



Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · October 24, 2008

If You Missed Us On October 17

ALL ABOUT ROTARY'S FOUNDATIONS

— by Jackie Ignon

Our intrepid leader opened the meeting on time, calling on **John Jaacks** to lead our club in the invocation, **Norton Donner** the pledge and **Dian Ashley** our patriotic song.

Announcements followed our meal. We had a vacation from clip boards but as the meeting progressed, tiny cries from forgotten boards figetting to be free and circulate interrupted our program.

Shell Hellberg, as our chair for the Sunshine Committee, welcomed **Len**

Danryd back to our meeting from his hospital stay. But overwhelmingly, our dear **Cynthia Schrier** is very ill and needs our cards and prayers. Please keep her and **Mel** in your thoughts.

Shell, doing double, triple duty, introduced Inga Liden, **Phyllis Pelezare's** special guest. Inga will be inducted into our Club next week. **Julia Parton** led the welcome song, pitiful without a pianist.

The Paul Harris Foundation Dinner was a smash. The event, held at Medi-

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 24: The League of Women Voters will present a program about the Propositions.

OCTOBER 31: All about the Boy Scouts. Introduction by **John Jaacks**.

NOVEMBER 7: PVPUSD's special-ed program.

CLUB CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 12: Educator of the Year.

DECEMBER 7: Holiday Party.

PICTURED ABOVE: Our own Harry Kitter presented the program on the RI and our Club Foundations.



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PRINCESS JESSICA. Dian Ashley's granddaughter, Jessica, pictured above, received the Little Princess Award at the October 12 Paul Harris Foundation Dinner.

If You Missed Us Last Week, continues

eval Times, saw 39 members of our Club join a sell-out crowd. It sounds as if this type of event, which includes our children, should be on the top of the list every year. Of special note, **Dian Ashley's** granddaughter, Jessica, won the event's Little Princess Award, which included two tickets to Disneyland and a Rotary scarf with the current theme "Make Dreams Real,"—the stuff of which a hefty fine is made.

President Bruce Attig received a great letter from Supervisor Don Knabe thanking us and our co-host, the PV Chamber of Commerce, for the legislative luncheon, which in addition to our Peninsula mayors included local elected officials. Having been to this meeting for the last five years, I can say this presentation was the most informative and interactive format with excellent questions from the audience. And great PR for our club.

Our Club will be the sole sponsor of the Educator of the Year Banquet next year. Show your support and interest: Attend this year's dinner on Nov 12.

By the time you read this recap, the annual Rotary Wine Tasting Party will have been held and a good time had by all. Any extra wine will be added to the raffle larder. Thank you, **John Polen**, for the generous use of your home and **Debbie Deitch** and **Liz Fitzgerald**, our organizers, for another great fellowship event.

Speaking of raffles, **Jim Hartman** and **Donna Duperon** scored as our weekly winners.

THE PROGRAM. The inimitable **Harry Kitter** presented our program: An Overview of the Rotary Foundation or Paul Harris Foundation and our own PVP Rotary Foundation, expertly assembled by
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PVP ROTARY CLUB NEWS

MEL SCHRIER'S WIFE, Cynthia, continues to need our prayers and comfort. Please send cards to their home (32735 Seagate Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275). If you know Mel well, any support would be helpful and appreciated. ●

CHRIS STILLIANS took charge of a fun and interesting "Identify That Wine" game at last Saturday's wine-tasting party. Of five answers, those scoring the most correct answers were:

Joey Komada: 4

Dave Buchholz: 4

Rich Barnicki: 3

Marlowe Kepner: 3

Bruce Attig: 3

Woody Woodruff: 3

Thanks to **Chris** for this novel exercise! ●

CLUB PINS FOR SALE. **Phyllis Pelezzare** is now the **PIN LADY**, selling club pins for members to buy. **Phyllis**, also the sergeant-at-arms, has the pins available at each meeting at the sergeant-at-arms table, or members can contact **Phyllis** directly at pelezzare@yahoo.com or 310.377.9907. ●



Julia Parton and John Jaacks prior to lunch

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Past President **Greg Sparkman**. Did you know that because of our perceptive and critical review of past-President **Harry's** stab at inspirational anecdotes, he had to fall back on comedy to get our Club's attention. He is currently auditioning as an opening act for Leno at the Comedy Club.

Anyway, the Paul Harris Foundation is funded by our voluntary contributions such as attending the Paul Harris Dinner and quarterly contributions. More than one billion dollars have been contributed to date. The Rotary Foundation concentrates primarily on international projects and cultural exchanges, including Peace Scholarships, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Polio Plus, and Group Study Exchanges. Fifty percent of our contributions come back to our District for use in Matching Grants with international Rotary partners and grants for special local programs. Giving now insures that funds will be available in two years for future District 5280 projects.

Our PVP Rotary Foundation was begun in 1996 as a 503c Foundation with its focus on giving locally to Club projects and support to charitable groups and individuals in the Palos Verdes and South Bay area. Our Foundation

endowment is approximately \$100,000. This endowment is not touched and 15% of any Club income is rolled into this fund. Only interest or earnings are tapped for projects and grants. You may become a Foundation Associate by contributing \$50 per quarter for five years for a total of \$1000, which is added to the endowment. This option is on our quarterly bill. The PV Concours is the major source of our fundraising. This year only two recipients will benefit from the Car Show: our Rotary Club and the PV Art Center. Shell related that 70% of the volunteer time comes from our members.

Our Foundation's goals for 2008-09 include:

- Continuing Scholarships to local seniors
- Hands-On Project with the Boy's and Girl's Club
- Mentoring and College Bound Programs at the Boy's and Girls Club
- Local Grants concentrating on Education, Youth and the Elderly.

Harry exited with a souvenir flashlight to illuminate his way and **Bruce** closed with the story of the "Perfect Heart," ragged and gouged through loving and giving use. ●