



LA ROTACIÓN

Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · June 1, 2009

DARK ON JUNE 5 / DEMOTION DINNER ON JUNE 7

If You Missed Us On May 29

THE SOUTH BAY'S VOLUNTEER CENTER

—by Gary Tossell

It was a gray and drizzly morning on our Peninsula. However arriving Rotarians were warmly greeted by **Les Fishman**, and our ever-smiling sergeant-at-arms, **Phyllis Pelezzarre**.

Dr. **Jim Hartman** read an invocation adapted from astronaut Frank Borman's December 24, 1968 message to earth. **Debbie Deitch** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and our wonderful song queen, **Dian Ashley**, chose "God Bless America" for our patriotic song.

Soon to be "Banker to the Peninsula" and RCPVP president, **John Polen**, introduced our guests: Christine Choe, pretty wife of **Art Yoon**, and Ayrn Sieber, a guest of **Greg Sparkman**. **John**, after breaking the microphone and feeling the incoming "Power of the Presidency," led the welcome song, which was conducted by **Les Fishman**. **John Schuricht** tickled the ivories, which despite his melodious efforts still did not keep our group in tune!

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JUNE 5: DARK

JUNE 12: Program TBA

JUNE 19: Program will include the winning artists and their entires from our recent art contest.

CLUB CALENDAR

JUNE 7 (SUNDAY): DEMOTION DINNER. 5:30 pm

PICTURED ABOVE: New Rotarian Art Yoon gave his pretty wife, Christine Choe, the opportunity to experience, first-hand, what a Rotary lunch-meeting is all about. (It IS impossible to explain in words, isn't it?)



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Our speaker was DeDe Hicks, of the Volunteer Center South Bay-Harbor-Long Beach

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President **Bruce Attig** announced to “thunderous applause” that we will be dark next Friday, June 5 as he is to be demoted at 5:30pm on Sunday, June 7. Due to the secret nature of this event, Past President **Greg Sparkman** escorted Bruce to a remote area of the Club. **Julia Parton** and **Liz Fitzgerald** revealed the complete plans to an eager audience. Parking maybe a challenge; car pooling is encouraged. Wear your cowboy outfits, boots and spurs etc, Guns will be checked at the door! Questions, call **Julia** (310.375.7116) or **Liz** (310.373.8060)

On his return to the podium, **Bruce** told of the “Loaves & Fishes” Ministry at Riveria Methodist Church, for which we will provide food and clothing for needy people in the South Bay. **Bruce** also encouraged us to attend the San

Pedro Boys and Girls Club College Bound graduation at the Warner Grand Theater on Wednesday, June 10. RSVP to **Derald Sidler** (310.833.1322) by June 5.

In his best performance of his year, President **Bruce** conducted a very fair raffle: **Dian Ashley** winning a bottle of Five Oaks zinfandel, and your writer winning a fine vintage 2009 Sutter Home merlot.

Les Fishman introduced our speaker, the always effervescent Dede Hicks, president/CEO of the Volunteer Center in Torrance.

Dede, in a bright red dress and big earrings, brightened our day, as she told us of the activities of the Volunteer Center of the South Bay–Harbor-Long Beach. With its five offices, in 2008 they served 35,619 clients and

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Pianist **John Schuricht** kept our Rotary choir pretty-much on-key. Thanks, John!

some 600 non-profits. Their budget is \$1.3 million, and with the additional \$1 million of "in-kind donations" the Volunteer Center contributes more than \$17 million to the community each year.

Last year at Christmas, their "adopt a family" program provided 1,520 families food, clothing and toys for the holidays. Operation "Teddy Bear" filled 5,600 backpacks with school supplies for distribution via 45 schools in disadvantaged areas.

In addition the Volunteer Center

- Refers volunteers to 600+ nonprofits in 43 cities in the South Bay.
- Provides a Court referral Community Service.
- Seminars For non Profits
- Provides a 600+ Library of videos, training manuals for the non profit sector.

For more information or to volunteer, check out their website: www.volctr-sobay.org Or you may call Dede at 310.212.5009

Dede: Thank you for brightening our day. You truly are at the heart of helping!

President **Bruce** thanked Dede, presented the usual speaker gifts and regaled us with another of his inspiring homilies. It involved a drunk cowboy and his boots, which hurt!

The message essentially was that if you are prepared to give up everything, your boots included, life will stop hurting!

Good meeting President **Bruce**. Another great Rotary year!

Now onto the first 100 days of the "**Polen Presidency**."

Anyone want a bailout?

