



LA ROTACIÓN

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If You Missed Us On February 6

IT'S ABOUT MONEY AND COMMUNICATION

—by Allen Bond

The skys partled briefly to give us a sunny walk from the parking lot to the beautiful Palos Verdes Country Club for our Rotary lunch. The greeters' badges must have been camouflaged or I got there really late, I didn't think so, as they will go unidentified this week, thanks for the good work though. **Bruce Attig** lead an inspirational invocation and our favorite Swed, **Kjell Hellberg**, the pledge. Yes, it was in English. Our own songbird, **Dian Ashley**, did a beautiful job on the patriotic song. Hey, I just lip sing

and listen to her. A bit later our distinguished guests were introduced by the distinguished **Steve Day**. Our guests were our old, oh no previous, member Ed Nahan now a member of the Bishop Club; special guest of **Sean Nejad**, Suzie Zimmerman from State Farm; James Pigneri guest of **Charlie Elias**; and Graham Clement, guest of past president **Harry Kidder**. Our welcome song was finely done by **Les Fishman**. **Steve Smith** of the Salvation Army received his blue badge with a fine of only \$100,

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 13: Total Business Solutions: "Identity Theft & Red Flag Laws"

FEBRUARY 20: TBA

CLUB CALENDAR *(see pgs 3 & 4)*

FEBRUARY 22: **Academy Awards** party. To sign up for this red-carpet event see Debbie Dietch.

MARCH 8: Family day at the **Auto Driving Museum**. Sign up with Debbie Dietch.

PICTURED ABOVE: Club president Bruce Attig is flanked by wine winners Julia Parton and Shawn Nejad.



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Last Friday's speaker and club member Greg O'Brien is a wonderfully entertaining storyteller/communicator.

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(we must be in a recession); they tried to issue **Tim Dickins** his blue badge, but he was no where to be found. Such festivities were followed by the announcements: **February 22, Oscar party** at the Canterbury (dress for the occasion), and the **March 8 trip to the driving museum in El Segundo**. They may even let us take the cars for a drive! **John Evans** also greeted us with a pitch for the upcoming RI Convention in Birmingham, no not Alabama, England with our incoming President **John Polen**. I guess those Johns stick together. **Gary Tossell** reported some good news on our long-time member and friend **Ed Clay**. Ed sounds great and appreciates our calls. The raffle winners were **Sean Nejad** and **Julia**, where's the beer, **Parton**. They both recieved a fine bottle of wine.

Linda Elliott presented us with her Five Minutes of Fame or as she called it a craft talk on steroids. Raised quite a bit by her grandparents, farmers in Dry Creek, Louisiana (that explains the accent), who also owned school buses, preached and played a mean fiddle. Her mom and dad met in the Army and she eventually ended up in California while her dad was teaching at San Luis Obispo. In her own right, Linda went through schools a few times with many majors in mind. Her library science education landed her in the Santa Maria Library and eventually at the Palos Verdes Library District. In 1987 she was the third woman inducted into our Rotary Club. She is also going through another change in life, seems to be a theme here, *(continues on the following page)*

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and has joined Wachovia securities as a financial advisor. Best of luck in the new endeavor!

Now to the real program, our own **Greg O'Brien**, a retired judge who was to speak on mediation and arbitration. He started off with a great story that used lots of hand gestures and I could not do it justice in print, but it was all about communication or lack there of and that is really at the heart of civil law. He sees lawyers and judges as being in the communication business, certainly recognizing that people have complicated relationships. The main focus of his work as a mediator is to bring a neutral perspective to two or more parties. Mediation provides a forum in which

people can vent and the goal is to find common ground. The common ground in our world is usually money. Many people make an economic choice in these situations. How much will it cost to litigate versus find the common ground and settle and be done with it. Sounds more like extortion to me but I am no lawyer. Greg talked of a few interesting cases and the way they were worked out and some involving kids and parents that did not appear to ever get worked out. As time ran short **Greg** shared that he would get to arbitration and litigation next time around and we look forward to it. A great presentation from a real storyteller. The meeting was adjourned more or less on time. ●



Linda Elliott had her five minutes of fame.



*Party like the stars that we are at
the pre-, during-, and post-*

PVP Rotary Club Academy Awards Gala, Sunday, February 22, 5 p.m.

At the Canterbury, 5801 West Crestridge Road, RPV

You and your date will enjoy a red-carpet evening as you view the Oscar presentations on big-screen television and partake of lavish food, libation, entertainment and unbeatable fellowship.

Dress for the occasion.

For reservations sign up at a Rotary meeting or contact Debbie Deitch at (310) 377-7796 or ddeitchca@aol.com. Watch for more details.





***Rotary Family Excursion
at the museum that takes you for a ride!***

Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m. Automobile Driving Museum

Take ride back in time through automotive history at the Automobile Driving Museum, where you can actually ride in the cars of yesteryear. More than 70 classic cars are on display plus there are trains, games, gift shop, and an old-time soda fountain where Rotarians and their families will enjoy an old-fashioned root-beer float.

The museum is easy to find at **610 Lairport Street, El Segundo**. Visit their website at **www.automobiledrivingmuseum.org**.

For reservations for you and your family members, sign up at a Rotary meeting or contact Debbie Deitch at (310) 377-7796 or ddeitchca@aol.com.