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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



Father Marc Boisvert, founder and director of Hope Village, Haiti told us what it is like taking care of 800 orphans on a daily basis. Fr. Marc's initial introduction to

Haiti was intended to be temporary; however, the devastating effects of poverty and illiteracy prompted him to return. In 1998 he returned to stay and do his best to feed and educate the orphans of Project Hope.

After the earthquake, the number of children abandoned and neglected rose to 800. Food and shelter were a high priority, but the efforts to educate and teach them practical skills would determine their futures.

We learned a lot about what the government there is like (not good), and what he has to deal with on a daily basis in order to get his job done. He gave praises to Rotary International for their efforts to help with Haiti's disaster relief.

Our visitors for the day included **Erin Seagren**, the young lady we are sponsoring as a Youth Exchange student to Brazil. Also on hand was **Mary's** mentee, **Brenda Hernandez** and **John's** guest, **Blake Rose**.



BOARD MEETING –

Our first Board meeting of the new Rotary year was heavily tilted toward the Treasurer's report. The new software made us see that many things need to be changed and/or plans altered. As with most budgets either costs must be cut or the income increased.

Our Halloween Haunt needs to be a top priority so that we can continue to be involved with all of our favorite projects. Membership issues included decisions that need to be made regarding long absent members. Community Service is on track for both the backpack and Showtime projects. There was no report from New Generations or Vocational Service.

Next meeting August 16th.

MEETING SCHEDULE

- 7/29** TODAY'S MEETING -.Dr. **C K Lin** will not be our speaker today as we will be having a visit from our new District Governor, **Johrita Solari**. Dr. Lin will be rescheduled as our speaker at another time.
- 8/5** **Charyl Sarber**, Regional VP of Firestorm, LLC, will speak to us about "Disaster Ready People for a Disaster Ready America".
- 8/12** **Don MacAllister**, President of the Huntington Beach Council on Aging & **Dale Dunn** will tell us about all that is available locally through the CoA. Prepare to be amazed

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 8/7** It's Pig Roast time! You know the drill, bring a side dish and your drink of choice to **Doug & Nancy's** home **Shannon Blas** and her group will entertain us. Come one, come all
- 9/24** SCIENCE SHOWTIME - Talk to **John** about how you can help. Everything from guides to cooks will be needed to make this as big a success as it was last year.



BACKPACK TIME –

It's almost time again for our 3rd annual Backpack Project to benefit 60 students in the Oak View neighborhood. We will also fill 12 backpacks for the kids who arrive at the Youth Shelter with no school supplies. There are 3 easy ways to help:

- ❖ Take a backpack home and fill it yourself
- ❖ Go to the store and buy supplies suggested on the list supplied by **Mary**.
- ❖ Show up for a backpack filling (date TBD) or distribution day (August 24th & 25th).

