109_rose.html

Rotarians brave rain to grab priceless PR opportunity at Rose Parade

Rotary's float in the 2006 Rose Parade survived the California rains over the weekend to bring the "Magic of Caring" message to millions of television viewers around the world.



Since 1980, Rotary has entered a float in the famous Tournament of Roses as a way to raise awareness and promote the organization. Every year, the float is entirely funded by Rotarian donations and decorated by volunteers who are part of the worldwide Rotary family, including Interactors, Rotaractors, and scholarship recipients.

"This year, we had 1,400 volunteers decorating the float in prearranged shifts," says Rotarian Jim Miceli, chair of the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee. He explained that the float's theme, the Magic of Caring, was designed to appeal to children and adults alike and spread awareness of Rotary's commitment to polio while matching the overall parade theme "It's Magical."

Eight Interactors were also invited to be riders in the parade, representing the Rotary International districts of Southern California.

Although Miceli is a member of the Rotary Club of Universal City-Sunrise, California, USA, he is careful to point out that the float is not a club- or RI-sponsored project.

"The float is a separate entity," he notes, "though we do have the blessing of Rotary International."

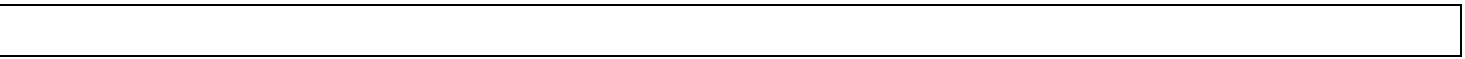
To express Rotary's approval, RI Directors David Hossler and Ken Morgan braved the downpour to join nearly 100 other Rotarians cheering from the curbs of Colorado Boulevard, where more than a million onlookers traditionally line up to watch the parade.

"I was sitting up there in the rain with a Rotary ball cap on, my raincoat, my Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar tie, and wool slacks getting soaked," says Hossler. "But it was worth it. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

The directors also helped work the line of people who pay to see the float up close the day before the parade.

"Hundreds of thousands of people pay \$5 to get into the float-building areas, which are great, circus-size tents . . . and we show the people walking by how the float is made," explains Hossler. "It seemed to me that I had something to talk about with everyone - they're either a Rotarian, were a Rotarian, or interested in being a Rotarian, or they had suffered from polio."

But it wasn't just parade goers who learned about Rotary's service work. This year, 40 million Americans watched the Rose Parade on TV, in addition to the millions of international viewers in 89 territories around the world.



Drivers are slow to switch to hands-free cell phones, as police say many would rather risk a ticket or a wreck than let go of their electronic devices. I don't know if you've heard, but many states have enacted a policy stating, you will no longer be able to use a cell phone while driving unless you have a "hands free" adapter. This law is going to be enforced all over very soon.

I went to Circuit City and they wanted \$50 for a headset with a boom microphone for my cell phone.

Having a friend in the cell phone business, I talked with him and was able to come up with an alternative, working through Office Depot.

These kits are compatible with any mobile phone and one size fits all. I paid \$0.08 each because he bought in quantity. I tried them out on Erickson, Motorola, Nokia and Verizon phones and they worked perfectly.



Take a look and check with all your friends, then let

Pass this important information on:

A woman had an accident and totaled her car. It was though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydroplane and literally flew through the air. She was seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence. When she explained to the police officer what had happened, he told her something that every driver should know - **DRIVE IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL OFF!** The police officer told her that if the cruise control is on and your car begins to hydroplane -- when your tires lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed and you take off like an airplane.

THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO HER!

The highway patrol estimated her car was actually traveling through the air at 10 to 15 miles per hour faster than the speed set on the cruise control. This warning should be prominently listed, on the driver's seat sun-visor. Remember; **NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE WEATHER IS RAINY!**

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you want.**

PAVEMENT IS WET OR ICY.

Calendar of Rotary Events

Fri. Jan. 27 dAy	CrAfT TaLKS & Club Assembly	WiLd Shirt & cRaZy BlOuSe
Fri. Feb. 03	Geoff Shackelford Author	The Captain: George C. Thomas and his Golf Architecture
Fri. Feb. 10	Steve Soboroff	Developer, Playa Vista
Fri. Feb. 17	NISSAN OPEN AT RIVIERA Lee Bycel - Int'l Medical Corps	Meeting at SHUTTERS Africa trip to Darfor Region
Fri. Feb. 24	CrAfT tALKS	Mike Nichols
Fri. Mar. 03	Paul Glaser	Pediatric Aides
Fri. Mar. 10	Roy Aaron	SM Auto Racing 1900's
Sat. Mar. 11	District Ethics KaffeeKlatsche	see June
Fri. Mar. 17	4-Way Test	Dee Menzies
Fri. Mar. 24	Public Servant's Day	Judy Neveau
Fri. Mar. 31	CrAfT tALKS	Mike Nichols
Sat. Apr. 01	Japanese Student Exchange Application due	Victoria Radel
Fri. Apr. 07	Literacy Program & Bring A Guest Day	Kris Andresen
Fri. Apr. 14	DARK - HAPPY EASTER	
Fri. Apr. 21	NO MEETING TODAY ... Meeting/Party <u>Sunday, at the International Food Festival.</u>	
Sun. Apr. 23	INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL	
Fri. Apr. 28	Honoring Admin. Assistants and Support Staff Day	Diane Margolin
Fri. May 05	Cinco de Mayo	
Fri. May 26	DARK - HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY	
June 11 - 14	RI Convention in Copenhagen	see Jim Dyer or June
Fri. June 23	De-Throw-ning Party	Casa del Mar

Paul's thought for the day - A developer is someone who wants to build a cabin in the woods. An environmentalist is someone who already has a cabin in the woods.

In the language of Rotary ... Med vänlig rotaryhälsning, Obrigado, Cordiali saluti rotariani. Best Rotary Regards, Cordialement, Atentamente, Mit besten rotarischen Grüßen, RoseMary Regalbuta