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"Proudly serving Saddleback Valley since 1974"

Club Leadership/Board Members: Jim Colitz, President; Chris Skorina, President-Elect; Greg Raths, President-Nominee; LOA, Vice President/Immediate Past President; Sita Gyan-Gorski, Secretary & Director of Youth Service; PP Bill Kersten, Treasurer; PP Ken Dever, Director at Large; Gary Brenner, Director at Large; Pushpa Chandwani, Director of International Service; PP Dennis O'Connor, Director of Director of Community Service; Tam Nguyen, Director of Vocational Service; Greg Raths, Director of Club Service; Steve March, Membership Chair; PP Jim Hansen, Club Rotary Foundation Chair (TRF); and PP Paul Bucknum, Mission Viejo Rotary Foundation Representative.

CLUB SERVICE

PDG Dave Williams

Report by PP Jim Hansen • Photos by PP Bill Kersten

During the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo on November 22, 2017, club members honored PDG Dave Williams. Dave joined the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo in 2008. He has a wealth of knowledge and he immediately began to share. He supported every project the Mission Viejo club entered and, in most cases, rolled up his sleeves, tightened his belt, and "jumped in" 100%.

Dave is known throughout District 5320, and RI, for the same reasons listed above. For example, Dave has been a presenter at numerous District Assemblies, was District 5280 Governor and held 27 other positions in Rotary.

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Photo: PDG Dave Williams and President Jim Colitz

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Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Website:
www.missionviejorotary.org
Rotary District 5320 Website:
www.Rotary5320.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *December 2: Holiday Party!*
- *June 9-10: Annual Relay for Life.*
- *For more information and details, please visit:*

www.missionviejorotary.org

PDG Dave Williams (Cont.)

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Just a few of Dave's commitments to Mission Viejo's Rotary club include: Youth Exchange, TRF, Relay for Life, Walk Against Drugs, Symphonies in the Cities (formerly Symphony on the Green), Fundraisers, Esperanza Pancake Breakfast, Grant writing, Door of Faith Orphanage, and much more!

Thank you, Dave!

You are an inspiration and a true Rotarian!

CLUB SERVICE

Canyon Fire #1 & Canyon Fire #2

Orange County Fire Captain Larry Kurtz was guest speaker on November 15, 2017, at the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo's regular meeting.

Captain Kurtz shared many details of fighting a large fire. The audience learned of home and life protection, assignment areas, planned evacuation, "containment", perimeter control, access issues, and more. Members of the audience learned of mutual agreements enabling Orange County Fire, LA County Fire, LA City Fire, and other agencies to work together fighting large fires in Southern California.

For more information, please feel free to visit: www.missionviejorotary.org.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

New Books Delivered to SVUSD Schools

Report by PP Jim Hansen • Photo submitted by PP Dennis O'Connor

On Wednesday, November 15, 2017, **PP Dennis O'Connor, President Jim Colitz, Dr. Pushpa Chandwani and PP Jim Hansen** delivered 200 new Scholastic Readers to five elementary school libraries within the Saddleback Valley Unified School District.

The books were purchased by the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo to support the Rotary "Reading by 9" program.

The five schools receiving new books include: Olivewood, Santiago, Linda Vista, Cordillera, and Glen Yermo Elementary Schools.

For more details, please visit: www.missionviejorotary.org.

Photo: PP Dennis O'Connor, Santiago Elementary School Librarian, President Jim Colitz

Quote of the Week!

December 1, 2017

"Every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity an obligation; every possession a duty."

