



Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · May 15, 2009

JUNE 7 (SUNDAY): DEMOTION DINNER.

If You Missed Us On May 8

INTELLIGENCE, SPIES, SUBS AND SWORDS

—by Keith Deisenroth

Then you missed Groundhog Day. More on that later.

A greeter could not be found, because **Jackie Ignon** had some of the most beautiful art displayed all over the room from students who had submitted entries in our annual art contest. Over 40 pieces were displayed to be exact. Each Rotarian was asked to complete an evaluation sheet to judge which pieces were the best. This was a most difficult task to say the least.

Clara Duran Reed delivered an eloquent invocation. Derald Sidler led us in the pledge to our flag. I will let you guess who conducted the patriotic song . . . If you guessed **Dian Ashley** you win a bottle of wine. See **Bruce Attig** to collect it. He is accumulating wine since he forgets to do the raffle every week.

Our lone guest, other than our speaker who will be discussed in a moment, was none other than District Governor Chuck Anderson who was
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY 15: Program TBA

CLUB CALENDAR

MAY 16: District Assembly

JUNE 7 (SUNDAY): DEMOTION DINNER. SAVE THE DATE. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

PICTURED ABOVE: Judging our art contest.



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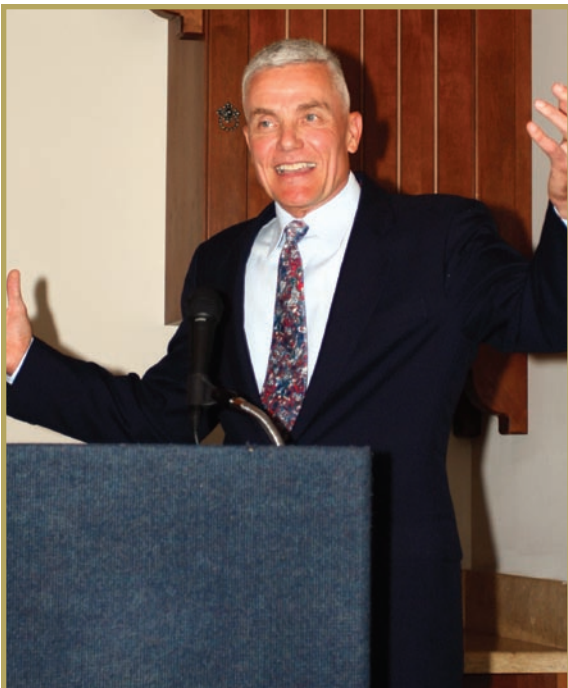
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*Retired Navy Captain Jerry Stoll
 was once again a captivating speaker.*

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introduced by our own **Mel Schrier**. Governor Anderson indicated that one of his objectives this year was to raise 300 pints of blood. The district raised 638 pints. He indicated that 37 of 48 Rotary clubs earned presidential citations.

He shared with us that no income results in no outcomes. The RI fundraising target was \$250 per capita this year. To date our club was at \$51 per capita. He asked that each member do what they could between now and the end of the year to improve on this statistic.

John Polen, banker extraordinaire and soon-to-be club president, announced the annual District training meeting scheduled for the Carson Community Center on May 16 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. He has reserved a

table for ten. All new board members should plan to attend. This is a great way to learn more about Rotary and about the positions you will hold in the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009. He will reserve a second table if there is enough demand. Call John if you have an interest.

May 12 is the District Breakfast and you should contact **Bruce Attig** if you are interested in attending.

We offer our condolences to the **Stillians family**. **Chris's** father passed away this week.

We are a major sponsor of the San Pedro Boys and Girls Club. Our own Derald Sidler is a dedicated employee of this absolutely fantastic organization. He announced that on June 10 the College-Bound Program will honor

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CLUB NEWS

THE ART CONTEST WINNERS ARE:

- 1st Place ,Gina Su, Rolling Hills Prep for her pencil drawing 'Recycle'
- 2nd Place, Terry Kim, Rolling Hills Prep for her drawing 'Portrait of an Old Woman'
- 3rd Place , Wolfie Trausch, Rolling Hills Prep, for her photograph "Dream"

Thank you to all Rotarians who voted. And thank you to the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Pedro & Wilmington, Peninsula High School, Palos Verdes High School, Rancho Del Mar High School, and Rolling Hills Preparatory School for their participating. This reminds us of the talent among our young people. ●

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE CELEBRATING IN MAY

INDUCTIONS

Ron Stankey _____	May 1, 1981
Bob Johnson _____	May 1, 1995
Rick Learned _____	May 1,1998
Jeff Parker _____	May 1,1998
Mel Schrier _____	May 1,1998
Joan Behrens _____	May 2, 2003
Flynn Turner _____	May 2, 2008

BIRTHDAYS

John Polen _____	May 1
Rita Bhatia _____	May 5
David Rowe _____	May 12
Clara Duran Reed _____	May 12
Linda Elliott _____	May 13
Inga Liden _____	May 24
Jack Newman _____	May 25

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

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228 high school graduates. Of those, 210 are going on to college. The success of this program over the past five years has been phenomenal. You are welcome to witness the ceremony that will be held at the Warner Grand, located on 6th Street in San Pedro. Contact Derald if you need any additional information. Congratulations to the B&G Club for its fine work.

Julia Parton, not to be confused with the Julia Parton who has her own website, announced that the Concours 100 Club is holding an event May 17 if you would like to participate. She also reminded us that President Bruce's Demotion Dinner will occur on June 7. Mark that date on your calendar.

Now we arrive at the Groundhog Day component of our meeting. There stood Clara Duran Reed, introducing Captain Jerry Stoll. What day is it? What week is it? Had we not seen this image before?

Do not worry folks. Everything is fine. Captain Stoll was back to present part 2. To refresh the memory of our dementia members, Captain Stoll was a career Navy intelligence officer who served our country for 30 years.

This week he was kind enough to bring a ceremonial sword that we were able to pass around the room without a single injury. He offered his personal opinion on water boarding that is shared by this writer. The Geneva Convention means nothing to our terrorist enemies today. They would just as soon behead you as look at you. It is the duty of our DOD intelligence community to gather intelligence. Water boarding is a means to an end. No one has ever been killed using this process.

He further discussed how all Russian subs are tracked using accoustical sonar buoys to gather accoustical data. Each sub has its own accoustical "fingerprint". He shared a story from his career of how these buoys are deployed and how some of the buoys were recovered by native Hawaiians just outside the international three-mile limit of the islands.

He described the process on how "on-the-ground" human intelligence is obtained, and how painstaking the process is to capture the appropriate information to protect and secure our country.

The bottom line, we all want to be thankful every day of our life that men and women like Captain Stoll are on the job. ●