



Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · October 31, 2008

If You Missed Us On October 24

ALL ABOUT THE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

— by *Julia Parton*

The meeting began with greetings from one of our newer members, **Hang Up Moon**. **Phyllis Pelezzare** and **Debbie Deitch** were helping out once again at the Sgt-At-Arms post! *Thank you ladies!*

Woody Woodruff led off the meeting with the invocation and **Dave Johnsen** led us in saluting our flag. **Dian “songbird” Ashley** got us to sign “California Here I Come”! **Norton Donner** introduced our visiting guests and Rotarians, who in-

cluded; Past District Governor Rick Mendoza from the Redondo Beach Rotary Club; special guests, **Tim Dickins** (sponsored by **David Rowe**) and **Inga Liden** (sponsored by **Phyllis Pelezzare**). **Kjell Hellberg**, along with the help of **Norton Donner** and **President Bruce Attig**, led us in the Welcome Song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS INCLUDED:

- **Saturday, November 1, 8:00 am: Crenshaw Clean-Up.** Meet at the top

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

NOVEMBER 7: PVPUSD’s special-ed program.

NOVEMBER 14: John Clayton with “Dreams Do Come True in America”

CLUB CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 12: Educator of the Year.

DECEMBER 7: Holiday Party.

PICTURED ABOVE: Hang Up Moon, former DG Rick Mendoza, former club president Jim Hartman.



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Former club president **Julia Parton**, left,
 inducted our newest member, **Inga Liden**.

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of Crenshaw and Silver Spur. Questions? Contact **David Rowe**.

- **Monday, November 3, 2–8 pm: District Blood Drive**, Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo.
- **Wednesday, November 12: Educator of the Year**. Sign up at Rotary!

Mel Schrier let us know that Cynthia was home resting. **Mel** and Cynthia are evaluating chemotherapy at this time. If anyone has any contacts with Kaiser and/or City of Hope, please contact **Mel** ASAP! Give **Mel** a call if you would like to come visit Cynthia. She is up for short visits, but since each day can bring new challenges please call first! **Mel**, it was great to see you at the meeting!

John Jaacks reminded us that this Friday is Scout Day! Wear your Boy/Girl Scout uniforms/costumes! We will hear from representatives from Boys Scouts of America! Our

foundation granted \$7,000 to send inter-city children to the mountains to camp for seven days! Come hear how this grant impacted the lives of these kids!

President Bruce then thanked **Liz Fitzgerald** and **Debbie Deitch** for such a fun Wine Tasting Party! He also thanked **John Polen** for hosting!

Carolyn Lehr announced that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is in the process of recruiting RPV residents to volunteer for 2–4 year terms on the following committees: Finance, Traffic Safety, Emergency Preparedness and Equestrian. If you are interested please submit an application (can be found online at city's website) to the City Clerk by Friday, November 21, or call Carolyn directly.

I had the pleasure of inducting
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our newest member, **Inga Liden**. Her sponsor is **Phyllis Pelezzare**. Inga works at The Canterbuy. She mentioned to the club that she was a recipient of a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. She is pleased to join our club and looks forward to getting involved! *Welcome, Inga!*

We had a day packed full of announcements and information and it continued right into our program. Judith Webb and Arlene Block, from the League of Women Voters presented us with a two-hour program in 30 minutes! Judith and Arlene highlighted the 12 propositions, spoke on who is for, who is against and the fiscal effects. The League of Women Voters distributes a "Pros & Cons" supplement that breaks down the proposition information found in the thick booklet you receive in the mail. The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government. The League also influences public policy through action and advocacy. The League does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. The Pros & Cons pamphlet mentioned how to evaluate ballot propositions.

- Who are the real sponsors and opponents of the measure? Investigate the names of groups with which you are not familiar.

- Does the measure deal with one issue that can be easily decided by a "yes" or "no", or is a complex issue that should be thoroughly examined in the legislative arena?

- Is it written well? Are there conflicts in the measure that may require court resolution or interpretations? Is it "good government", or will it cause more problems than it will resolve?

- If the measure amends the Constitution, consider whether it really belongs in the Constitution. Amending the Constitution is cumbersome and costly and requires a vote of the people. Would a statute accomplish the same purpose?

- Does the measure create its own revenue source? Does it earmark, restrict, or obligate a specific percentage of General Fund revenues? Consider the effect on the overall flexibility of the budget.

- Examine the measure by its merits. During the campaign, be wary of distortion tactics and commercials that rely on image but tell nothing of substance about the measure.

Happy Voting! ●

PVP ROTARY CLUB NEWS

REMINDER!

Crenshaw Cleanup
This Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008
8 AM

Gather at Corner of Crenshaw and Silver Spur

Please send a message today to David Rowe at
D.C.Rowe@JetForwarding.com
to let him know you are coming

Bring a pair of gloves. We have some pickup tools but if you have one, please bring it

SEE YOU THERE!

THE HOLIDAY PARTY is set for December 7, 2008 at the Crown Plaza Marina Hotel in Redondo Beach. The Tony Sardo Band will perform. An invitation will be mailed to all and, of course, a sign-up sheet will be passed at the meetings.

MIKE LANSING NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR BY THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA.

(Our club has been a supporter of the Boys and Girls Clubs in our area and Mike has been a Friday program presenter on a number of occasions.) At the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Pacific Region Conference last month, Mike Lansing was honored as the Executive of the Year for the Pacific Region by the Boys & Girls Clubs Professional Association for his outstanding contributions. The BGCA Pacific Region is comprised of nearly 1,000 Clubs in the nine western states, serving over one million children. Since Mike became Executive Director in 1996, the Club has grown to 18 sites, serving over 2,250 children daily, establishing us as the largest private daily service provider to at-risk children in the entire L.A. Harbor/South Bay area. Earlier this year, the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce also honored Mike with The Vision Award at their annual Awards Luncheon. These awards are a tribute to not only Mike's dedication, vision and leadership, but that of our Board of Directors as well. This leadership team has established our vision, and as "vision without action is a dream" the hard work and tireless commitment from our staff provide the action that help to make our Club's vision a reality.

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. ●