



# 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:** Paul Bucknum, President; Barbara Kogerman, President-Elect; Ken Dever, Vice President (IPP); Dave Williams, Secretary; Bill Kersten, Treasurer; Barbara Kogerman, Club Administration Chair; Jim Colitz, Membership Chair; Jack Jones, Public Relations Chair; Bob McQueen, Service Chair; Richard Frieder/Pushpa Chandwani, Co-Directors, Int'l Service; Dennis O'Connor, Director, Community Service; Gary Brenner, Director, Vocational Service; Chris Skorina, Foundation Rep.; Jim Hansen, 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:** Gary C.K. Huang, RI President; John R. Paddock, District 5320 Governor.

## CLUB SERVICE

### MV Rotary's Major Donors

*Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten*



During the March 4, 2015 meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, the club recognized the club's five Major Donors - **PDG Jack Jones, Dr. Pushpa Chandwani, PDG Dave Williams, PP Scott Walker, and PP Gary Poertner.**

Also in the above photo is 2014-15 District 5320 Governor Jim Paddock who attended to focus special recognition on

Pushpa for becoming the club's newest Major Donor!

Major Donor acknowledgement indicated that the individual has donated a minimum of \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation. (Points and other incentives do not count - this amount is actual US dollars).

Congratulations and thank you all for your ongoing dedication to helping and serving others through Rotary.

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[www.Rotary5320.org](http://www.Rotary5320.org)

*Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Website:*  
[www.missionviejorotary.org](http://www.missionviejorotary.org)

**CLUB SERVICE*****Honor Flight Southland****Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten*

The guest speaker during the March 4, 2015 regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo was Mr. Craig Van Doren, coordinator of the local Honor Flight Southland. "Our mission is to safely transport American veterans, at no cost to them, to Washington DC to see the memorial/s built in their honor. World War II veterans have top priority," said Mr. Van Doren.

During his time, Mr. Van Doren explained the program, operations, etc. and showed a short video of past missions.

To donate, apply or for more information, please visit: <http://www.honorflightsouthland.org> or write to a representative at: PO Box 11752 Upland, CA 91785-1752.



*Photo: MVR President Paul Bucknum, Bob Ruiz (WWII Veteran), and Craig Van Doren*

**CLUB SERVICE*****District 5320 Conference - 2015****Report by Jim Hansen*

May 1 - 3, 2015 plan to join the fun and education at District 5320's Annual Conference on Catalina Island.

The event will include wonderful events, stimulating Breakout Sessions, meals, free time, motivational speakers, and much more!

***Register Now!***

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

***QUOTE OF THE WEEK - MARCH 15, 2015******"A pessimist, confronted with two bad choices, chooses both."***

- J. K. Rowling, Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets, 1999



## Dr. Pushpa Chandwani is recognized for her commitment to International Projects

A long-standing partnership between R.C. Mission Viejo, Dist 5320, and R.C. Thane East, Dist 3140, began during the Rotary Year 2004-05. MV Rotary member Dr. Pushpa Chandwani and Thane East Rotary member Prafull Karnik have helped coordinate many extremely needed projects for the past ten years. With support from The Rotary Foundation and Rotary Districts 5320 and 3140 the results have been remarkable.

Attached please find an article written for a regional Rotary newsletter in India circulated to 70,000 Rotarians.

Congratulations, and thank you, Pushpa!

### A unique partnership

by Selvi

The collaboration of Rotary Clubs Thane East, D 3140, India and Mission Viejo, D 5320, USA dates back to 2004-05, and continuing to this day, it has brought extraordinary benefits to the people of Thane.

In year 2004-05, the then president of Thane East, Rtn C P Prafull Karnik visited the Nakhwa School which provides education to around 600 students hailing from the Koli Samaj (fishermen tribe) of Thane. He found the school in a profoundly sad state and his club decided to adopt it with help of a Matching Grant. Discussions led to a coalition with RC Mission Viejo, and thus began this unique partnership which paved way for many more.

Through matching grant with TRF and a total cost of USD 14,000, the clubs provided furniture and water tank, upgraded science and computer lab and library, sponsored sewing machines and tool kits to impart vocational training in tailoring and electrician course for the students, at the school.



Hearing and speech impaired children at the Kamalini School.

Immediately after this, they again worked together in 2005-07, to provide hearing aid equipment and install sound-proof audiometry room at the Kamalini School, which caters to learning needs of hearing and speech impaired children.

Major sustainable projects in water management — construction of four check dams and digging of bore wells in rural areas — undertaken by these clubs in 2008-09, at a total cost of USD 32,000, not only provided sufficient drinking water for the villagers, but also enabled the farmers to cultivate a second crop.

