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Dress-Code Alert!
Hawaiian-Dress Day
Friday, August 12
Past prez **John Schuricht** will
preside. As a nostalgic twist, he
requests that everyone wear aloha
shirts or other Hawaiian attire to
our meeting like we did he was
prez in 2001.

Program This Week



Biomedical Research: Postcards from the cutting edge

This Friday, David Meyer is president and CEO of LA bioMed. He obtained a Ph.D. in biology from UCLA and spent 13 years in Europe as a researcher and instructor, where he started his own independent research group at The European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg. In 1987, he returned to Southern California with his research team as a member of the medical school faculty at UCLA. Come find out what's new in medical research and bring a friend! •



—Prez David Rowe

Four-Way Tested Enroute to Iceland

DATELINE: Boston, 2:11 AM (6:11 AM in Iceland). So much for being on the final approach to Reykjavik. Yes, life has once again crept into the best-laid plans.

For the first time in three years, a window of opportunity arose as summer jobs have been completed and fall semester has not yet commenced.

Originally thinking the first leg of our trip to Iceland from LAX to Boston was at 11:20 AM, we arranged for the Super Shuttle to pick us up at 9:30. The day before the trip, we discovered the flight time was actually 11:50. Of course Carole and I discussed whether we should change the pickup time by 30 minutes, but I said it would be bad luck, because something would certainly happen to cause us to be late, and boy would we feel bad then. Well, sure enough,

after the driver arrived a bit early, he turned off his van but kept the lights and other electronics running. So after we were all loaded up, OOPS! Dead battery. No problem. In a few spare minutes, we were charged up and on our way. The driver was surprised and appreciative at our calm response, but we had that extra half hour, so why worry. We were so proud we didn't change that pickup time. HAH! We cheated the travel-glitch monster!

When we arrived at LAX, we were told the flight was 30 minutes late due to bad weather in the New England area. We still had enough time for the connection so we weren't concerned but I did need to do the online check-in and print the boarding passes for the Boston to Reykjavik leg. Fortunately, the lounge had computers to accomplish the goal, although I

was up against the clock and, except for a small problem with the printer, it went rather smoothly.

WHEN IT WAS TIME TO

BOARD, as we came to the gate we saw four employees huddling in a confused sort of manner. You've seen the scene before: a group of bumbling people, not really knowing who is in charge or what to do. That's what it looked like. Not a good sign. Then one of them with a disappointed look said those dreaded airport words, "there is a further change to the schedule."

"We're blanked," I said. No really, "blanked" is the word I said; what else could it be?

Okay, so much for the Four Way Test, but I quickly recouped knowing that my attitude would set the pace for our traveling squad.

At this point there would be no worry about trying to make the connection, because there wasn't a chance. *It's funny how when what you worry about happening actually happens, the worry goes away.* All we could do was get to Boston and arrange for the next available flight, certainly by the next day (we hoped).

After taking a chance that there may still be an Iceland Airress hanging around the ticket counter at the international terminal, we made our way there by bus only to find a ghost terminal. Then we followed the signs to the Airport Hilton.

An airport Hilton, yes, but what airport? JFK? It was quite a walk, but to a tribute to the youngest, I tell you she entertained us all by taking the automated walkways in the opposite direction with luggage in tow. She laughed the whole way, and so did the rest of us. I shall not go into the details about how we ended up in a hospitality suite with three cots and a couch hide-a-bed across town, but



Hawking wine during our meetings, is David practicing for a back-up career?

suffice it to say, I'm wondering were the recession is.

The trick at this point is to answer the question you are probably asking: What does this have to do with Rotary and a Prez Sez column? "Good question!" I respond.

AS A ROTARIAN, perhaps it's about honoring Vocation. I honored the vocation of all the people who helped us or tried to help us throughout the day by being appreciative of their service to us, their customers. I expressed my gratitude to all of those hard working people, most of whom would

probably like to be doing something else on a Sunday afternoon and evening.

Whatever you do, or wherever you go, whether you are serving others in your vocation, or the one being served, make it a better world, and smile like a Rotarian. •

If You Missed Us Last Week

By Mel Schrier



Two of our Foundation scholarship recipients joined us for lunch last week. Jorge Hernandez will attend the UC Santa Cruz, while Nancy Hinojas will be at Georgetown and then Columbia U in a two-part program.

