



LA ROTACIÓN

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JUNE 7: DEMOTION DINNER. PLEASE REPLY TO YOUR E-VITE.

If You Missed Us On May 15

INTELLIGENT CHARITABLE GIVING

—by Steve Day

It was another beautiful day in paradise, otherwise known as the Palos Verdes Country Club. While **Gary Tossell** and **Hal Lazar** were busy running “Simply Bliss” on a Rotarian mission of mercy to Twin Harbors in Catalina Island, we Rotarians left behind did our Friday chores and keep the club running. There is a rumor that **Jackie Ignon** and her husband actually beat **Gary** and **Hal** across the channel using nothing but the power of the wind. Meanwhile, **Bruce Attig** led an inspirational invocation and **Suzy Zimmerman**

led her first pledge of allegiance. **Suzy** is out to get that blue badge. **Dian Ashley** led us in the singing of *God Bless America* after getting us all warmed up by reading her new shirt that was a gift from her daughter. The shirt read “me me me me.” **Kjell Hellberg** introduced our guest: Judi Uy-Villaruz from Belmont Village assisted living. We also were graced with the presence of Sharon Ryan, visiting Rotarian from the Sunset Club.

Les Fishman tried, unsuccessfully, to get **Julia Parton** to come up and do
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY 22: Program TBA

CLUB CALENDAR

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

PICTURED ABOVE: New Rotarian Art Yoon, center, is flanked by club president Bruce Attig, left, and Greg O'Brien.



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Dian Ashley's sparkly t-shirt says it all!

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a duet for the welcome song but **Julia** wouldn't budge from her seat so **Les** talked **Bruce** and **Chris Stillians** into a trio. We probably won't see them performing again anytime soon.

Julia then reminded us that the Concours 100 Club is having a cocktail party at Trump National on May 17. **Julia** said Trump was offering a 25% discount on dinner to anyone who came to the party. She also reminded us of **President Bruce's** Demotion Dinner on June 7.

Raffle winners were **Dian Ashley** and **Len Danryd**. Seems odd that both wining tickets just happened to be sitting next to each other.

Past P.V. Rotary member Ed Long was the featured speaker. Ed had some great tips on "Smart Giving" or avoiding what he calls "Sloppy Philanthropy."

Ed gave us all some great food for thought like coming up with a giving budget based on your net worth or current income. Ed says it might be better to actually develop a relationship with a charity that you really like and care about. Maybe instead of giving \$5.00 to one thousand charities, consider giving \$5,000 to one charity that you really believe in and is doing work that you really care about. Ed also gave us tips on tax-smart giving, such as if you have a home and a retirement plan it's better to give the retirement plan to the charity and the home to the kids as the charity gets the retirement plan tax-free but the kids do not. Also it turns out that if you are planning on dying anytime soon that 2010 is a good year because there is no estate tax at

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all. Your kids will be sure to appreciate that. Those of you who may not be on good terms with anyone mentioned as a beneficiary in your estate-planning documents, you may want to take extra care around them during that 12 month period.

I was surprised to find that more than 80% of all monies donated to charities come from personal donations from people just like us. Corporations and endowments are less than 20% of all monies donated.

If you would like further information, please visit Ed's web site at "smartergivingguy.com." If you would like a copy of Ed's PowerPoint presentation just enter "090515" in the search box and click enter.

Bruce left us with a story that concentrated on the spiritual side of estate planning and our meeting was adjourned on time.

Our on-the-beat reporter for the previous *La Rotation* issue neglected to report the OUTSTANDING presentation made by our own **Greg Sparkman** on how to develop a SUPER Concours road-rallye poster on a computer. Members were glued to their chairs, and pins could be heard dropping on the floor as **Greg** mesmerized us with his artistic talents and articulate oratory skills. We want the membership to know that the reporter has been fined the maximum and suspended indefinitely. This paper asks **Mr. Sparkman's** forgiveness and pleads with him not to initiate any legal action. ●



The Three Rotarians. From the left, Les Fishman, Kjell Hellberg, Bruce Attig.



Len Danryd was happy to win a bottle of wine.



Former Rotarian Ed Long was a wonderful guest speaker, as always.