

La Rotación

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Programs & Events

AUGUST 21: Ted Vegvari, from PV on the Net.

AUGUST 28: Suzy Zimmerman, craft talk.

SEPTEMBER 11-13: Concours weekend of events.

OCTOBER 3: Paul Harris event: Casino Night.

Pictured below: Kjell Hellberg.



IF WE MISSED YOU ON AUGUST 14

Polio-Plus Campaign Almost at Goal

—BY CHARLIE ELIAS

Phyllis Pelezzare greeted the membership at the Sergeant-at-Arms table. **Prez John Polen** opened the meeting at 12:22.

Paul Rubincam gave the Invocation. **Aryn Sieber** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **John Schuricht** led the meeting in the singing *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Prez John, himself, called upon Ro-

tarians to introduce their guests. **Robert Gulcher** introduced his son-in-law, David Conforti, general manager of the Trump National Golf Club. Visiting the club again was Past District Governor Rick Mandoza. Rick brought with him our speaker, Shirley Giltzow, currently president of the Lawndale Rotary Club.

The meeting thereupon sang the Palos Verdes Welcome Song, accompanied by **John Schuricht**.

Prez John next discussed a change in ticket distribution for the Concours. Instead of automatically billing Rotarians for tickets, the club will purchase tickets and request members to make voluntary purchases. **Julia Parton** and **Kjell-Ake (Shell) Hellberg** requested Rotarians to volunteer to work at the Concours. David Conforti made an announcement about the upcoming Trump National Wine and Beer Festival this Sunday, August 16, 2009. There is free general admission. There will be many wineries and breweries exhibiting their products. The beneficiaries of

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Portion of Rotary International's poster for the final push of the campaign to finally eradicate polio from the planet.

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the festival are Little Company of Mary Foundation and this Rotary Club's foundation.

Kjell-Ake (Shell) Hellberg next made an announcement in Swedish/English, which this reporter was unable to understand.

Prez John thereupon called up Rick Mendoza who introduced our speaker, Shirley Giltzow. Shirley told us that Polio Plus is nearing its goal of eradicating polio. In 1985 Polio was in 125 countries

affecting more than 300,000 children. Currently, polio is in four countries affecting 800 children. To wipe out polio, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has given \$355 million to Rotary's Polio Plus campaign. The Gates Foundation is requesting another \$200,000,000 from Rotarians.

Prez John next conducted a special raffle. There was a special price offered for tickets to encourage more participation. Additionally the prizes were larger.

First prize was \$20, second was \$10 and third was \$5. The first winning ticket for \$20 went to **John Evans**. John graciously declined to accept his winnings so that the monies could go to Polio Plus. The second winning ticket for \$10 went to **Greg O'Brien**. **Greg** graciously declined to accept his winnings so that the monies could go to Polio Plus. The third winning ticket for \$5 also went to

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Greg O'Brien, who again graciously declined to accept his winnings so that the monies could go to Polio Plus.

Prez John next announced that the annual Paul Harris event will be a Casino Night on October 3, 2009 at the Carson Club Center. **Prez John** purchased two tables for 20 people. Anyone who wants to go to the Casino Night should talk with **Prez John**.

At 1:30 p.m., exactly on time, **Prez John** adjourned the meeting. ♦

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

PV On the Net

Creative. Forward-thinking. Responsive. Pioneering. These are just a few of the words used to describe Ted Vegvari and his ever-expanding, non-profit computer technology center, Palos Verdes on the NET, now in its 15th year.

Be with us this Friday as Ted, who has been the director/manager of the center since its founding, presents the history and the future of this Peninsula mainstay that is so important to our cities, businesses, and individuals. ♦



MASERATI AND ITALIAN SPORTS CARS WILL BE FEATURED IN THIS YEAR'S PALOS VERDES CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE.

PALOS VERDES CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

A History of Our Club's Involvement, part 1

—by MARY JANE SCHOENHEIDER

For those who have joined our club in recent years, I think it's important that you know the history of the Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance, the major fundraiser for our club for the past 17 years.

Since the founding of the Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance in 1991 by past club president Eric Allan and then-member Vincent Beggs, the Concours's mission has been to create a world-class show of classic, vintage, historical, and special-interest automobiles, to provide funds for charitable and community purposes, and to promote the beauty and opportunities of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

From the beginning, the two beneficiaries of this great event have been our Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Foundation and the Palos Verdes Art Center with monies raised funding community

and educational outreach programs for youth in both organizations.

The past years have seen the Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance grow in stature among the collectors, classic-car aficionados and the automotive press. Today it is considered to be the best Concours in all of Southern California.

The first Palos Verdes Concours, held on the Ladera Linda soccer fields, was followed by seven years on the football field at Peninsula High School. This was followed by three years at Rolling Hills Country Club, and five years at what was originally Ocean Trails Golf Club, and now Trump National Golf Club. This year's 17th Annual Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance returns again to the spectacular Trump National Golf Club on the cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

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Sales of raffle tickets are hot this year, as all profits from our raffle go to the Polio-Plus campaign.





*Above:
This pristine
1965 Alfa
Romeo will
be on display
at the 2009
Palos Verdes
Concours
d'Elegance.*

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Known for its warm hospitality and professionalism, and considered by many as a premiere Concours on the West coast, the Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance continues to attract the top exhibitors in their classes from all over Southern California and the Western United States.

In this setting on the seven acre Founders Park, four to five thousand people will stroll among the finest pre-war, postwar and specialty automobiles exhibited and competing in 21 classes. This year's Concours on Sunday, September 13 takes on an Italian theme with Maserati as the featured marque.

A unique and now-traditional feature of the Palos Verdes Concours is our selection of a grand marshal who has a connection to the automotive world, including collectors, journalists, race-car drivers, and classic-car experts. Each of our grand marshals is honored at a pre-event that in recent years has become known as our Charity Gala. This year's grand marshal, Bob Bondurant, owner of the Bob Bondurant School of High-Performance Driving and internationally recognized as the leading authority on advanced driver training, will be the honored guest on Friday, September 11 at the Trump Ballroom. He joins a group of distinguished honorary judges that will award special-category trophies during the Concours Award Ceremony on Sunday. ♦

— READ "CONCOURS, PART 2" IN THE NEXT LA ROTACIÓN



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