AUGUST 5, 2011. I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc., I called the Suicide Hotline. I got a call center in Pakistan, and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck! However, the thought of handling 72 virgins brought me back to the task at hand—reporting on the August 5 meeting of the ‘best Rotary Club in the world!’

After our recent ‘social evening’ I assumed that we would come back down to earth, but no—off we went past the stratosphere into the heliosphere, entertained by a spokesman from JPL describing the Voyager space program.

Our beloved leader, David Rowe, declared August the “David month,” reminding the gathered throng that all the speakers of the

month were named David. After just falling short of naming it a national holiday, he opened the meeting on time, gleefully clobbering the gong.

Hang up Moon delivered an impassioned invocation, almost lapsing into his native Korean. He was followed by your correspondent leading our national pledge. **John Schurict** also did double duty by leading the patriotic song while playing a totally different one on the piano.

Our perennial volunteer, **Julia Parton**, introduced the guests. Tom Hiatt appeared again, denying that he was still a guest when he was becoming a bona fide member of our clan. **Suzy Zimmerman** introduced Jim Patterson while **Steve Day** brought Joe Fierstein of the South Bay Astronomical Society in addition to two of his brood, Travis and Ryan

Day. If I missed someone, please forgive. **Paul Rubincam** led us in our rousing welcome song—and—nobody left!

Opening the formal part of the meeting, our president, after tussling with a recalcitrant microphone, announced that the next volunteer opportunity would be to help the PV Land Conservancy clean up the coastline on August 20. He followed with an update from **Steve Coy**, and announced that **Peter McCormack** would be on sabbatical for the next six months.

FLASH! It is imperative that everyone wear Hawaiian shirts for the August 12 meeting.

However, dressed in a more judicial style, **Greg O'Brien** announced the following Paul Harris news. **Phyllis Pelezzare** became a new fellow. **Liz Fitzgerald**, **Donna Duperon** and **David Rowe** were given their first sapphire pin, while Christine Barnicki walked off weighed down

by four sapphires. However, **John Cameron** bested them all with his five-sapphire pin.

After this ostentatious display of precious gems, the membership report by **Tim Dickins** would have been empty except for the presentation of our new erstwhile member, Tom Hiatt.

Bob Gulcher, not to be outdone, presented two of our Foundation Scholarship winners to the club. Jorge Hernandez will be attending the U of California—Santa Cruz, while Nancy Hinojas will eventually be at the engineering school of my alma mater, Columbia U.

Before his assembled horde had to remind him, **David Rowe** pontificated about the two flasks of wine before him and awarded them to the smiling winners, **Greg Sparkman** for the Merlot, and **Norton Donner** for the Chilean import.

At last, with seconds to launch, **Steve Day** introduced our speaker, David [of course] Doody, manager

of the Voyager Project at JPL. The 1977 journey of the Voyager was designed to encounter, and study, the planets Jupiter and Saturn. Interesting findings showed that a Jovian moon was volcanic and had signs of an old salt ocean. Much useful information came from studying the rings of Saturn and its satellite Titan. The elliptical path that was designed by the scientists at JPL allowed the Voyager to pass Uranus in 1986 and Neptune in 1989. The spacecraft is still flying into space and still transmits information regularly. Since Pluto has been designated to the back burner, no mention of a flyby was made.

Coincidentally the new Juno spacecraft was launched on the day of our meeting and expects to get to Jupiter in 2016, assuming that it's not pulled over for speeding.

Dr. Doody suggested that we visit the Goldstone antenna that tracks, in addition to ones in Madrid and Canberra, our space satellites.

Perhaps an off site meeting?

It was an informative and interesting presentation. Rotarians went off to their terrestrial engagements bolstered by slick handouts from the presenter.

