

The Spoke & Wheel

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Thank you, Greg and Congratulations, Steve!

PP Greg Raths was honored during a social distanced meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. This year, the club was required to cancel or postpone many traditions due to COVID-19. Nonetheless, during the 2019-2020 Rotary Year, **under President Greg's leadership**, the club completed many projects. Examples include:

- 16 Thanksgiving Dinners delivered to OC Social Services for distribution;
- 16 Christmas Dinners delivered to OC Social Services;
- Assisted in six months of Park-it Markets, (July to December);
- Partnered with Geneva Presbyterian Church and delivered 80 Backpacks filled with school supplies for the 2019-20 school year;
- Sponsored Recreation Center Belly flop contest;
- Celebrated the 45th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo;
- Supported the End Polio Now fundraiser at Angels game and Chili Cook-off;
- Donated \$5,000 to Xela AID Guatemala;
- Donated for Door of Faith Christmas gifts;
- Participated in the Rotary float decorating for the January 1, 2020, Rose Parade;
- Participated in the Annual Walk Against Drugs;
- Sponsored two high school Interact Clubs;
- Participated in Rise Against Hunger;
- Participated in "Rotary Project Shield" supplying 70,000 medical face shields;
- First ever on-line meeting of the Rotary Club of MV;
- First ever on-line Board Meeting of the Rotary Club of MV;
- Provided five HS Scholarships;
- Partnered with Rotary Club of Monarch Beach to provide \$33,000 Global Grant for Bocal Dental Clinic, Philippines; and
- Participated in a food caravan for Family Assistance Ministries in South County.

President Steve Marsh, congratulations! Members look forward to another productive and meaningful year!

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Club Meetings:

All meetings and events are temporarily on hold or on-line.

The first four Wednesdays each month from 7:10 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. at Mission Viejo County Club.

Website:

Please visit:

www.missionviejorotary.org

Welcome 2020-2021 MV Rotary Board!



President - Dr. Steven Marsh

President-Elect - John Garcia

Immediate Past President - Greg Rath

President-Nominee - Sita Gyan-Gorski

Secretary - Heidi Larkin-Reed

Treasurer - Bill Kersten

Director of Club Service - Dennis O'Connor

Director of Community Service - Chris Skorina

***Co-Directors of Youth Service - John Garcia & Jack Wallace**

Director of International Service - Dr. Pushpa Chandwani

Director of Vocational Service - David Parker

Director-at-Large & Sargent-at-Arms - Gary Brenner

Director-at-Large - Phil Philipose

Membership Chairman - Jack Wallace

MV Rotary Foundation Representative - Paul Bucknum

***Director-at-Large, Public Relations & Media - Jack Jones**

***Director-at-Large, Website & Social Media - Steve Getman**

***Director-at-Large, Mentorship - Ashley Grigas**

“A Call for Pro-Active Police Chiefs”

Dr. Mike Rustigan, retired professor of Criminology, was guest speaker during the June 17, 2020, on-line meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo.



Dr. Rustigan shared his thoughts on current law enforcement events and suggested the place to begin reform is with police chiefs. He believes most police chiefs need to change and he sees a need to get the community involved in supporting police.

He shared many things for members to give thought.

Thank you to **Program Coordinator Scott Walker** for making arrangements for Dr. Rustigan’s presentation.

Food Caravan for Family Assistance Ministries in South County



Photo: (L to R) Steve Marsh, Pushpa Chandwani, Chris Skorina, and Ashley Grigas

Over fifty cars participated in the Rotary Club of San Clemente and Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano's food caravan for Family Assistance Ministries in South County.

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo participated with four cars filled with food. The four MV Rotarian drivers were **Steve Marsh, Pushpa Chandwani, Chris Skorina, and Ashley Grigas.**

The event was a success and another great example of "people doing good in the world."

Thank you to Rotarian Steve Marsh for coordinating the MV Rotarians participation!

Rotary Club of Mission Viejo honors past members!



The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo made an annual visit to the Rotary Grove at the Oso Creek Trail in Mission Viejo. The Grove was established, with the support and help of the City of Mission Viejo, many years ago. Members were reminded that past Rotarian Norm Miller was instrumental in coordinating the efforts to establish the Rotary Grove. The Grove includes a bronze plaque and an outdoor cabinet containing the names of deceased Mission Viejo Rotarians.

During the ceremony, Dave Leckness read the names of past members and comments regarding each past Rotarian were shared by members in attendance. Special comments were offered for Verl Nash, due in part to his very recent death, but mostly due to his dedication to serving others and “doing good in the world.”

Dr. Millard Roth led members in, “What a Wonderful World” as a tribute to Verl and to all past MV Rotarians.



Heidi receives District 5320 Rotarian of the Year!



During the District Governor on-line Transition meeting June 25, 2020, Mission Viejo Rotarian Heidi Larkin-Reed was announced as *District Rotarian of the Year for 2019-2020* by outgoing Governor Marc Aarons!

Congratulations, Heidi!

Quote of the Week!

Independence Day!

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Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States, on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress had voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4.



Park-it Market

ON HOLD...

***STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES ON THIS MV ROTARY PROJECT SUPPORTING OUR
CITY AND RESIDENTS!***



ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO

WHITE ELEPHANT

(As part of the club's fundraising effort, members are requested to bring a White Elephant item or donate \$20 on their assigned date.)

FOR ON LINE OR REGULAR MEETINGS

- JULY 1 - JIM HANSEN**
- JULY 8 - JACKI HANSON**
- JULY 15 - JACK JONES**
- JULY 22 - BILL KERSTEN**
- JULY 29 - HEIDI LARKIN-REED**
- AUG. 5 - DAVE LECKNESS**
- AUG. 12 - DON LEWELLEN**
- AUG. 19 - STEVE MARSH**
- AUG. 26 - RICK MURRAY**

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GREETERS

(On your assigned date, please arrive at the meeting 10 minutes early and greet guests and members with a warm Rotary welcome!)

ON HOLD UNTIL "IN-PERSON" MEETINGS BEGIN!

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** Dates of participation subject to change.*

** If the date listed is inconvenient, email me, (Jim Hansen at: jhansen4@cox.net), and I will move you to an alternate date!*

**ALL CALENDAR LISTINGS ARE TENTATIVE OR
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO
ROTARY YEAR 2020-2021
Club President, Steve Marsh
JULY 2020***

- JUL. 1 (Wed.) - ON-LINE CLUB MEETING - 7:30 A.M.**
- JUL. 8 (Wed.) - ON-LINE CLUB MEETING - 7:30 A.M.**
- JUL 10 (Fri.) - ON HOLD - PARK-IT MARKET**
- JULY 13 (Mon.) - ON-LINE BOARD MEETING**
- JUL. 15 Wed.) - ON-LINE CLUB MEETING - 7:30 A.M.**
- JUL. 22 (Wed.) - ON-LINE CLUB MEETING - 7:30 A.M.**
- JUL. 29 (Wed.) - ON-LINE CLUB MEETING (IN PLACE OF 5TH WHEEL)**

**Dates, times and locations subject to change*

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AUGUST 2020**

- AUG. 5 - ON LINE CLUB MEETING - 7:30 A.M.**
- AUG.10 - ON LINE BOARD MEETING**
- AUG. 12 - ON LINE CLUB MEETING - 7:30 A.M.**
- AUG. 14 - ON HOLD - PARK-IT MARKET**
- AUG. 19 - ON LINE CLUB MEETING - 7:30 A.M.**
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