



Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · August 29, 2008

If You Missed Us On August 22

JAPANESE STUDENTS LOVE LOS ANGELES!

— by *Charlie Elias*

Things were at the Palos Verdes Country Club we were warmly greeted by **Chris Stillians** and **Nancy Crawford**.

President Bruce Attig opened the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Dave Johnsen gave the invocation. **Steve Day** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Dian Ashley** (without her gall bladder) led the meeting singing *America the Beautiful*. It's nice to have **Dian** back.

Keith Deisenroth introduced the following guests: Bill Roscoe from P.V.

Sunset (Bill is famous for being the bear hunter who bagged Big Ben); Chuck and Marilyn (Ginsberg) Klaus from PV Sunset; and Russ Galiano, past member of this club.

Jim Hartman led the meeting in the Welcome Song.

President Bruce called on **Shawn Nejad** to explain a newspaper article about Shawn in which there was no mention of the Rotary Club in the article. Even more egregious was that fact that the photo of **Shawn**

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

AUGUST 29: "Emergence of Arts in the South Bay"

SEPTEMBER 5: Author Rebecca Forster.

CLUB CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 6: Beach Party @ Torrance Beach.

SEPTEMBER 19–21: Concours weekend.

OCTOBER 4: Wine tasting @ John Polen's.

OCTOBER 12: Districtwide Foundation event.

DECEMBER 7: Holiday Party.

PICTURED ABOVE: *Anchors Aweigh! Three Japanese students aboard Gary Tossell's yacht, cruising LA harbor.*



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Gary Tossell was the skipper as he hosted six teens from Japan on a tour of LA harbor aboard his yacht.

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accompanying the article showed that **Shawn** had forgotten to wear his Rotary pin. **Shawn** escaped with a \$100 fine. **President Bruce** then called for a moment of silence to remember John Botteroff, a former member of this club, who recently passed away. **President Bruce** passed out the usual clipboards and made sure that the clipboards circulated around the members in a clockwise manner. None of this counter-clockwise circulation. **President Bruce** reminded members to pay for their raffle tickets to the District Dinner. **President Bruce** called past president **John Evans** to complement John upon completing the tasks required to use his permanent badge in record time. **President Bruce** called **Tony Cangas** and **David Johnsen**; they asked for suggestions for additional community service projects this or-

ganization should become involved with. **President Bruce** next called on past president **Harry Kitter** to share with **Harry** the special recognition this organization received from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Education Foundation. **Shell Hellberg** next announced what is happening with the Concours. **Shell** asked for more volunteers, specifically requesting **Greg O'Brien** to continue serving on the Signage Committee. **Shell** also announced that past president **Jack Gonzales** is in the hospital and on dialysis. **Carolyn Lehr**, also the city manager for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, announced that Rancho Palos Verdes has issued its Vision Plan, which describes future plans for the Rancho Palos Verdes coastline. **Carolyn** had a copy available for review at the meeting.

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President Bruce next conducted the raffle. The first winner was **Greg O'Brien** who selected the six pack of beer. The second winner was Russ Galiano, who was left with the oversized bottle of wine

President Bruce next called **John Jaacks** to introduce the six teenagers from Japan this club has hosted for our District 5280 youth exchange. The youngster's English was underdeveloped so Scott Shida, from the Torrance Club, helped translate. Scott explained that our meeting was bitter sweet for the children because they were returning to Japan tomorrow and were sorry their vacation in Los Angeles was over. This exchange is for youths between 15 and 18 years old. The exchange is between our District 5280 and a district north of Tokyo. The youth from Japan then spoke. Yuuki Fuzinuma is 16 years old and in the 11th grade. He wants to be an animal doctor. He wants to return to LA. Takashi Kobayashi is 16 years old and is in the 10th grade. He has a great-grandmother who is 99 years old and in the best health. He is a Kobe Bryant fan. He doesn't want to return to Japan and hopes to return to LA. Knotts Berry Farm was his favorite place to visit. He likes roller coasters.

Mio Kikuchi told the meeting that she enjoys American TV, especially Sponge Bob. She is 16. Coming to America was a dream for Mio. She wants to stay in LA and doesn't want to go home. She wants to return.

Yuki Gatou is 16. She told the meeting that she had a wonderful experience here. She very much enjoys the ocean. She likes the people here and the weather. She is sorry to leave the US. She really likes LA. She said that she learned a lot of English but needs more practice. Her favorite thing in LA was the barbecue party. Yukako Oode is 15. She is in grade 9 in junior high school. Her favorite place in LA was the 3rd Street Promenade. She went to the ballet in LA and loved it. She enjoyed her host family. She likes the people she met here. She wants to come back and visit LA again. She likes the fashion she has seen in LA. When asked the difference in fashion comparing LA to Japan she said that there is much more exposure of the skin in LA. Yui Takahashi is 16. She is in the 11th grade. She enjoys shopping. Her favorite place that she visited was Beverly Hills. She enjoyed meeting LA people. She wants to study abroad in LA. She enjoyed her opportunity to visit LA.

President Bruce recessed the meeting at 1:30. ●



Member Profile

Carolyn Lehr

PROFESSION: City Manager of Rancho Palos Verdes

HOBBY: Sailing, travel, and home remodeling

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'VE LEARNED ABOUT ROTARY THAT'S SURPRISED YOU? I was surprised at the cross section of the membership, and how they immediately welcome and engage new members. I am also excited about the many opportunities to participate in activities—both social and charitable.

WHAT CAREER ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A COLLEGE GRADUATE? Be

open to new directions in your career, and treat all of your bosses and colleagues as if they will be asked to give you a job reference in the future.

WORKING FOR CITY OF RPV IS DIFFERENT THAN OTHER CITIES BECAUSE the grandeur of the coastline and geologic challenges such as hillsides, landslides and canyons make what would be ordinary city services and policy decisions truly extraordinary. Residents are well educated and hold high expectations for this community, which keeps me on my toes. Quality of life and environmental protection surpasses basic public services.

MOST INTERESTING COMPLAINT FROM AN RPV RESIDENT: I'm afraid it always comes down to those pesky peacocks!

A FAMOUS PERSON I'VE MET OR WOULD LIKE TO MEET: I recently met Bill Gates, when I accompanied my husband to "Bill's" retirement dinner. My impression is that his head is in clouds, while his wife is charmingly down to earth. And what a great position for this couple to be in, to now focus on giving back through their charity foundation.

MY LIFE WON'T BE COMPLETE UNTIL I learn to bake a proper soufflé. (Ha!)

PVP ROTARY CLUB NEWS

CONCOURS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY. Julia Parton needs two or three volunteers to help her in the Concours merchandise booth between 10-4pm on the day of the show, Sunday, September 21. All time slots are open, with 2-3 hour shifts. Please contact Julia via email or cell phone: [jkparton@msn.com](mailto:juparton@msn.com) or (310) 613-4085. ●

A GOLD-MEDAL TRIP. Carolyn Lehr just returned from attending the Olympic games in Beijing. ●

SHE'S BACK! We're so glad that Dian Ashley is with us again. We missed her recently when a pesky gall bladder gave her a pain in the side. It's gone and she's back. ●



Calling all Rotarians and their families:

It's time to celebrate the fall season with a

BEACH PARTY!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6
3-6 P.M.



Food!

TORRANCE BEACH
(Park at Paseo de la Concha/Paseo de la Playa and walk down 2nd ramp to beach.)

Games!

Please bring your own drinks.

Fun!

RSVP:
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