



Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · April 17, 2009

If You Missed Us On April 3

PVUSD JOB #1: CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT

—by Jackie Ignon

Prez Bruce Attig opened our meeting promptly. We had the privilege of two Hebrew prayers of thanksgiving for our invocation delivered by **Marcia Haber** and **Debbie Deitch**. **Keith Deisenroth** led our pledge and **Dave Johnsen** handled our patriotic song. We will miss **Dave** and his wife, Ruth, who are moving to Oregon.

Debbie Deitch did double duty in announcing our visitors. Dr. Michael Simon joined us from the Sunset club, a guest of **Julia Parton**. He

has taken over the dental practice of former member Sandy Rosen. **Shawn Nejad** introduced his special guest, Susie Zimmerman, who is in the insurance business and has submitted her application for membership. And **Gary Tossell** introduced his first wife, Sherrie, and his guest Dr. David Halverson, producer and musical director for the 24th annual Pageant of Our Lord staged at Rolling Hills Covenant Church this Easter.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

APRIL 17: Ambassadorial scholar Eun Young, a UCLA PhD candidate studying applied linguistics.

APRIL 24: Jerry Stoll. Undercover work.

CLUB CALENDAR

APRIL 30–MAY 3: District Conference, Costa Mesa. Watch for details.

MAY 12: District Breakfast

MAY 16: District Assembly

PICTURED ABOVE: Keith Deisenroth helped distribute dictionaries to students at Barton Hill Elementary School.



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*We learned all about the PVPUSD
 from speaker Susan A. Liberati, Ed.D.*

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Hjell 'Shell' Helberg, as head of our our Sunshine Committee, announced that Derald Sidler's wife, Ann, is coming home today from a hospital stay for meningitis. Welcome home, Ann!

Steve Day led the welcome song, again *a cappella* and not too bad.

John Polen announced the District Conference April 30–May 5. Please see him if you are interested in attending.

We will deliver encyclopedias to Barton Hill Elementary School after our meeting today. Any member can participate in this joint project for literacy.

John Polen was fined big time for getting approval for his new bank. He is actively looking for new investors in his Palos Verdes Bank.

Nancy Crawford plugged the Art

Center Raffle benefiting the Art Center outreach program for schools and childrens' art experiences. The raffle will be held in conjunction with the Art Center's Home Tour April 18.

Gary Tossell again took the podium to grace us with his five minutes of fame. Born in Wales in 1941, Gary expands the Welsh presence of such notables as Richard Burton, Anthony Hopkins and Catherine Zeta Jones. Moving to London after WWII, Gary joined Kodak after his college education, using his photography entrepreneurial energy to buy his first car, a Mini.

In 1967 Gary came to Seattle as a supermarket store engineer, where he met and married Sherrie. Returning to

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CLUB NEWS

AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP . . .

has been received from Arthur (Art) Yoon, director of public affairs for Cox Communications in Palos Verdes. He is sponsored by **Carolyn Lehr** with a proposed classification of Public Affairs. His application has been approved by the club's Board of Directors. If you have any objection to Art's induction into our club, please state the reason(s) in writing and had to any Director within 10 days. ●

CALL FOR PHOTOS

Marcia Haber, our club historian, requests any digital photos members may have taken since June 2008. Please send them to her at marciahaber@verizon.net or hand deliver to her at one of our Friday meetings. ASAP in March is appreciated. ●

A REQUEST FROM ED CLAY'S DAUGHTER

Hello Dear People,

Just a word about your wonderful correspondences with Dad.

He has admitted to being all but incapable of reading any more. With his advanced Glaucoma, he says it is like looking through translucent glass. He so loves his correspondences, so please **don't stop writing** (the mail is his reason d'être) but will you please try to use a really large font size (bold also helps) if you can? When we make notes for him by hand, we use a thick Sharpee pen, and that also seems to work.

Many thanks and I hope you all are well.

—Karen ●

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John Polen received a heavy fine now that his new bank has the official go-ahead, as broadcast on the front page of the local rag (er, newspaper).

London, they went on a around the world trip on the way to Australia, seeing much of south east asia.

In 1976 they returned to the US with their two sons and Gary worked for **Ed Clay** with United Airlines. Gary stayed with United until 1984 when he purchased a travel agency in Rolling Hills Estates. He joined Rotary, His sponsor was **Ron Stankey**.

Gary and Sherrie have been very involved with the community. They have been members of the PV Art Center, Norris Theater, Friends of the Library, and Rotary, which greatly helped Gary's business expansion. Rolling Hills Covenant Church also continues to be an important part of their lives. Thank you Gary, we learned many new things about you.

Before we forget, our raffle. **Chris Stillians** and **Harry Kitter** walked with the loot.

Next, our speaker Alison Clay-Duboff mesmerized us with her life as an expatriot in Saudi Arabia 1997 to 2000. She is a native Californian and a product of the Beverly Hills school system. Venturing to Paris, she met her husband and relocated to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia where her interest and experimentation led to a woman's clothing line business and private women's shopping tours for expatriots. She lived within the strict guidelines for women in Saudi Arabia yet embraced the intersection of culture, religions and mores.

Expatriot women live a sheltered, controlled life outside the compounds and a dazzling social life within their gated communities and embassy events. She retains a deep love for the natural history and beauty of Saudi Arabia. ●

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