Remember: Hawaiian dress on Friday. Ukuleles optional. •

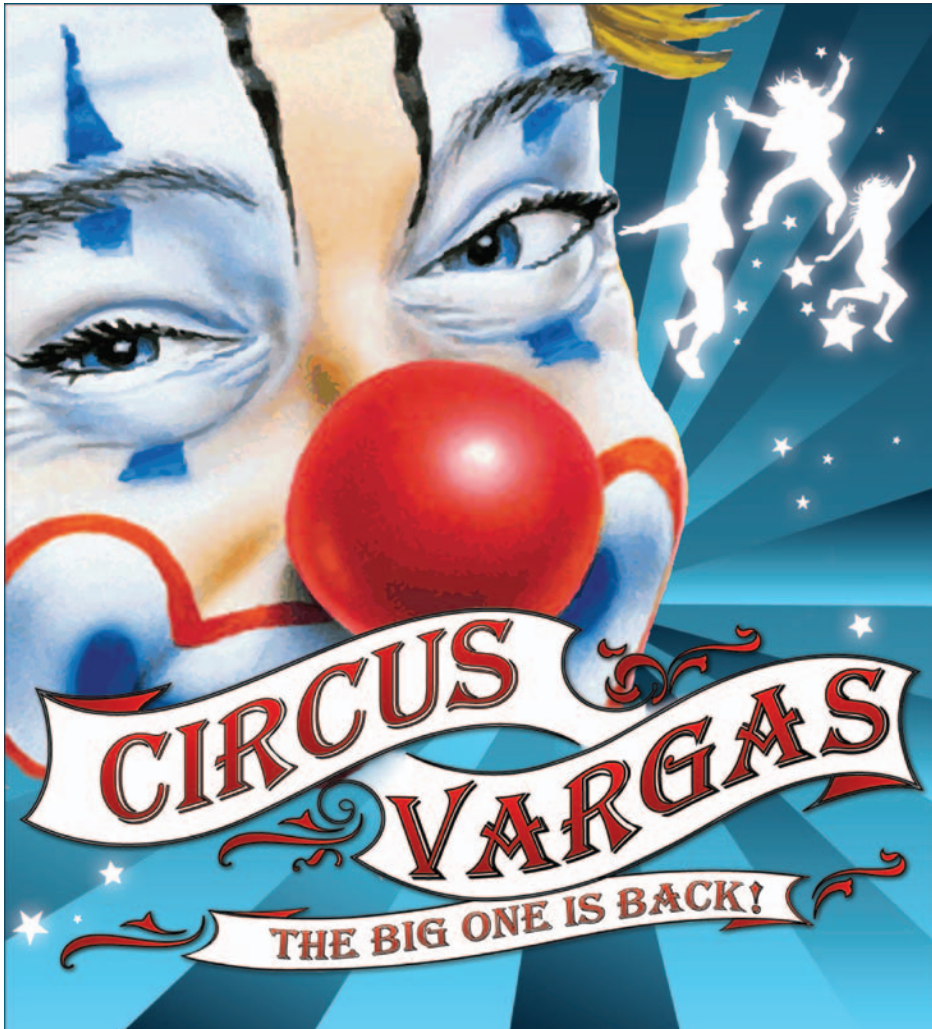
Membership Application Received

The membership application of Tom Hiatt has been approved by the Board. His sponsor is **Keith Deisenroth**. Classification: TBA.

If any member objects to Tom being inducted into our club, please state the reasons in writing and hand to any Board member within 10 days.

District News

The Circus Is Coming To Town! November 6 in Torrance



Rotary Foundation Celebration

Sunday, November 6, 2011

Del Amo Fashion Center Torrance

Doors open at 11 am | Pre-Show begins at 12:10 pm

Tickets are now available:

\$65 adult | \$35 children under 16

Includes: Children and adults get one hot dog or nachos, one cotton candy or popcorn, and two beverages.

Plus, each Adult ticket also gets one deli sandwich.

What a fun, family way to support our Rotary Foundation!

[Click here to go to the District 5280 website for additional news.](#)

Chamber Events & News



<http://palosverdeschamber.com/>



SURF'S UP! EXHIBITION

Evening Networking Mixer

Thursday, August 18 | 5:30–7:30 PM



PALOS VERDES ART CENTER/Beverly G. Alpay Center for Arts Education

The Promenade on the Peninsula, 550 Deep Valley Drive, Suite 261 (former Border's location),
Rolling Hills Estates

- See the Art Center's new, temporary location
- Surround yourself with creativity while you enjoy the "Surf's Up!" and "Enceladus" exhibitions
- Do some great networking!

Cost: \$10/Members, \$15/Guests and Prospective Members. Includes one complimentary drink ticket.

