



# LA ROTACIÓN

Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · October 3, 2008

If You Missed Us On September 26

## AN ADVENTURE "ONLY IN AMERICA"

— by Steve Day

The post Concours/Rallye slowdown was apparent with a lighter than normal turnout. **President Bruce Attig** called the meeting to order. **John Jaacks** led a very nice invocation. **Derald Sidler** led the pledge and **M.J. Schoenheider** the patriotic song, with a little moral support from **Dian Ashley**.

**Chris Stillians** did the guest intros: Russ Galiano was introduced for the last time for a while, as he is headed out to the desert for an extended stay; and it was announced that Inga

Liden just turned in her application for membership. *Way to go Inga!*

**Steve Day** led the welcome song, without the accompaniment of a piano. Our table discussed some new creative ways to get a piano player including placing a note at some of the local music stores or checking with Nordstrom's, to see if their guy is interested in moonlighting at our club.

**M.J. Schopenheider** thanked all the Rallye participants and volunteers and said the preliminary numbers

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**OCTOBER 3:** Legislative Luncheon, co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

**OCTOBER 10:** TBA

### CLUB CALENDAR

**OCTOBER 12:** Districtwide Foundation event.

**OCTOBER 18:** Wine tasting @ John Polen's, 5 pm.

**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.**

**DECEMBER 7:** Holiday Party.

*PICTURED ABOVE: Mary Jane Schoenheider delivered the good news about the success of the 2008 PV Concours weekend.*



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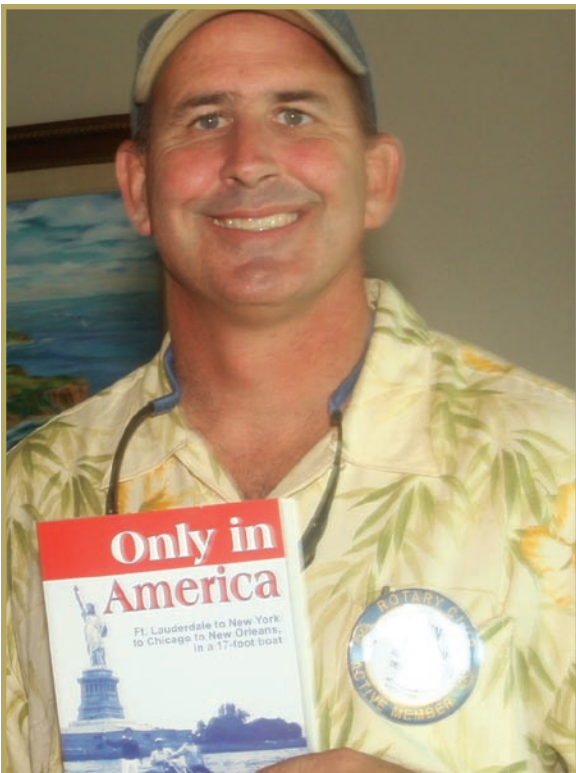
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*Our speaker was Redondo Beach Rotarian John Mirassou, who recounted his sailing adventures on the waterways of America.*

*If You Missed Us Last Week*, continues

looked pretty encouraging.

**Nancy Crawford** gave another plug for Rotary in the Home and announced that we already have nine hosts signed up. The first dinner will be at **Donna DuPeron's** on October 24.

On behalf of the club, **Shawn Nejad** sent a beautiful flower arrangement to Marlowe Kepner, who is recuperating. *Thanks Shawn!*

**Debbie Deitch** announced that there will be a light dinner served at the wine tasting for those who are concerned about blood-alcohol levels.

It was also announced that **Gustavo Demoner** is taking a six-month leave of absence and that **John La-Bella** will take over **Gustavo's** board position while he is gone. *Thanks John! We will miss you, Gustavo.*

Raffle winners were **Chris Stillians**, again, and **Phyllis Pelezzare**.