– John D. Rockefeller, industrialist, philanthropist (1839-1937)

Lived: Jul 08, 1839 - May 23, 1937 (age 97)
Height: 5' 11" (1.80 m)
Spouse: Laura Spelman Rockefeller (m. 1864 - 1915)
Founded: Standard Oil · Rockefeller University · Rockefeller Foundation
University of C Chicago · Rockefeller Brothers Fund
Buried: Lake View Cemetery
Siblings: William Rockefeller (Brother) · Frank Rockefeller (Brother) · Mary Ann Rockefeller Sister) · Francis Rockefeller (Brother) · Lucy Rockefeller Briggs (Sister)

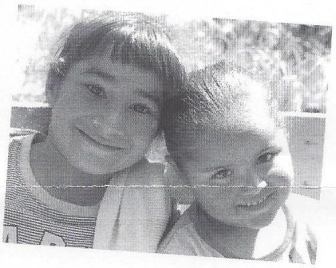
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Door of Faith

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo has partnered with the Door of Faith Orphanage for many years. Again this year club members and friends donated approximately $2,000 for children's Christmas gifts!

Door of Faith
Orphanage

To A Valued Friend of Door of Faith,

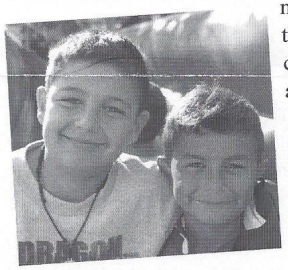


It's been an exciting year here in Baja. The children are healthy, the staff is doing great, and we know God is in control.

As odd as it sounds, we received our "official" license as an orphanage this year. Door of Faith has been serving children for over fifty years but the Mexican government recently enacted MANY new laws and regulations for orphanages (not unlike the laws in the US). **Only one out of five orphanages in Baja have been able to complete all of the requirements but, thanks to our many partners and our great team here, we are now officially government approved and licensed.**

We've been building a new chapel on site and a few months ago we brought our Sunday morning service in-house. The service is very age appropriate and the children are actively involved in dramas, prayer, and sharing. We've also been able to host our first wedding and Cynthia, one of our girls, had her quinceañera (15th birthday) service here in our chapel. **The services and events have been a great addition to our family's many activities.**

Education has always been a top priority for us. This year, we've continued to look for areas to expand and improve the many life skills we're teaching our children. We've expanded our music program, we've started age appropriate "Bible clubs" for all the children, and we're using our bakery to teach cake decorating classes. **It's exciting to see our children grow in so many areas as we encourage them and provide these opportunities.**



We want to thank the many people who make our work possible. We are well aware that Door of Faith is only here to care for the children thanks to the people who partner with us. **Our kids have a safe home and bright future thanks to people like you.**

Sincerely
The Children and Staff of Door of Faith

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YOUTH SERVICE

Rotary Youth Exchange

Report submitted by PDG Dave Williams

PDG Dave Williams writes, "I am forwarding a first quarter report I received from Shawn Trumbly, Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Columbia. I think you will agree he is representing the nation, Rotary and our club very well." - *Dave Williams*

Hi Dave! How's it going?

Before I begin, let me tell you how EXCITED I am to give and share with you my first quarter report on my exchange. I have had the most amazing time here in Colombia and there is so much more for me to experience!!

As you know, I am in Colombia. Colombia is the northernmost country in South America and shares a border with Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, and Venezuela. That being said, I am in a city named Villavicencio. Villavicencio is the Capitol of the Department (or the Colombian equivalent of a state) of Meta. I am approximately 3 hours south of Bogota, which is near the center of the country. So, that means that I am just outside of the mountains which is fortunate because it spares me from the cold temperatures of Bogota, but unfortunate because I get to live in the "lovely" humidity of the Colombian jungles and plains. In my region, we are in "los llanos" which translates to the plains. The geography on 3 sides of me is very very flat with rivers providing the only elevation change, but on my forth side are the mountains that lead to Bogota.

