



# LA ROTACIÓN

Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · December 5, 2008

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If You Missed Us On November 21

## A DISCUSSION ON CHURCH AND STATE

—by John LaBella

I arrived a bit early at the PV County Club and was greeted by **President Bruce Attig**. Bruce amazes me. The Dow is down 40% and the Dodgers didn't make the World Series, but **Bruce** is as happy as a guy who just came back from Disneyland, where he found no lines at the entrance to "It's a Small World." The S&P is in the tank and the Lakers got blown out by the Celtics in the NBA championship by 40 points, but **Bruce** is as confident as a person who won the weekly door prize at the Friday meeting

three consecutive time! *Impressive!*

**David Rowe** greeted members as they arrived, while **Phyllis Pelezzare** and **Debbie Dietch** signed up members for meeting duty and sold raffle tickets to hopeful buyers.

**Bruce** called the meeting to order. Usually, the agenda is as predictable as the Woody Hayes Ohio State U running game. But since our guest speaker, Rabbi Isaac Jeret, had a time conflict, he was first on the docket.

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**DECEMBER 5:** District governor visits our club

**NOVEMBER 12:** TBA

**DECEMBER 19:** TBA

**DECEMBER 26 & JANUARY 2:** DARK.

### CLUB CALENDAR

**DECEMBER 7:** Holiday Party.

*PICTURED ABOVE: Newly inducted member Tim Dickins, left, and sponsor, David Rowe.*



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District #5280  
**ROTARY CLUB OF  
 PALOS VERDES PENINSULA**  
 Chartered March 26, 1962

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Wine winners were **Greg O'Brien** and **Dian Ashley**.

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Rabbi has a list of impressive credentials. After serving in New Jersey and Florida, he is now the spiritual leader of Congregation Ner Tamid of South Bay in Palos Verdes. The subject of his presentation was "Church and State."

The discussion was deep and thought-provoking. Jeret discussed both what the Founding Fathers, writers of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution, had in mind relative to the separation of Church and State. The Founding Fathers wanted to protect the freedom of all religions, no matter the size or belief of the body. Jeret extrapolated this position to today's issues. For example, abortion and gay marriage are continually addressed by both Church and

State, yet resolution eludes us. Also Jeret indicated it would be ideal if all religions, whether large or small in size, could exchange ideas and learn from one another without trying to convert members. Also interesting is that the our Thanksgiving holiday is observed by citizens of all faiths. No other holiday has such universal appeal. Wouldn't it be nice if there were more common points of reference?

Energy for this writer's brain was not sufficient to keep up with such a thought-provoking discussion. However, I believe the above summaries the body of the speaker's talk.

After the Rabbi concluded, the meeting assumed its familiar agenda.

**David Johnsen** gave the invocation,  
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which is always more than appropriate. **Debbie Deitch** led us in the pledge. **Dian Ashley** has a contact with the club, which means if she shows up, she sings. She led in singing "God Bless America."

**Tony Cangas** next introduced the meeting guests. Five were in attendance. They were: Jimmy Wakimoto, Jim Beardsley, Duncan Cumming, and past president of our club, **Tim Dickins**, who was inducted into our club before the end of the meeting. We're glad you're back, Tim. And thanks to David Rowe for sponsoring him. ●

# CELEBRATING IN DECEMBER

## ROTARY INDUCTIONS

Suzy Seamans _____	Dec 01, 1987
Gary Tossell _____	Dec 01, 1994
Joey Komada _____	Dec 01, 1995
Jim Hartman _____	Dec 05, 1997
Shawn Nejad _____	Dec 11, 1998
Jack Newman _____	Dec 01, 2000
Dian Ashley _____	Dec 21, 2003

## BIRTHDAYS

John Evans _____	Dec 02
Lynn Cardarelli _____	Dec 05
John Cameron _____	Dec 15
Mel Schrier _____	Dec 18
Peter McCormack _____	Dec 24

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Clara & Woody Woodruff _____	Dec 29
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***Congratulations to all!***

## CLUB NEWS

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### HOLA DEAR FRIENDS!

Greetings from Mexico.

In case you miss us, we have moved to Mexico. We leased our home of 39 years in fewer than 12 days. We packed, selected what we wanted in our new casa, moved a lot of STUFF into storage, and we were out of our beautiful home. It was quite an ordeal. But, we did it.

We did not get a chance to say adios to our family and long-time friends. So, we will give you all the information now. We are leasing a home on the ocean front, watching the waves, dolphins, seals, and wonderful sunsets. Pictures to follow in a week or so. We are enjoying our new adventure in our golden years. Our new address is:

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We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and happy new year.

Hope to see you in our new Casa Playa de Medio Camino in the near future. Mi casa es su casa. Love to all, Karina, Irwin & Isola Bella Gebroe ●