Our speaker, John Mirassou, is a fellow Rotarian from Redondo Beach. John has written a fascinating book, titled *Only in America*. The book recounts the escapades of John and two South Bay buddies as they traveled from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to New Orleans in a 24-foot Boston Whaler. John took the long way by first going up to New York, through the 1600-mile intercoastal waterway, and then heading up to the Great Lakes and down the Mississippi. They took three months and had some amazing stories that could only happen in America.

**A REMINDER:** This week's meeting is the legislative luncheon co-sponsored with the PV Chamber of Commerce. Come early to get a parking spot and a seat as we are expecting a large turnout. ●



*Chris Stillians won the wine last week to get a jump on celebrating his October 23 birthday.*

**CELEBRATING IN OCTOBER**

**ROTARY INDUCTIONS**

- Ethel Gross \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 27, 1989
- Bob Gulcher \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 3, 1997
- Jack Gonzalez \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 1, 1999
- Greg Sparkman \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 18, 2002
- Norton Donner \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 10, 2003
- Frank Margrave \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 8, 2004
- Alex Everhart \_\_\_\_\_ Sept 7, 2007

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Dian Ashley \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 10
- David Buchholz \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 14
- Norton Donner \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 22
- Chris Stillians \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 23

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- Derald & Ann Sidler \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 22
- John & Karen Cameron \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 21
- Norton & Sally Donner \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 22
- Shawn & Leila Nejad \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 26
- Irwin & Karin Gebroe \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 1
- John & Rita Spalding \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 15
- Ron & Mary Stankey \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 16
- Jack & Arlene Newman \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 17

**Congratulations to all!**

**PVP ROTARY CLUB NEWS**

**NEW MEMBER PROPOSED.** The Board of Directors has received and approved the membership application of Inga Liden. She is sponsored by Phyllis Pelezzare; proposed classification is Director of Sales & Marketing. If there are any objections to Inga becoming a member of our club, please state those objections in writing and give to any Board member within 10 days. ●

**WINE TASTING PARTY DATE CHANGE.** The Wine Tasting Party will be Saturday, October 18, 5pm at John Polen's home. Lots of wine, fun and good food for all. Details to follow. ●

**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. ●

**THANK YOU ROTARIANS & FAMILY**

*For a Very Successful Concours Weekend!*

More than 70 club members and their families worked on the Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance, which is the major fundraiser for our PVP Rotary Club Foundation.

The following Rotarians and family members volunteered at the Concours, Road Rallye and/or Gala. Some even volunteered at all three events and many took on leadership positions that required months of work. *Thank you to all!!!*

- Bruce Attig
- Dian Ashley
- Christine Barnicki
- Rita Bhatia
- Allen, Wendy & Matthew Bond
- Dave Buchholz
- John & Karen Cameron
- Tony Cangas
- Nancy Crawford
- Steve & Brian Day
- Debbie Deitch
- Keith Disenroth
- Donna, Don & Lori Duperon
- Clara & Jim Duran-Reed
- Charlie Elias
- Linda Elliott & Ray Johnson
- John Evans
- Les Fishman & Virginia Butler
- Liz & Dan Fitzgerald
- John Gong
- Ethel Gross
- Bob Gulcher
- Marcia Haber
- Kjell & Cheryl Hellberg
- Jackie & Roger Ignon
- John Jaacks
- Bob & Gail Johnson

- Harry Kitter
- Joey Komada
- Hal Lazar
- Rick Learned
- Sofia Lekos
- Ralph Manuel
- Frank Margrave
- Peter McCormack
- Shawn Nejad
- Jack Newman
- Shuja Oberoi
- Greg & Carolyn O'Brien
- Julia Parton
- Phyllis Pelezzare
- John Polen
- David Rowe
- Mary Jane Schoenheider
- Mel & Cynthia Schrier
- John Schuricht
- Suzy Seamans
- Derald Sidler
- Steve Smith
- Greg & Liz Sparkman
- Chris Stillians
- Gary Tossell
- Woody Woodruff

*Don't miss the collage of Rotary volunteers at the Concours on the next page. Thanks to Liz Fitzgerald for the photos.*





Apologies for not being able to picture all the wonderful Rotarians and Rotary family members who made the 2008 PV Concours a success.