What I have done so far (Rotary related): I went to Pereira, a city about 9 hours away from me, with all the Rotary exchange students in my district here in Colombia, District 4281. My district is the largest of the two district in Colombia and has approximately 75 exchange students. The second district is a lot smaller with about 15 exchange students. I attended the inbound orientation called Introcamp in Pereira and got to meet lots and lots of students from around the world. My best friends are Nikki from the Netherlands, Tayte from Canada, Roman from Germany, and Toby from France. Fortunately for me, Roman and Toby are in my city, while Roman and I are even classmates at the same school and grade. I have attended few Rotary Club meetings and have gotten the opportunity to meet many of the club's members. I also went with the Rotary Club to lunch where we had Paella, a Spanish seafood dish. Each plate had a small cost and the club raised around $400 to contribute for World Polio Day.

What I have done so far (not Rotary related): I go to a private school in Villavicencio and it is by far one of the best schools in the city. My classmates are wonderful people who have so much to contribute and give to Colombian society with aspirations to become lawyers, doctors, engineers and other professions, and have seamlessly accepted me to their grade. My first week there we went to a private aquatic center and for PE that day we had to jump off the Olympic diving boards. I am shameless to say that I did not jump from the 10m and 7.5m diving boards but I did jump off the 5m diving boards which many of my classmates did not do. I also have gotten to know some cities in Colombia such as Villa Nueva, Puerto Lopex, Puerto Gaitan, Bogota, Garagoa and a few others. My favorite of those has to be Garagoa. It is a small city in the mountains where the mom and sister of my host mom, Stella, live. Recently, I attended to Cacao Expo, with Roman, Toby, and a classmate from school who invited us to go with him. We learned the complete process of how chocolate is made and even bought 2 Cacao plants while we were there in addition to lots of chocolate. Yum!

If you could please send this email to the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, I would LOVE for them to hear about and to learn more about the wonderful culture that Colombia has to offer me during my exchange.

Best Regards,

Shawn Trumbly
cjtrumbly@yahoo.com

ROTARY SHARES

WHITE ELEPHANT*

Please bring a White Elephant item on your assigned date. (You may make a $20 donation in lieu of an item).

Dec. 6 - Jason Grange
Dec. 13 - Bill Kersten
Dec. 20 - Barbara Kogerman
Dec. 27 - Heidi Larkin-Reed
Jan. 3 - Dave Leckness
Jan. 10 - Don Lewellen
*Occasionally revised. Check regularly!

GREETERS*

Dec. 6 - Jason Grange
Dec. 13 - Bill Kersten
Dec. 20 - Barbara Kogerman
Dec. 2? - Heidi Larkin-Reed
Jan. 3 - Dave Leckness
Jan. 10 - Don Lewellen
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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

FACEBOOK NEWS

Facebook Coordinator:
Greg Raths

WEBSITE NEWS

Webmaster:
PP Paul Bucknum
www.missionviejorotary.org

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

On-line make-up: http://www.rotaryeclubone.org/programs.htm

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To view *The Service Wheel,* published by the Rotary Club of Poona, India, (RCMV sister club), go to:

https:www.facebook.com/groups/RCPoona/

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 GOOD WILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?*
4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO
ROTARY YEAR 2017-18
DECEMBER 2017*

DEC. 2 (Sat.)	***-***	***HOLIDAY PARTY - Home of Rotarian Barbara Kogerman***
DEC. 6 (Wed.)	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
DEC. 12 (Tues.)	***-***	***BOARD MEETING - 7:00 A.M., Office of Mosher & Skorina, P.C.***
DEC. 13 (Wed.)	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
DEC. 20 (Wed.)	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
DEC. 27 (Wed.)	-	*REGULAR MEETING?- 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club

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ROTARY YEAR 2017-18
JANUARY 2018*

JAN. 3 (Wed.)	-	*REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
JAN. 9 (Tues.)	***-***	***BOARD MEETING - 7:00 A.M., Office of Mosher & Skorina, P.C.***
JAN. 10 (Wed.)	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
JAN. 17 (Wed.)	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
JAN. 24 (Wed.)	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
JAN. 31 (Wed.)	-	*FIFTH WHEEL MEETING - TBA

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