RSVP: To help our host determine how much food to have on hand, please RSVP to Debbie Morgan at the Chamber office: 310-377-8111. Or email her at: office@palosverdeschamber.com.



Small-business loans is the topic for the August 23 seminar

Lunch & Learn Seminar

Tuesday, August 23 | Noon–1 PM

Speaker / Topic: John Turner from Malaga Bank on "How to Approach Your Bank with a Small-Business Credit Request"

Location: Chamber Office, 707 Silver Spur Road, Suite 100, Rolling Hills Estates

Cost: Free. Bring your own lunch. Seating limited.

RSVP REQUIRED: To help our host determine how much food to have on hand, please RSVP to Tracy Ferrara at the Chamber office: 310-377-8111. Or email her at: tracy@palosverdeschamber.com.

Calendar Items

Club and District Calendar

AUGUST 12: District 5280
Literacy Breakfast

AUGUST 12: David Meyer, speaking
on the latest discovery from L.A.
Biomed

AUGUST 19: David Bauer, speak-
ing on osteoporosis and treatment
interventions

AUGUST 20: Help the PV Land
Conservancy clean up the coastline

AUGUST 26: Carmen Apelgren,
from the Braille Institute, speak-
ing on eye diseases

SEPTEMBER 2: DARK. Enjoy a long
and safe Labor Day weekend.

SEPTEMBER 9: Justin Skarb, rep-
resenting California Water, pres-
ents “The Palos Verdes Pipeline.”

SEPTEMBER 16: TBA

OCTOBER 7: District governor
visits our club.

NOVEMBER 6: Paul Harris
Celebration at Circus Vargas

**NOVEMBER 9: Educator of the Year
at PV Golf and Country Club.**

DATES IN GRAY indicate district
events or other clubs’ events. [Click
here to go to the District website,](#)
where you will find additional
information about those events.

Greeters, Invocators, and Reporters

Date	Greeters	Invocation	Reporter
August 12	Nicki Nikhakhtar Jeff Parker	Bruce Attig	Greg Sparkman
August 19	Steve Day John Cameron	Joan Behrens	Suzy Zimmerman
August 26	Norton Donnor Les Fishman	Inga Liden	Liz Fitzgerald
September 9	Joey Komada Carolyn Lehr	Jeff Parker	Jeff Parker
September 16	Steve Day John Cameron	Bruce Attig	TBA

Celebrating In August



Rotary Inductions

Charles Elias _____ Aug 1, 1979
Mary Jane Schoenheider _____ Aug 28, 1987
Keith Deisenroth _____ Aug 2, 2002

Birthdays

Derald Sidler _____ Aug 8
Mary Jane Schoenheider _____ Aug 15
Bob Gulcher _____ Aug 26
Len Danyrd _____ Aug 28

Wedding Anniversaries

Kendra & Steve Day _____ Aug 4
Dianne & Jeff Parker _____ Aug 5
Mary Todd & Peter McCormack _____ Aug 9
Donna & Rick Learned _____ Aug 15
Don & Donna Duperon _____ Aug 20
Wendy & Allen Bond _____ Aug 21
Lynn & Bruce Attig _____ Aug 21
Suzanne & Paul Rubincam _____ Aug 25

Congratulations to all!

Your Rotary Leadership

Club Leadership *Click on a name below to send that person an email.*

President: David Rowe

International Service: Inga Liden

Programs: Steve Day

Sergeant-At-Arms: Paul Rubincam

President's Asst: Liz Fitzgerald

Club Service: Kimberly Lynch

Membership: Tim Dickins

Educator Of The Year:

President-Elect: Greg O'Brien

Vocational Service: Joan Behrens

Public Relations: Derald Sidler

Joan Behrens & Jim Hartman

Secretary: Suzy Zimmerman

Community Service: Bruce Attig

Communications: Greg Sparkman

Rotary-In-The-Home: Jackie Ignon

Treasurer: Norton Donner

New Generations: Julia Parton

La Rotación: Nicki Nikakhtar



RI Leadership

President: Kalyan Banerjee, from the Rotary Club of Vapi, India
His speeches and news are posted at www.rotary.org/president



District 5280 Leadership

District Governor: Brad Robinson, from the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills

Pictured at left: District Governor Brad Robinson and his wife, Catherine