And now in May 2014, the partnership again resulted in the construction of five check dams and bore wells. The project that cost USD 37,000 has benefitted 4,300 people directly in three villages of Murbad Taluka.

Rtn Dr Pushpa Chandwani representing the partner club also visited the project sites several times to ensure the right coordination.

This unusual instance of long standing relationship between the two clubs goes to establish how Rotary clubs with the support of The Rotary Foundation can ring in remarkable transformations in societies in dire need. ■



Check dam.

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## DOWN THE YEARS No 101

*A look at Rotary from the memory of longtime member, PP George Cooper, PHF. Over more than fifty years, George has been a member of four clubs: Syracuse, NY, Rotary/One Chicago, IL. Mount Prospect, IL and currently, Mission Viejo, CA.*



### HAPPY DAYS

I recall, as a youngster during the great depression, a popular song of encouragement which people sang out in part:

“Happy Days are here again,  
Clouds are blue and clear again,  
Happy Days are here again.”

I doubt if it really changed the terrible economic troubles of those times, but it did make folks feel better.

Then the other day at our club’s meeting, the program was presented by two young ladies on “Happiness.” They told us how they work with businesses and community organizations to promote community service, gratitude, compassion, as a way of enjoying life. And getting to know one another better. They also said that in their opinion, the folks in Orange County were not much inclined to open their homes to social gatherings but instead seem to like meeting socially at larger venues. You may not agree with their opinion but this shows how they see it. The thought then occurred to me that over the years I personally enjoyed, more, our Rotary social gatherings such as a party at a Rotarians home whenever a member graciously offered to do so. I realize that for very large clubs that this is not practical but most clubs today are 50 members or less. I also enjoyed mixing Rotary business with pleasure by holding, committee, Board, Fireside meetings, and the like in the home of a Rotarian. In these types of meetings I really began to know my fellow Rotarians much better. It also is much better for the spouses of Rotarians whenever appropriate for the spouses to attend. It gave them a better understanding and another way of enjoying life.

In reference to Fireside meetings, it is good to have at least one each year (and more so for very large clubs) as it offers a great opportunity to invite potential members, giving them a vignette of another avenue of living a happy life. An enjoyable life with Rotary offering opportunities for transforming compassion to local and world wide service to those in need.

Rotary offers Happy Days in many ways!

## CLUB SERVICE

# HOBY - Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership

Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten

Jane and Dave Berry were guest speakers during the March 11, 2015 RC of Mission Viejo meeting. Their topic was HOBY - Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership.

HOBY SoCal Leadership Seminar is an enthusiastic and motivational three-day weekend seminar for high school sophomores. It is held at Chapman University each June. The Seminar incorporates topics of leadership and motivation, community service, civic engagement, entrepreneurship, research and technology and environmental responsibility. Students interact with community leaders, service learning activities, and develop critical thinking, team building, goal-

setting, problem-solving and decision-making skills.

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

Photo:

Dave Berry, Jane Berry and President Paul Bucknum.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

# South County Outreach Food Drive

Report and Photos by Jim Hansen

On Saturday, March 14, 2015, a team of Mission Viejo Rotarians again collected food for South County Outreach. This months team consisted of Leader Tom Ross and supporting members, Jackie Hanson, Carol Todd, Scott Walker, Jack Wallace, Dave Williams and Jim Hansen.

They collected eight carts of foods and over \$100 in cash donations.

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



Photos: (L to R) Scott Walker, Carol Todd, Dave Williams, Jackie Hanson and Tom Ross.



## 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).

Mar. 18 - Gary Brenner

Mar. 25 - Paul Bucknum

Apr. 1 - David Bugay

Apr. 8 - Pushpa Chandwani

Apr. 15 - James Colitz

## 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.

Mar. 18 - Gary Brenner

Mar. 25 - Paul Bucknum

Apr. 1 - David Bugay

Apr. 8 - Pushpa Chandwani

Apr. 15 - James Colitz

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### FACEBOOK NEWS



Photo above: Facebook Coordinator Rotarian Kashif Zubair

### WEBSITE NEWS



Photo above: Webmaster Jennifer Emanuel

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

## RC OF POONA, INDIA

To view the Poona 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  
MARCH 2015

- MAR. 4 - REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
- MAR. 11 - REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
- MAR. 12 - BOARD MEETING - 7:00 A.M., Mission Viejo City Hall**
- MAR. 18 - REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
- MAR. 21 - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY - 8 to noon at Chapman University**
- MAR. 25 - REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club

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ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO  
APRIL 2015

- APR. 1 - REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
- APR. 8 - REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
- APR. 9 - BOARD MEETING - 7:00 A.M., Mission Viejo City Hall**
- APR. 15 - REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
- APR. 22 - REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
- APR. 29 - REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club

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