



Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · March 6, 2009

If You Missed Us On February 27

AN OLYMPIC TORCHBEARER AND HIS STORY

—by David Rowe

Being gleefully greeted by **Mr. John Schuricht**, the wonderful spread was awaiting. That fresh lettuce, the sumptuous tuna and plenty of fruits and vegetables, including rebellious tomatoes, couldn't wait for the attack of the Rotarians. Tomatoes rebellious, you ask? Yes! They were YELLOW! Tomatoes aren't yellow. *Yes, they were!*

Question for the day: Are tomatoes, whether yellow, red or any color, a fruit or a vegetable? Not to make the main course jealous, we must say

that the green beans, rice and crêpes al pollo, were delicious! Thanks to the chefs and servers of PVCC!

Roaming around the room, listening in on the day's gossip, this reporter must report the following: **Norton Donner** was about to head off to Aspen for a few days of skiing... with his wife and son, no less! Scandalous? Doesn't sound like it, but what fun! **Kjell Hellberg** was off to a rendezvous for a romantic dinner at 555 in Long Beach... (SHHH! With his wife).
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MARCH 6: Chizuko deQuieroz, speaking about her life in a WWII internment camp

CLUB CALENDAR

MARCH 8: Family day at the **Automobile Driving Museum**. Details on page 4.

YOU MUST SEE DEBBIE DEITCH on Sunday at the Museum to get your complimentary refreshment ticket.

PICTURED ABOVE: Julia Parton, right, with luncheon guest, law enforcement officer Tami Bouse, sans gun and cuffs.



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Wine winners were **Greg O'Brien**, left,
 and **David Rowe**

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Oh well, I won't be hearing from Harvey
 Levin at TMZ any time soon.

On to the program. **John Evans**
 gave us a gift with a moving invoca-
 tion, reminding us how we should
 appreciate what we have, every day.
John La Bella led us in the Salute to
 Old Glory, and **Kjell Hellberg** and the
 Supreme Supremes (**Dian Ashley** and
 her sister, guest Cheryl Turner) helped
 us belt out *God Bless America*.

Other guests included Robert Me-
 dawar, guest of **John Polen**; Tami
 Bouse, guest of **Julia Parton**; and
 Susan Liberati, PVUSD assistant super-
 intendant.

Thanks went out to **Debbie Dei-
 tch**, **Inga Liden** and all those who put
 on a fun Academy Awards party.

A BIG thanks from **Steve Day** (be-
 cause they aren't spoken enough) to

Christine Barnicki for, week after
 week, successfully publishing our out-
 standing newsletter, despite amateurs
 like yours truly.

President **Bruce Attig** is heading
 on a road trip to Whittier and invited
 everyone along. And what is the occa-
 sion, you ask? You'll have to ask him,
 because the reporters notoriously
 don't listen much to the President.

On to the greatest moment of the
 day. The tension was building as the
 numbers were read off the red tickets.
 First, **Greg O'Brien** announced that
 he was a winner! Then with great ex-
 citement, another three-digit number
 was spoken. After working so hard,
 holding the ticket, waiting to hear
 . . . YES, ME, I WON! oh, I mean, yes, I
 happen to be holding the winning
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Songbird **Dian Ashley**, right, brought her sister songbird, Cheryl Turner to lunch. They sang a duet for their "supper."



Robert Medawar, right, was the guest of **John Polen**.



Our speaker was Olympic torchbearer C.N. "Jack" Tsu.

ticket, and on I modestly walked to collect my bottle of wine.

Finally, **Les Fishman** introduced the speaker, C.N. "Jack" Tsu. Jack, an inspiring, obviously kind man, told us of his journey from Shanghai to the U.S. and back to Shanghai. It was way back in the '30s during a terrible economy (hope that never happens again!) that Jack left China for the United States on his 18th birthday. Fortunately, he'd been taking English classes since the fourth grade. Jack reminded us of now-unbelievable times when he attempted to live in a house in an area

with what he graciously called the "exclusion rule" on the deed. Enough said. Jump to 1984 when Jack started running 10K's. He attempted to run the Olympic torch in Manhattan Beach, but fate would still await. In 2001, in his 80th year, he asked the Shanghai Olympic Committee, in person, at their first meeting, if he could run the torch. They said it was too early. After several requests, Jack accomplished his dream of going to his former home country and running the torch in 2008. Visiting with family and friends was what made it extra special. He was also featured in news clips through China.

Congratulations number 192/203! You made everyone who knows you very proud. ●

CLUB NEWS

GOING TO THE AUTO MUSEUM ON SUNDAY?

If the answer is yes, early on while you are there, be sure to find Debbie Deitch. She will give you tickets that will entitle you to a complimentary, old-fashioned root beer float during your visit to the museum. ●

CALL FOR PHOTOS

Marcia Haber, our club historian, requests any digital photos members may have taken since June 2008. Please send them to her at marciahaber@verizon.net or hand deliver to her at one of our Friday meetings. ASAP in March is appreciated. ●

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE CELEBRATING IN MARCH

ROTARY INDUCTIONS

John Spalding (honorary member and club charter member)	_____	March 26, 1962
Dick Rossberg (honorary)	_____	March 26, 1962
John Evans	_____	March 1, 1982
John Cameron	_____	March 1, 1984
Allan Colman	_____	March 1987
Christine Barnicki	_____	March 1, 1991
Chris Stillians	_____	March 1, 1994
John La Bella	_____	March 17, 200

BIRTHDAYS

David Johnsen	_____	March 2
Jiheeh Huh	_____	March 8
Nancy Crawford	_____	March 20
Gary Tossell	_____	March 25

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Julia Parton & Richard Rosas	_____	March 8
Les Fishman & Virginia Butler	_____	March 13



***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.