



THE SPOKE



CLUB #832, Huntington Beach

DISTRICT #5320

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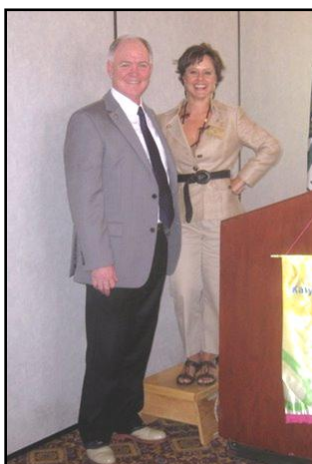
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THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

- 1) Is it the TRUTH? 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

LAST WEEK




We were treated to a heartfelt and inspiring talk from our **District Governor Greg Owen**. He began his program with a fun and practical presentation of a club gift to our “vertically challenged” **President Wendy** now has a “step up” on things with her own presidential stool.

It was very clear that our Governor is passionate about Rotary and is deeply grateful for the positive influence it has had on his life. He explained the new logo to us stating that each of the 6 colors of arms is for the 6 areas of Rotary focus such as: disease control, providing water, literacy & more. And the dot at the top represents the eye of the child looking down on the heart of Rotary (created by the 6 arms). It was quite impressive to learn the attention to detail for every aspect of this symbol. He went on to explain that this has been the first year that US membership has decreased - often for what he calls the “wrong reasons” finances, work schedules, etc. With the new e-club, perhaps these reasons will be a thing of the past. Confidence was the word when speaking about the eradication of Polio. We are at \$182 million of the \$200 million Gates challenge and there have been ZERO new cases in India in the last 5 months!! That’s something to get excited about. Though he talked about every area of Rotary, he made it clear that it is a “bottom up” organization with the member being the boss. We are lucky to have such a wonderful support in our District Governor.

As a show of support to our DG, **Tom Scott** from the Long Beach club and **Joe Partise** from the Los Alamitos/Seal Beach club were with us. **Susanne Sundberg** PDG 5380 was with her hubby Dennis and **Val Owen** was a lovely addition to her honored husband the District Governor. **Mary Kinkella** came back for her third visit; could we be looking at a new member?

MEETING SCHEDULE

- 8/4 TODAY’S MEETING. Craft talk by member **Carol Kelly**.
- 8/11 **Jay Johnstone** of the California Angels will talk to us about baseball, having 4 world series rings and charity work. 
- 8/18 PDG, **John Brainerd** will be coming by to give us an update on the water well project that we supported in Myanmar.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 8/13 **Pig Roast** at **Doug & Nancy Gahn’s** home. Bring a dish to share and your own beverage. Entertainment provided by **Shannon Blas**.
- 8/27 **Wine tasting** at **Don & Margie Lundholm’s** home. Details and maps to follow.
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Volunteer Opportunities–

Science Showtime is September 30th and **John** needs volunteers and school district contacts NOW to get the word out to the students and then it will be ALL hands on deck as we get closer to the big day.

Get ready for the **Youth Exchange Beach Week-end** on October 15 & 16. There will be lots of opportunities to help these students from around the globe (13 countries) have a great visit.
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August Celebrations

Happy Birthday

- Mark Weld** 8/7
- Keri Smith** 8/11
- Brenda Glim** 8/24
- Shannon Blas** 8/24



Happy Anniversary

- Julie & Paul Frink** 8/9
- Shari & Clive Freidenrich** 8/15



Many thanks to **Wendy** for taking over the job as Spoke Editor for the last two issues.