



Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · June 26, 2009

If You Missed Us On June 19

A WHALE OF A DAY, AND MORE

Your anonymous reporter is a last-minute fill-in. Really last minute, as in fill-in by default with no more than 30 minutes to recall what happened last Friday and to prepare some text before this issue hit your e-mail inboxes.

Arriving late for lunch, I can't possibly know who our greeters were, but I'm sure they had friendly smiles and warm handshakes for all. And certainly there was an appropriate invocation delivered eloquently, a heart-felt salute to Old Glory, and a rousing rendition of a patriotic song—all beautifully managed

by club members whose names, again, I cannot possibly know.

Almost-past-president **Bruce Attig** led his final meeting as the guy in the top spot. Although there is one more Friday lunch on June 26 to round out the Rotary year, **Bruce** will be away on vacation with his family. Filling in will be **Greg Sparkman**, a former club president and the brilliant designer of our wonderful new website, where we each must now update our information

We had several guests, including a fellow who has just applied for member-

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JUNE 26: TBA

JULY 3: DARK. Have a happy, safe 4th of July!

JULY 10: Speaker: Janice Hahn, Councilwoman, City of Los Angeles

CLUB CALENDAR

JULY 14: District Breakfast. 7 AM, Westin LAX Hotel. Michael Krouse, VP-Marketing & Sales for the L.A. Convention and Visitors Bureau will speak about opportunities for retail, leisure, hospitality, promotional marketing and other business.

PICTURED ABOVE: Speakers Sabrina Pacifici and Don Eichhorn from Point Vicente Interpretive Center.



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Winners of our club's art contest: Gina Su, first place, and Wolfie Trausch, third place.

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ship and a young woman named Nichole from H.E.L.P., a guest of **Julia Parton's**. Additional guests were two of the three winners of our recent art contest for area high school students: Gina Su, who took top honors, and Wolfie Trausch, the third-place winner. Both were most articulate as they explained to us the concepts behind their creative works.

Raffle prizes were a \$10 bill, won by **Rita Bhatia**, and a bottle of wine, taken home by I-can't-remember-who.

The program was presented by Don Eichhorn and Sabrina Pacifici, representatives of Los Serenos de Point Vicente, the docent organization of Point Vicente Interpretive Center, located on the bluffs along PV Drive South in Rancho Palos Verdes. Don is president of the docent group; Sabrina is a junior docent, one of four high school student-docents sponsored by our club.

Don had us diving, spouting, and eating just like the biggest creatures on

Earth—blue whales. And he and Sabrina had a PowerPoint presentation that showcased the Interpretive Center's building, breathtaking site, museum displays of the natural and cultural history of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and the migrating gray whales that can be easily viewed from the Center's outstanding vantage point.

If you want to know more about the Peninsula, the Interpretive Center is the place to start and return to repeatedly. The displays are educational and the docents are eager to share their knowledge of the area's geology, history, and marine mammals; they lead hikes, too, notably at the Forrestal Nature Preserve and Abalone Cove tide pools.

Before he rang the bell to signal the meeting's end, **Bruce** had another one of his thought-provoking stories. We'll miss hearing them next year. And we'll miss **Bruce** at the helm, too. Thanks for a great year, Mr. Almost-Past President. ●