



Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · September 19, 2008

If You Missed Us On September 12

GUESTS GALORE FOR “NIGHTS IN IRAQ”

— by Steve Day

We made it back to the big room! It was a festive atmosphere as the hall was teaming with a special speaker and a record number of guests. The Palos Verdes Country Club was ready for us with enough food to feed a small army. More selection than usual made it really hard for **Rick Learned** to keep from piling his plate with one of every thing. Rick commented that the only thing he doesn't like about coming to lunch here is that they serve you too much!

President Bruce Attig led a very

inspirational invocation. **Norton Donner** guided us in the pledge of allegiance. Our resident songbird, **Dian Ashley**, led us in the singing of *God Bless America* in remembrance of 9/11. **Shell Hellberg** had a special Swedish version of guest introductions, which included a visiting Rotarian from Hanalei Bay, Hawaii, Susan Elliott-Hubbard. Other guests included Tim Dickins, past president of our club 1994–1995. **Sophia Lekos's** guest, Art Fine, is a retired pilot from American

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 19: Ninon de Vere De Rosa, spokesperson, actor, show host, journalist and philanthropist. See page 3.

SEPTEMBER 26: Author John Mirassou

CLUB CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 19–21: Concours weekend.

OCTOBER 12: Districtwide Foundation event.

OCTOBER 18: Wine tasting @ John Polen's. **NOTE**

CHANGE OF DATE.

DECEMBER 7: Holiday Party.

PICTURED ABOVE: Gary and Sherrie Tossell, Mel Schrier.



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*Rita Bhatia and her son, Dr. Nitin Bhatia,
 were interested in the book authored by our speaker.*

If You Missed Us Last Week, continues

Airlines. Art and I actually crewed together in the Air National Guard in the mid '70s and '80s. We flew C-130's out of Van Nuys for the California Guard. We got to relive some great flying stories and do some catching up. Other guests included Sheri Tossell, **Gary Tossell's** first and current wife; Inga Liden from the Canterbury; Nitin Bhatia, MD, **Rita Bhatia's** son; Derald Sidler making his fifth appearance; and finally, Chris Russell. The welcome song was masterfully performed by **Jim Hartman**.

Announcements included lots of last-minute Rallye and Concours info. **Mary Jane Schoenheider** is driving one of the more exotic entries, a 1993 Toyota Corolla with plaid interior. Way to give those Ferraris and Lamborghinis a run for their money MJ. We were also told that there will be a Corvette Corral of about 124 Corvettes this year.

Our speaker, Shant Kenderian, has written a book called *1001 Nights in Iraq* wherein he recounts an amazing story of being forced into the Iraqi military and finally being captured by the Americans and placed in a POW camp. Shant drew a picture of the 40-foot boat he was on when they hit a mine and eventually sank prior to his capture. His drawing of their patrol boat had an eerie resemblance to the "Simply Bliss." I overheard **Gary Tossell** in the lobby later on talking to a boat broker about the possibility of having the "Simply Bliss" outfitted with armor plating.

Bruce closed the meeting with another inspirational story about invoking change in ourselves and we all left ready to change the world. ●

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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. ●

A **CLUB ROSTER** is attached to this issue of La Rotación. Please check your information. If there are corrections, additions, deletions, please send them within the week to ctbarnicki@earthlink.net. ●

REMINDER OF THE CLUB'S POLICY REGARDING GUESTS. A special guest can visit the club three times for free. Special guests are defined as anyone having a genuine interest in joining the club. ●

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. ●



Ninon de Vere De Rosa

Speaking this Friday:

Ninon de Vere De Rosa

Ninon de Vere De Rosa is a spokesperson, actor, show host, journalist, philanthropist, and director of communications for LA5 Rotary Club.

In 1996, the charismatic Ninon launched KidsTalk, Voices of Tomorrow, a revolutionary organization dedicated to giving the younger generation a voice in society and preparing them for their life journey as future leaders of this country and the world. Ninon's acclaimed daily television show, KidsTalk, Voices of Tomorrow, is in its 10th year and has garnered some 90 awards, including The Gracie Allen Award and 21 "Telly Awards."

Ninon recently returned from Kenya, where she filmed a documentary about the 950 orphans she serves through KidsTalk Foundation. KidsTalk supports three schools (camps) in Nambale, Bunyore, and Kakamega, Kenya. Students are orphaned or destitute and would otherwise be unable to receive an education.

Ninon has also made documentaries in Switzerland and Peru. Her dream is to cover the world to give youth a voice in societies around the world.

Among her too-many-to-mention awards, Ninon has been honored by the US Congress, the County of Los Angeles, and former California Governor Gray Davis, and she was named Woman of the Year as a Rising Star for LA Business Journal 2007. Her KidsTalk Productions received the President's Volunteer Service Award. ●

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