



# The Spoke & Wheel

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Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, Club 842 in District 5320, was Chartered September 13, 1974.*

Club Leadership/Board Members: Ken Dever, President; Paul Bucknum, President-Elect; Joe Lavoie, Vice President (IPP); Dave Williams, Secretary; Bill Kersten, Treasurer; Barbara Kogerman, Club Administration Chair; Jim Colitz, Membership Chair; Mike Getto, Public Relations Chair; Bob McQueen, Service Chair; Rich Frieder, Co-Director, Int'l Service; Pushpa Chandwani, Co-Director, Int'l Service; Dennis O'Connor, Director, Community Service; Gary Brenner, Director, Vocational Service; Scott Walker, Director at Large (Speakers); Chris Skorina, Director at Large (Bylaws); Dave Leckness, Director at Large (City Hall); Bob Brown, Co-Director, Youth Service; Fred Chambers, Co-Director, Youth Service and Eric Johnson, Director, Club Service.

Club Meetings: Wednesdays, 7:10 A.M. to 8:30 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club, 26200 Country Club Dr., Mission Viejo, CA 92691

RI and District Officers: Ron D. Burton, RI President; Rae Shirer, District 5320 Governor.

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

### ***MV Rotary Donates \$2600 to the Door of Faith Orphanage!***

*Report & photo by Jim Hansen*



At the December 11, 2013 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, **Dr. Richard Frieder**, Co-Director of International Service for the Club, presented a check in the amount of \$2,600.20 to Director D.J. Schuetze, of the Door of Faith Orphanage in Baja, Mexico. The donation will help the Orphanage staff provide Christmas gifts for the 120 children in their care.

This donation marks the 20th year the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has supported the orphanage. In addition to providing funds and/or gifts for the children's Christmas, the club has provided annual eye exams, and glasses as needed, to the children and staff for the past two decades, as well. The club sends a team to the orphanage led by **Dr. Richard Freider**. The team includes **Dr. Aaron Sako** and staff from **La Paz Optometric in Laguna Hills**, **Dr. Pushpa Chandwani** and other Rotary members and friends.

Additional support is given the orphanage throughout the year, as well. For example: 1) the club helped purchase the school uniforms needed by the children to attend public school in Mexico; 2) the club helped purchase a newer van used for transporting children to school, church, and community service projects; and more.

For more information, please visit: [www.missionviejorotary.org](http://www.missionviejorotary.org) or [www.dofa.org](http://www.dofa.org).

### **Selected Upcoming Events**

*(For more details, please  
review the two-month  
calendar at the end of this  
bulletin.)*

### **Upcoming Club Events Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Web Site:**

[www.missionviejorotary.org](http://www.missionviejorotary.org)

**Dec. 25: NO MEETING.**

**Jan. 1: NO MEETING.**

### **Upcoming District Events District 5320 Web site:**

[www.rotary5320.org](http://www.rotary5320.org)

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## CLUB SERVICE

# Fatherhood

Report by Verl Nash • Photo by Bill Kersten

On Wednesday, December 4, 2013, we had an excellent program on the Importance of Fatherhood presented by Maria Crockett. She gave some rather startling statistics on fatherless homes. For example:

- Four times as likely to live in poverty.
- More likely to have behavioral problems.
- At higher risk of domestic violence.
- More likely to go prison.
- More likely to commit crimes.
- Seven times as likely to get pregnant as a teen.
- 120% more likely to be endangered by some type of child abuse and neglect.
- 68% more likely to smoke and to abuse substances including alcohol and drugs
- Nine times as likely to drop out of school.

She then had a volunteer, Scott Walker, come up and we were all given a sheet of positive words and when Scott closed his eyes we went around the



room saying one of the positive words in three minutes. When it was over Scott felt much better about himself. This just reinforced her theme of hearing positive things rather than negative statements all the time. She then had Dennis O'Connor tell a story about his childhood. She repeated the story with a positive spin on it and Dennis felt she told the story better than he had. Once again positive influence.

She felt that we all have a responsibility to help by being positive in our conclusions about people.

Truly a very positive program for this, or any, time of year.

- Verl Nash

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

December 15, 2013



*Whenever I held my newborn baby in my arms, I used to think that what I said and did to him could have an influence not only on him but on all whom he met, not only for a day or a month or a year, but for all eternity – a very challenging and exciting thought for a mother.*

–Rose Kennedy, (1890-1995), mother of U.S. President John F. Kennedy

## CLUB SERVICE

# Rotary Club of MV Celebrates the Holidays!

*Photos by Jack Wallace • Report by Jim Hansen*

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo celebrated the Holidays during the Annual Holiday Party on December 8, 2013 at the Mission Viejo Country Club.

