



Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · January 9, 2009

If You Missed Us On December 19

WE GET DOWN TO (ROTARY) BUSINESS

—by *Jim Hartman*

New member and past-President **Tim Dickins**, with very real support from Sergeant-At-Arms **Phyllis Pelezzare**, greeted wandering Rotarians and their guests at the fit-for-the-holidays Palos Verdes Country Club venue. President **Bruce Attig** convened our weekly session and welcomed members and visitors. The invocation by **Debbie Deitch** was delivered with compassion, and **Derald Sidler**, with a moving and patriotic opening, gave the pledge to our flag. **Tim Dickins**

led the group in song, accompanied by the one and only **John Schuricht** on the piano.

Bruce Attig introduced **Norton Donner**, who in turn introduced three guests: Paul Rubincan, guest of **Jeff Parker**; and Karen Hartman and Zac Gershberg, guests of **Jim Hartman**. Karen Hartman is a faculty member in communications from Ashland University and Zac Gershberg is a faculty member who teaches at the University of Montana

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JANUARY 9: TBA

JANUARY 16: TBA

CLUB CALENDAR

JANUARY 11: Christmas Train to Tecate, Mexico, a District 5280 project

PICTURED ABOVE from the left: Phyllis Pelezzare, President Bruce Attig, and Debbie Deitch.



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**ROTARY CLUB OF
 PALOS VERDES PENINSULA**
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Raffle winners **Len Danryd** and **Derald Sidler** took home some holiday cheer.

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in Missoula. **Keith Diesenroth** then jumped into the Welcome Song and the meeting was in full swing. Winners of the auction items were **Derald Sidler** and **Len Danryd**.

President Attig then began the business part of the program by communicating he was mid-way through his term, and he appreciated all the support from the Club. **Bruce** has done a great job and is an excellent representative of our club. He referenced the welcoming of our District Governor a few weeks ago and indicated that at the business meeting today he would invite various chairs to update the Club on club business. He also expressed his satisfaction with the array and quality of programs and services we were delivering this year. **Bruce** is an inspiration.

John Polen, our president-elect, explained that we will have to modify our billing system to one that is monthly to better track payments and allow for earlier intervention with late or non-paying members. He also took the time to clarify the billing approach on Paul Harris and our own Foundation. He introduced the new members of his Board: **Keith Diesenroth, Mel Schrier, David Rowe, Debbie Deitch, Tony Cangas, Joey Komada, David Johnsen, Julia Parton, Greg Sparkman, Les Fishman, Rita Bhatia, Chris Stillians, John La Bella, Bruce Attig, Liz Fitzgerald** and **Shell Hellberg**. **Jim Hartman** and **Joan Behrens** have agreed to provide leadership for the Educator of the Year program, and **Nancy Crawford** will repeat as the

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Queen of Rotary in the Home. We all look forward to **John's** presidency. He will be a very good leader for our club during these turbulent financial times.

Joey Komada has been directing the International Services program, and she clarified the many projects we are supporting, including the water project in India, a hearing aids project, the micro-finance project in Latin America, etc. She emphasized the concept of joint international activities with other clubs and with District. **Joey** is the perfect person to guide the international focus.

Debbie Deitch, the Club Service guru, presented a long list of social opportunities and thanked a whole bunch of people for their support. Her latest success was the holiday party in Redondo Beach, a smashing success due to the large number of Rotarians on the dance floor (and I do mean on the floor). **Les Fishman** won the holiday dance contest.

Bruce presented the Community Service report on behalf of **Dave Johnsen** and **Tony Cangas** and mentioned the work being done in the San Pedro Boys and Girls Club and the various other single projects that have done over the last few months. The recent project including the meal and jackets for the homeless at Riviera Hall Methodist Church was a wonderful project with support from several Rotarians. I actually met a woman there in line for food who was my freshman advisee in 1969 at Ohio University. In spite of my excellent guidance, she has had a challenging life experience, but we had quite a reunion there in the church parking lot. I considered that my best Christmas present.

John Jaacks updated us on Youth Services referring to the success of the Interact Clubs and our support for the scouting programs. **Joan Behrens** continues to provide excellent leadership to all the Vocational Services areas including the speech and art competitions and the Rotary scholarship programs.



Jackie Ignon and Norton Donner.