Get in line. ●

CLUB NEWS

28TH ANNUAL CLAUDE E. NORCROSS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GOLDEN APPLE SPONSOR \$1500

- *Ten event tickets and VIP seating
- Invitation for Ten to pre-party reception
- Top billing on invitation and all printed materials

RED APPLE SPONSOR \$1250+

- *Eight event tickets and VIP seating
- Invitation for eight to pre-party reception
- Recognition on invitation and all printed materials

GREEN APPLE SPONSOR \$1000

- *Six event tickets and VIP seating
- Invitation for six to pre-party reception
- Recognition on invitation and all printed materials

APPLE SPONSOR \$500

- *Four event tickets
- Invitation for four to pre-party reception
- Recognition on invitation and all printed materials

Other Sponsorship/Underwriting Opportunities Are Available, e.g.,

- Wine
 - Postage
 - Invitations
 - Event Reception Party
 - Centerpiece Sponsor
- Please contact **Harry Kitter, Julia Parton** or **Inga Liden** for additional information

*Total number of tickets includes sponsoring a teacher and guest. Limited number of teacher sponsorships available. These will be offered on a first come, first served basis. ●

FORMER LONG-TIME ROTARIAN LT. COLONEL FRANCIS DAVID "CISCO" RUTH (RET.), 88,

passed away May 20, 2009 at his home in Air Force Village West in Riverside, Calif. Born June 7, 1920 and raised in Bowling Green, Ohio, he graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1942 with a degree in Political Science. Joining the Army after graduation, he completed officer training and in 1945, graduated from the Command and General Staff School. While serving in San Francisco, he was given the nickname "Cisco", which stuck with him throughout his life. In his Army career, Cisco served in both Command and Staff assignments and was awarded 11 service ribbons and medals including the Bronze Star.

In 1947, he was the Chief Security Officer for the Foreign Exchange Deposi-

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE CELEBRATING IN JUNE

INDUCTIONS

Harry Kitter _____ June 9, 2000
Tony Cangus _____ June 8, 2007
Hang Up Moon _____ June 8, 2008

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Hartman _____ June 2
Debra Deitch _____ June 12
Greg Sparkman _____ June 15
John La Bella _____ June 19
John Spalding _____ June 20
Greg O'Brien _____ June 22
Paul Rubincam _____ June 24
Tony Cangus _____ June 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Liz Fitzgerald _____ May 5
Peter & Alexis Jensen _____ May 12
Alice & Tony Cangus _____ May 16
Marcia & Stephen Smith _____ May 16
Nancy & Chris Stillians _____ May 18
Jim Hartman _____ May 25
Jane & John La Bella _____ May 25
Julie Ralph Manuel _____ May 28
Ray Johnson & Linda Elliott _____ May 28

Congratulations to all!

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tory, Office of Military Government, Germany. In this position he was responsible for the safeguarding of more than \$550 million in valuables confiscated by Germany during World War II, until the rightful owners were determined and the valuables returned. He also served as the Chief Security Officer for top secret operation 'Birdog' that brought 11 trainloads of Deutschmarks into Germany to replace the highly inflated Reichmarks. This was recognized as the single most significant action that stabilized the German economy after WWII, and precipitated Russia's blockade of Berlin. Cisco received the Army Commendation Medal for his part in the operation. In 1949, he served as Operations Officer, Labor Service Headquarters where he planned and organized Labor Service Companies from displaced persons to load aircraft for the Berlin Airlift. Later, during the War in Korea, Cisco served as a General Staff Officer and Liaison Officer with the Nationalist Government, Republic of China, to negotiate and arrange the prisoner of war exchange. For this work he received the Bronze Star.

In 1962, after 20 years of service, Cisco retired from the Army as a Lt. Colonel. Cisco and his family moved to California where he began a second career with Aerospace Corporation, working in administrative and management positions until retiring in 1986. While working for Aerospace, he was Chairman of the Credit Union Committee for 11 years.

While in California, he served his community, beginning with his efforts to form the Palos Verdes Peninsula Advisor Council of 43 homeowners associations in 1965. This organization was the forerunner of the Save Our Coastline movement, which led to the incorporation of the city of Rancho Palos Verdes in 1973. Cisco was elected to the first two terms of office on the RPV City Council. During this time, he served as the Mayor Pro Temp for Rancho Palos Verdes. In 1979, he earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Cal. State University, Dominguez Hills.

Cisco was not only a patriot and civic minded, he was a kind and gentle man with a wonderful sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

His survivors include his beloved wife of 65 years, Pat; their three children, Bill Ruth and spouse Cindy, Pamela Terry and spouse Ron, and Debi Parker and spouse Milton, five grandchildren; Angela Silvers, Matthew Terry, Kristen Ruth, Daniel Parker and Elizabeth Parker; and two great-grandchildren, Brody and Brock Silvers, as well as his brother Bill Ruth of Holly, Michigan, and nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at the Riverside National Cemetery, Thursday May 28, 2009, followed by a chapel service at Air Force Village West and a reception at the chapel fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the A.F.V. W. Foundation, 17050 Arnold Drive, Riverside, CA 92515 ATTN: AFVW Fndn. For: Lt. Col Dave (Cisco) Ruth. ●