In addition to the wonderful dinner and fellowship, the festivities included a gift exchange, an amazing singing group, *The Jewel Tones*, from Mission Viejo, most festive outfit contest, and most festive tie contest.

A special appearance by Santa Rick, (Rick Erwin), was enjoyed by all!

Winner of the most festive tie: Col. Kogerman

Winner of most festive outfit: Barbara Kogerman.

Congratulations to President Ken Dever for his leadership during the planning and execution of the event!



## CLUB SERVICE

# Door of Faith Orphanage - Baja, Mexico

*Photo by PP Bill Kersten • Report by Jim Hansen*



DJ Schuetze, Administrator of Door of Faith Orphanage in Baja, Mexico, was guest speaker during the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo on December 11, 2013.

DJ shared insight into the every day activities of running an orphanage. DJ, and his wife Lynette, are the administrators for the orphanage and run it like a large family. Their stated goals include: 1) provide the children with a “normal” family life; 2) provide, and support, all educational endeavors - even college as available, (one college age student now in law school and one in an RN program); and 3) encourage community service as a part of everyday life.

DJ reminded the audience that the Door of Faith received no money or support from the local or federal governments in Mexico - it runs completely on group and individual donations! Individuals, churches, Rotary clubs, etc. provide the \$500,000 annually needed to feed, house, transport the 120 children, including 16 under 2 years, in their care.

For more, please visit: [www.dofo.org](http://www.dofo.org). Donations are always appreciated!



## **ROTARY SHARES!**



*Photo Above: PP Dennis O'Connor, Webmaster and Facebook Coordinator*

## **WEBSITE NEWS**

Be sure to visit the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Website at:  
[www.missionviejorotary.org](http://www.missionviejorotary.org)  
and

## **FACEBOOK NEWS**

Like us on Facebook!

## **RC OF POONA, INDIA**

To view the *Poona Service Wheel*, our sister club's weekly bulletin, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RCPoona/>

## **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**



*Photo Above: The "White Elephant" photo was taken by Director Jack Wallace during his trip to Hawaii in 2008.*

## **WHITE ELEPHANT**

Please bring a White Elephant item on your assigned date. (The Board suggests you may donate \$20 in lieu of a White Elephant item if you wish).

## **REVISED OCT. 4, 2013**

Dec. 18 - Jacki Hanson  
Dec. 25 - NO Meeting  
Jan. 1 - NO Meeting  
Jan. 8 - Pushpa Chandwani  
Jan. 15 - Michael Jagerman  
Jan. 22 - Eric Johnson  
Jan. 29 - Jack Jones  
Feb. 5 - Bill Kersten  
Feb. 12 - Barbara Kogerman  
Feb. 19 - Joe Lavoie  
Feb. 26 - Dave Leckness

## **BRING A GUEST!**

### **Make-up Clubs**

Coto de Caza/Rancho Santa Margarita - 1st Thursday of the month at 7 A.M. and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 P.M. at the Tijeras Creek Golf Club.

Laguna Niguel - Tuesdays at 12:00 noon at Savannah Chop House, 32441 Golden Lantern, Laguna Niguel

Monarch Beach - 7 A.M. Wednesdays at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort in Dana Point.

San Clemente - 12 noon Thursdays at the San Clemente Inn, 2600 Avenida del Presidente.

On-line make-up: <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/programs.htm>

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## **THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST**

*Of the things we think, say or do:*

1. *Is it the truth?*
2. *Is it fair to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build goodwill and better friendships?*
4. *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

***ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO  
DECEMBER 2013***

DEC. 4	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
DEC 8	-	HOLIDAY PARTY - Mission Viejo Country Club
DEC 11	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
DEC 18	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
DEC. 19*	-	BOARD MEETING - 7:00 A.M., M.V. City Hall
DEC. 25	-	NO MEETING

\* To be confirmed

***ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO  
JANUARY 2014***

JAN. 1	-	NO MEETING
JAN. 8	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
JAN. 14	-	PRESIDENTS' MEETING, 5:30 P.M., Doubletree Hotel, Orange
JAN. 15	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
JAN. 16	-	BOARD MEETING, 7 A.M. (M. V. City Hall)
JAN. 22	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
JAN. 22-24	-	PETS (for President-Elect Paul Bucknum)
JAN. 29	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
JAN. ?	-	DOOR OF FAITH