



LA ROTACIÓN

Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula · September 26, 2008

If You Missed Us On September 19

“VOICES OF TOMORROW” HELPS KIDS TODAY

— by Gary Tossell

An exciting start to our Concours weekend! Sergeants-at-Arms **Debra Deitch** and **Phyllis Pelezarre** greeted, accounted, and sold the very important raffle tickets to arriving members.

President Bruce “ring that bell” **Attig** started the festivities at exactly 12:20 pm. Reverend **Dave Johnsen** asked for blessings and **Keith Deisenroth** led the pledge to our flag and the Stock Market!

In honor of a warm sunny day, we sang *America the Beautiful*, accapel-

la, led by the wonderful song queen, **Dian Ashley**.

Following a short dining and fellowship interlude, **Steve Day** introduced the guests, including his special guest, Art Fine, a former American Airline pilot. **Steve** claimed to have flown C130’s with Art back in the 50’s—a likely story!

John Evans brought Rus Gagliano, a former member and “Mr ARCO” at Hawthorne and Silver Spur. Rus was one of the founders of our Concours.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 26: John Mirassou. See page 3.

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

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: New Rotary Club members Derald Sidler, left, and Steve Smith. Also pictured is Steve’s wife, Marcia.



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*Our speaker was Ninon de Vere De Rosa,
 show host, journalist, philanthropist,
 and director of communications for LA5 Rotary Club.*

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Linda Elliott introduced special guest and the club's 1994/95 president, Tim Dickins. At **Phyllis Pelezzare's** table guests included Laraine Mestman, program manager of Wise & Healthy Aging, an elder abuse prevention program in Santa Monica, and Inga Liden who was a special guest of **Marcia Haber**.

Yours truly, brought Gary Ford who, as owner of VJ Electronics, has provided the sound system for the past 10 years for our Concours. It is thanks and good bye Gary as he has retired and moved to Friday Harbor, Washington.

Regular guest and PVP Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kay Finer told us of the upcoming Legislative Luncheon on October 3 we are co sponsoring with the Chamber. Speakers include California Assembly Members Betty Karnette from the 54th District and Ted Leiu from the 53rd

District; and LA County Supervisor Don Knabe. (I wonder who will be in charge of "the Hook?")

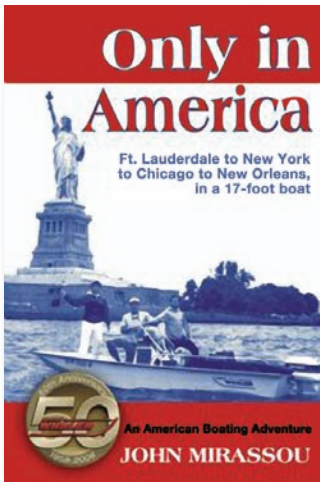
Past Prez (1986/87) **Woody Woodruff** led us in yet another unusual rendition of our welcome song. After intensive fellowship and much hand shaking, **Prez Bruce** regained some semblance of control. Multi clipboards were circulated, not all were returned. Offerings included Rotary in the Home; wine tasting at **John Polen's** on October 18; Polo shirts; and various opportunities for Club service.

Outstanding Concours volunteer **Kjell Helberg** announced the Grand Marshal's Charoity Gala is sold out. We repeatedly applauded **Greg Sparkman**, who has done an amazing job organizing the Road Rallye. We are expecting 5,000 people at the Concours on Sunday. WOW!

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Author John Mirassour this Friday:

An American Boating Adventure



Author John Mirassour of Redondo Beach is our speaker this week. You don't want to miss hearing of his unique tour of America, an adventure captured in *Only in America: An American Boating Adventure*. It's a rollicking, touching, at times outrageous Valentine to our country, combining elements of *Huckleberry*

Finn, The African Queen, and Surfin' USA.

This exciting buddy story follows "The Three Johns," twenty-something lifelong friends from Redondo Beach in

their 17-foot Boston Whaler, as they take the trip of a lifetime through the eastern waterways of America, a nautical variation on the classic road-trip saga.

However, there is nothing easy about this trip as the guys tackle rivers and lakes, alligators and snakes, horrendous storms and endless summer days. From the Intracoastal Waterway to Old Man River, Chesapeake Bay, Erie Canal, Great Lakes, and the Ten-Tom, there are 6,100 miles of American waterways and some of the most interesting and affable characters you ever will hear about.

This book is a personal celebration of America, its rivers, shores, and forests, but most of all, its people. Every time the guys meet with some amazing instance of kindness, trust, hospitality, and just plain warmth, the author states the motto of the trip: "Only in America," a concept coined by his dad. It takes a nation to make a voyage like this possible, and the American people come through every time, with food, drink, lodging, and above all, unconditional friendship.

Be with us Friday, and bring your friends, co-workers, and family to enjoy a story that will have everyone smiling, chuckling, and laughing out loud. Come jump into The Whaler with John, John and John for a trip you'll never forget: *Fun, fun, fun!* ●

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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. ●

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 Pelez-zare 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. ●

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Hal Lazar and **Julia Parton** both were wine winners, courtesy of the raffle.

Past Prez **Jim Hartman** inducted **Derald Sidler**, director of the Boys & Girls Club in San Pedro, and Major **Steve Smith**, principal of the Salvation Army's College for Officers Training. **Derald**, a former member of LA 5, used to make up at our club when he worked for Pac Bell downtown. He dreamed of retiring and joining our club. Dreams do come true! **Steve**, a former member of the Pearl Harbor Honolulu club, plays the piano. Hallelujah, an answer to prayer!

Mel Schrier introduced our speaker, Ninon de Vere De Rosa who is a show host, journalist, philanthropist, and director of communications for LA5 Rotary Club. Ninon, a Limey" from Torquay, England, did not attend school and started working at 16 in London as a model and actress. In 1968 she moved to Miami and appeared in Rita Hayworth's last film. Subsequently, Ninon relocated to Los Angeles, married, and worked in advertising.

In 1996 Ninon founded "Kids Talk," a nationally and internationally known organization that produces "Voices of Tomorrow," an award-winning television show that features working with kids in gangs. Some 18,000 Los Angeles teens are homeless and live within the gang culture, where the only way to leave a gang is to die.

Working with young people, Ninon encourages them to seek their dreams and go for them. For women, she believes that is not hard to do. Just do what you want to do! Nothing can stop you but yourself!

An interesting motivational speaker to start an exciting weekend! ●