Jim Hartman explained the role of the Rotary International Foundation and the success we had with the Paul Harris Foundation dinner, our needs to be effective stewards for the foundation and thanked **Mr. Moon** and **Mr. La Bella** for their work on the committee.

Harry Kitter reeled off a long list of projects funded by our Club Foundation and referenced those Rotarians who serve on the Foundation. He explained the grant process and the power of this option. When asked about the balance in the account, he indicated only a member not present had access to that data. The mystery does continue . . . , but we do trust and love Harry. He is the man.

After a few questions and a few answers, **Mel Schrier** reminded Rotarians about the memorial celebration planned for Cynthia's passing on Sunday, the 28th at the PV Bay Club. All members should have received an invitation from **Mel**.

Then the meeting ended with a box of kisses from **Bruce**. When we give to and change our community, we make ourselves more alive and more real. Happy holidays and peace to each and every one of you. It is almost 2009. For those of you counting the bolded member names, there are 52 or 53 in this rendition, a new Rotary record. ●

CLUB NEWS

ED CLAY was in the hospital with a severe infection for most of the holidays. He is now back in his apartment in Bellevue.

Gary Tossell talked to him recently and reports that Ed was bright and cheery. Ed's phone number is 425-453-7786, should any Rotarians like to give him a call. If you'd like to write, his address is: 933 111th Ave NE # 317, Bellevue, WA 98004. ●

GRANT REQUEST APPLICATIONS DUE

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Foundation, a 501c3 corporation, provides financial support to charitable groups and individuals located in the greater South Bay and Harbor areas of Los Angeles County. The PVP Rotary Foundation supports human needs through all ages, but with a special emphasis on youth. This year the Board of Directors of the club foundation is soliciting grant requests from our club members. All grant requests must be made using the grant request form. **The deadline for submission is January 31, 2009.** Any questions can be directed to Harry Kitter.

An application is included with this issue of *La Rotación*. ●

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE CELEBRATING IN JANUARY

ROTARY INDUCTIONS:

Woody Woodruff _____ 1-1-81
Liz Fitzgerald _____ 1-31-97
David Buchholz _____ 1-18-02
Donna Duperon _____ 1-28-05
Carolyn Lehr _____ 1-11-08
Debbie Deitch _____ 1-11-08

BIRTHDAYS:

Marcia Haber _____ 1-2
Alexis Jensen _____ 1-6
Phyllis Pelezzare _____ 1-10
Julia Parton _____ 1-10
Rick Learned _____ 1-12
Allen Bond _____ 1-13
Stephen Smith _____ 1-23

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Sherrie & Gary Tossell _____ 1-13
Carolyn & Greg O'Brien _____ 1-29
Roger & Jackie Ignon _____ 1-29

2008-2009
Special Grant Request
to
Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Club Foundation

Name of Organization: _____ Date: _____

1. Total Grant Requested \$ _____
2. Use of Grant Proceeds (25 words or less): _____

3. Mission of Requesting Organization (25 words or less): _____

4. Primary Contact Person: _____
Agency: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Fax: _____

5. Agency's Total Annual Budget: _____
6. Agency's Year of Operation: _____
7. Names of Current Board Members: _____

8. Date Board of Directors approved this request (attach a copy of official minutes): ____ ____
9. Primary Current Sources of Organization Funding and Total Annual Budget: _____

10. Grants Received since 2000 for similar purposes (sources, dates, amounts): _____
11. Identify Agency's Geographic Service Area: _____

12. Identify other agencies performing similar services: _____

13. How will Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Club be recognized if this grant request is approved?

14. How did you learn about this grant opportunity? _____

15. Did a Rotarian or spouse of a Rotarian suggest that your organization apply? _____
If so, please provide their names: _____
16. Will any Rotarians be involved as volunteers in the program/project for which grant funds are requested? _____ If so, describe the number of Rotarians and their involvement:

17. Any PVP Rotarians on your Board of Directors in the last 3 years? _____

Using no more than 2 pages, please describe the Grant Request program, Organization, etc. in more detail. It is also important to indicate what steps will be taken to ensure competitive prices for goods and services needed in the project and the timing for the disbursement of the grant.

In addition, please attach copies of IRS and State of California Franchise Tax Board documents indicating your tax ID numbers. Grant recipients must be a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

Return Grant Request to:

Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Club Foundation
c/o Harry Kitter, President
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Redondo Beach, CA 90277

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