



# LA ROTACIÓN

Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · May 8, 2009

**JUNE 7 (SUNDAY): DEMOTION DINNER.**

If You Missed Us On May 1

## ALL THUMBS IN NAME-GAME EXCHANGE

—by Julia Parton

Yes, and I would love to report on the meeting today even though I was running late and missed the opening ceremonies! **Woody Woodruff** gave the invocation, **Nancy Crawford** led the group in pledging the flag and **Dian Ashley** led the members in song. I wonder if **Woody, Nancy** and **Dian** stated “yes, but” when they agreed to sign up to assist our hard-working sergeant-at-arms, **Phyllis Pelezzare**. For example, I am sure **Woody** stated to **Phyllis** when she asked if he would give the in-

vocation, “yes, but I am not prepared for the invocation this week.”

**Kjell Hellberg** introduced our only guest, Sharon Ryan, visiting Rotarian from the Palos Verdes Sunset Club. The welcome song was led by **Norton Donner**. **Kjell Hellberg**, Sunshine Committee member, reported on **Jack Gonzalez**. **Kjell** stated that Jack would love to hear from us. He could really use some visitors or would love to receive cards. **Woody** then updated us on **Ollie Hunt**, past district governor, *(continues)*

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**MAY 8:** Navy Captain Jerry Stoll is back with the second part of an entertaining program; plus our club art contest for high school students

**MAY 15:** Program TBA

### CLUB CALENDAR

**MAY 12:** District Breakfast

**MAY 16:** District Assembly

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

*PICTURED ABOVE: Norton Donner, left, and Greg Sparkman.*



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*Our speaker, Maxine Shapiro, had a excellent and fun presentation. We learned that being positive and obvious will change our lives.*

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has moved into a care home in Torrance. He is doing well, but was a little too much work for Nedra so she decided it was best to put him a home. Announcements continued with **Bruce** reminding us about the upcoming Rotary District events which includes:

May 12 Rotary District breakfast to be held at the Westin LAX; May 16, 7:30am, district assembly. (See **John Polen** if you would like to attend.)

**Julia Parton** thanked those who attended The Bank of Palos Verdes (in organization) presentation and let the group know that if they were unable to attend there will be a second presentation on Wednesday, May 6, 6–8pm, at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

Yes, and the raffle was fun and the winners included **Greg O'Brien** and **Nancy Crawford**. Our 2.5 minute

of fame presenter today was **Norton Donner**. **Norton** was a member of the PVP Rotary Club from 1965 through 1983. He took a few years off and came back in 2003. **Norton** stated that in the early days of the club it was a younger crowd and they had softball and basketball games. **Norton** has lived on the Hill for the past 44 years. He now resides in Redondo Beach. He is a practicing dentist with his office located in the Bristol Farms shopping center. **Norton** told us that on Fridays after Rotary he used to play golf at the PV Country Club for \$7.00! He has three children: two daughters and one son. **Norton** keeps busy with his son's traveling soccer team.

Our program today was very engaging and fun! Maxine Shapiro taught *(continues, next page)*



## CLUB NEWS

### WE'LL BE VOTING THIS FRIDAY . . .

on art work submitted by high school students from the Peninsula area. This is our club's contest, which is part of a district-wide contest. Think "speech contest;" now delect the talk and add the visual. Viola!

We've haven't had this contest in a few years but many of us will remember how interesting and fun it is to view the photography, watercolors, oil paintings, sculpture, collages, and more that our young people create. Next Friday os a meeting you won't want to miss.

Our thanks to **Jackie Igonon** for making all the arrangement with schools and students so this event could take place again. ●

### WRITE TO JACK!

Thanks to **Kjell Hellberg** we now know where to write to **Jack Gonzalez**. Send your cards and letters to him at Bay Creast Center, 3750 Garnet Street, Torrance 90503. Or telephone him at 310.371.2431. He will love to hear from his Rotary friends.

### 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](mailto:marciahaber@verizon.net) or hand deliver to her at one of our Friday meetings. ASAP in March is appreciated. ●

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us that it's what inside the box that counts. Maxine, a 24-year veteran of the business world and financial industry, spent 15 years at the Chicago Board of Trade, building a strong foundation of business expertise. She is also a regular commentator on NPR's "Marketplace Morning Report." Inside the Box training focuses on innovation and creativity, team building, communication skills and sales training. Maxine started off the program by asking us to find a partner—someone who had the same thumb size! After finding our partner we sat down and faced each other. We were asked to take turns telling our partner the history of our name (origin, nicknames, etc.). Maxine then asked how we felt listening to our partner's one-minute story. Most felt entrusted, empowered, interested, involved and more informed about their partner. Sharing a little bit of yourself makes others feel privileged and entrusted. This is exactly how we want our clients to feel. Maxine then shared with us the Components of Authenticity. The first component is to "Quit trying to be clever, be obvious". If you do this, it will allow others to do the same. The second component is "Acceptance". Accepting the offers given to us. Validating what others say.

To end the program Maxine called up five members of the club. She asked the members to plan a barbecue and were instructed to say only, "yes, but...". Statements starting with "yes, but..." were interpreted as very negative. Maxine then instructed the group to say only, "yes, and..." and to plan the same barbecue. The outcome was much more positive and energetic. Maxine finished with reminding us that this more positive, "Yes, and..." approach will change your life! Try it. ●

## MAY 8: SPARKMAN'S FIVE MINUTES OF FAME

This Friday **Greg Sparkman** will deliver a quick presentation on the conception and production of this year's Tour d'Epicure Road Rallye display poster (below). From blank page to finished product in five minutes. Don't miss it! ●

