

La Rotación

AUGUST 28, 2009

Programs & Events

AUGUST 28: Suzy Zimmerman, craft talk.

SEPTEMBER 4: DARK. Have a happy and safe Labor Day.

SEPTEMBER 11-13: Concours weekend of events.

OCTOBER 3: Paul Harris event: Casino Night.

Pictured below: John Schuricht.



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IF WE MISSED YOU ON AUGUST 21

High-Tech at PV on the Net

—BY CHRIS STILLIANS

Greeter: **Paul Rubincam**. Sgt.-at-Arms: **Kjell Hellberg**. Invocation: **Jim Hartman**. Pledge of Allegiance: **Norton Donner**. Patriotic Song: **Dian Ashley**.

Carolyn Lehr introduced guests. We had the pleasure of a visit from Mat Beaumont; **Norton Donner** introduced his brother-in-law, Jim Papp; **Steve Day** enjoyed the presence of his daughter Tamara, just back from an as-

signment in Paris; Patrick Donahue from the Manhattan Beach Rotary Club was with us; and **Joan Behrens** brought Judy Uy-Villaruz as her guest.

Raffle winner was **Christine Barnicki**, who pocketed the \$10.

Announcements: Liz Fitzgerald reminded us of the opportunity to donate goods and services to the upcoming Paul Harris Casino Night silent auction to be held on October 3.

Our president, (Engineer-TOOT-TOOT) **John Polen**, told us the club had purchased 20 seat tickets for the Paul Harris Casino Night Party, and that they would be available for purchase at the discounted price of \$75 each. You should be able to win that back easy. He also told us of his somewhat fuzzy recollection about the Beer and Wine Festival at the Trump Golf Course over the weekend. He said about 2,000 people attended and bought wine glasses at \$20.00 each. This adds up to \$40,000.00, split between our club and Little Company of Mary Hospital. John

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Steve Day brought his daughter Tamara to lunch. She's just returned to the States from Paris, where she worked for six months.

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also reminded us about our goal to raise \$1,000 for Polio Plus. We are, as of our meeting last Friday, at \$240 in our journey to reach this goal. **John** also informed us about the cost of Concourse d'Elegance tickets at \$25 each; group rate is \$20 each, and since we paid \$12.50 apiece for them we will make a profit of \$7.50 for each ticket we sell. **John** says we still need volunteers for parking duty.

Our speaker was Ted Vegvari. Ted and his assistant projector operator, Dale Allen, were introduced by John McTaggart, a former member of our club, and a past president of the Sunset Rotary Club. As most of us know John was been a member of the Rancho Pa-

los Verdes City Council for many years.

Ted is the founder of PV on the NET. Ted established a symbiotic relationship with RPV back in 1995. He was in need of a location for his budding computer-learning center, and the city was in need of his expertise regarding web development and other digital services. Out of this merging of talent and needs has blossomed a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the educational needs of young and old alike, while at the same time providing digital and multimedia solutions to government, organizations, clubs, and many community-based entities.

The following highlight some of these accomplishments:

- Developed the first websites for all four cities on the peninsula.
- Established the first Computer Technical Center.
- Built and installed the first networks for R.H.E. and R.P.V.
- Set up the first TV Channel and Studio on the grounds of R.P.V. City Hall.
- Set up the first computer internships.
- The first G.I.S. (Geographic Information Systems) center.
- First computer animation competition.
- First website for seniors.
- First computer training for city staff.
- First websites for Rotary Clubs, the P.V. Chamber of Commerce, local cities, non-profit organizations, clubs and groups.

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- First to offer free multimedia services to candidates for city office.

Ted told us of some of the success stories involving students who have been involved in the programs he started. One of the kids who started at the center went on to post a short on U-tube called “Doll Face.” This was the most-viewed selection on U-tube a couple of years ago. Another young man has gone on to success and a six-figure income working for MTV.

Taking advantage of the G.I.S. capabilities under his control, Ted set up a program called “Map Your Neighborhood.” The purpose of this program is to co-ordinate city emergency services.

He has also put into the hands of some very capable students a project to develop safe bike routes here on the Peninsula. In a similar fashion he has overseen the production of a map highlighting the horse trails meandering around the beautiful Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Asked by a guest how many Mac computers he had at the center he replied, “One, and it is not turned on.” Yeh...go PC. ♦



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 2

—by MARY JANE SCHOENHEIDER

Included in the Concours weekend of events is the ever-popular Tour d'Epicure Road Rallye on Saturday morning September 12, open not only to exhibitors but to the general public.

Greg Sparkman is the chairman again this year, and has come up with another great driving adventure around the Peninsula that is billed as “A Tale of Two Lights.” Liz Sparkman is right there helping him. **Greg** also does all the computer tabulation for the judging on Sunday.

Although the structure of the Concours Board of Directors has gone through reorganization over the years, we have always strived to keep a balance of representation for both our Rotary Club and the Art Center.

Over the 17 years a number of our members have taken on key positions

in making the Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance a most unique fundraiser for our community. Past Concours chairs include **Ed Clay**, **Bob Johnson** (who also chairs our Trophy and Awards committee) and **MJ Schoenheider** (now helping out with PR), and **John Evans**, who became an expert on horseless carriage and vintage classes and also took on the chairmanship of the Exhibitors Committee for a few years.

John Cameron serves as a class judge every year. Working as class managers on the Exhibitors Committee have been Roger and **Jackie Ignon**, Dan and **Liz Fitzgerald**, and Ray Johnson and **Linda Elliott**, who each year also check in the exhibitor cars beginning at 6 a.m. on Sunday morning. **Linda** is one of our Concours sponsors.

Major sponsor **Kjell Hellberg**, —“CONCOURS” CONTINUES, PG 4

Guests last week included, from the left, speaker Ted Vegvari, former club member John McTaggart, and Dale Allen.





*Above:
This sleek and sporty 1976 Lancia will be on display at the 2009 Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance.*

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along with his wife, Cheryl, have given us space in his Riviera Village medical building for our Concours office. **Kjell** handles ticket sales, and Cheryl chairs the volunteer committee with committee member **Phyllis Pelezzare**. **Julia Parton** is in charge of vendors again this year, and **John Polen** serves on the executive board as our CFO. **Bob Gulcher** makes sure we have a sound system on the field each year, and from the beginning **Christine Barnicki** has created all our wonderful graphics, winning many awards for our programs. **Mel Schrier** has been editor

for the program, and written a number of our automotive feature stories. He and **Hal Lazar** have documented the cars on display with their fine photography. Other of our Rotarians have taken on lead positions in past years, such as **Peter McCormick** chairing parking. It takes about 200 volunteers to staff this entire weekend of Concours events, and we count on all our members to not only volunteer, but support the Concours by purchasing and selling tickets, and supporting us in other ways by attending the Grand Marshal's Gala, and participating in the Road Rallye.

The more we give, the more we get back for our Rotary Club.

For more information on the Palos Verdes Concours go to www.pvconcours.com. ♦



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