



# The Spoke & Wheel



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*Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, CA, (Club 842), District 5320, Chartered September 13, 1974.*

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**Club Meetings:** Wednesdays, 7:10 A.M. to 8:30 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club, 26200 Country Club Dr., Mission Viejo, CA 92691  
**2015-2016 RI and District Officers:** Ravi Ravindran, RI President; Kevin Padilla, District 5320 Governor.

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

### Check Dams and New Restrooms - India

*Report and photos submitted by Dr. Pushpa Chandwani*



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The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo's Global Grant Project, (partnered with the Rotary Club of Thane East, India), to support construction of new school restrooms and three check dams, to assist retaining drinking and irrigation water, has made wonderful progress. The three restrooms have been completed in the villages of Dahivali, Bhuvan, and Waghivali in Kalyan Tauka, India, (see photos above).

Construction of three check dams at the village of Madh is well underway. One is completed and two others are in the last stage of construction, (see photo above).

For more, visit: [www.missionviejorotary.org](http://www.missionviejorotary.org)

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**Rotary District 5320 Website:**  
[www.Rotary5320.org](http://www.Rotary5320.org)

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## CLUB SERVICE

### RYLA

Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten

The guest speaker during the January 6, 2016 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo was Mervin, from the San Clemente Sunrise Rotary club.

Mervin shared information about the upcoming RYLA, (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). The leadership weekend for high school juniors is scheduled to be held during the weekend of April 22-24, 2016.

If you are interested in assisting in any way, go to [www.rotary5320.org](http://www.rotary5320.org) and sign up.

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



Photo: Mervin and PE David Bugay

## CLUB SERVICE

### Newest PHF updates

Report by Jim Hansen • Photos by Bill Kersten

Sita Gyan-Gorski (PHF), Richard Frieder (PHF+5), Verl Nash (PHF+6), Mark Furlan (PHF), and Tam Nguyen (PHF +1) have upgraded their Paul Harris Fellowship status through donations and points to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

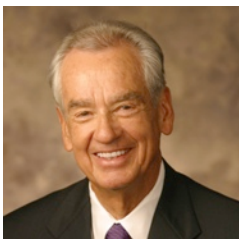
Congratulations and thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation. (TRF)



Sita, Richard, Verl & Mark



Tam & PDG Dave



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK - JANUARY 15, 2016!

*The greatest good we can do for others is not just to share our riches with them, but to reveal theirs.*

-- Zig Ziglar

*CLUB SERVICE****Down the Years - No. III******By George Cooper******BACKFIRE***

International Service projects in the many lands Rotarians attempt to help can easily backfire if the culture of a particular area is not understood or even ignored.

I first learned this outside of Rotary when a friend of mine who belonged to AA had traveled with a group from his church to help a church in another land with the needs of their community. My friend learned that one problem was alcoholism in the community so he decided that he would like to start an AA Group in the church and the church immediately shut the door on his plan. Why?

Because the church had banned anyone becoming a member of that church if they drank alcohol. A difference in the culture of his church in the U.S. over the same church in the land of his visit.

Regarding Rotary, this was well brought out in an excellent article in the Rotarian July 2015 written by frequent contributor Warren Kalbacker. Mr. Kalbacker points out that, “a project can go awry for many reasons. Emotional reactions, poor communication, and lack of knowledge. Cultural differences might scuttle a painstaking designed education program. [An example might be specific] parents might feel it’s less important for their children to attend school than to help with a harvest.”

A couple of questions Mr. Kalbacker asks: “How can we talk about malaria prevention when someone has no food security? How can we address the nutritional needs of children when parents go hungry?” The key in entering a community is looking at all the issues-health, food, security and the environment. We need everybody’s expertise if we’re going to be helpful in the life of the community. Donors sometimes implement programs without talking to the intended beneficiary. We need to rethink that. We need to help them develop assets that they value.

Mr. Kalbacker suggests, “If you see women carrying water three hours a day, you may want to fix the problem by developing a new well. But maybe the women did not wish to change because the men in the village no longer had to depend on the women to bring water. The new well eliminated the community of women. Their social structure was no longer recognized.”

The article stresses that it is so easy to be carried away with your emotions, neglecting to ask some common sense questions. And your project might simply backfire!



## CLUB SERVICE

# David Schwartz - Craft Talk

Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten



During the January 13, 2016 regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, newer member David Schwartz presented his Craft Talk to further introduce himself and his career field.

David is married to Jen, lives in Rancho Santa Margarita, and is employed by Modern Woodmen of America.

David told the audience that Modern Woodmen of America helps clients with "Planning for Life."

He stated the company can help clients:

- Protect yourself and your loved ones against life's uncertainties.
- Save for emergencies or opportunities and invest in your future.

• Retire comfortably and securely, with income that can last a lifetime.

• Preserve your estate and control how it's passed to your loved ones.

• Ensure the financial security of your business and family.

• Attract, retain, and reward quality employees.

Maybe most importantly, the non-profit company returns money to the community through Youth Information Kits, Matching funds for qualified fundraisers, and more.

Welcome, again, David!

## Texas Hold'em

Mark your calendars ... The upcoming Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Annual Fundraiser is being planned for **June 11, 2016!**

Chairman Greg Rath has formed his planning committee, confirmed the time, date and location, and is well on the way to a very successful fundraiser. By the way, if you are interested in working with the planning committee, contact Greg.



Above: Last year's flyer!

### ROTARY SHARES



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

### WHITE ELEPHANT\*

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

Jan. 20 - Victoria Avery

Jan. 27 - Gary Brenner

Feb. 3 - Paul Bucknum

Feb. 10 - David Bugay

\*Occasionally revised. Check weekly!

### GREETERS\*

Please arrive by 6:45 AM.

Wear the red greeter's badge and greet members and guests. Encourage guests to sign-in and show them to the table of their invitee

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### SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### FACEBOOK NEWS



Facebook Coordinator Rotarian  
Greg Rath

#### WEBSITE NEWS



Webmaster Jennifer Emanuel  
[www.missionviejorotary.org](http://www.missionviejorotary.org)

### RC OF POONA, INDIA

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

### 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

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

ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO  
JANUARY 2016\*

JAN. 6	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
JAN. 13	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
JAN. 14	-	<i>BOARD MEETING - 7:00 A.M., Mission Viejo City Hall</i>
JAN. 20	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
JAN. 27	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club

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FEBRUARY 2016\*

FEB. 3	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
FEB. 10	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
FEB. 11	-	BOARD MEETING - 7:00 A.M., Mission Viejo City Hall
FEB. 17	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
FEB. 24	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club

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