



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.

CLUB SERVICE

Veterans' Day 2015

Report by Verl Nash • Photo by Bill Kersten



Photo: (L to R) MV Rotarians, and U.S.A. veterans, George Cooper-WWII; Bob McQueen-Korean War era; Dennis O'Conner-Vietnam era; Greg Rath-Desert Storm, etc.

The Mission Viejo Rotary Club celebrated Veterans Day in a very appropriate way. Dr. Steven Marsh read, "In Flanders Fields" and The Star Spangled Banner was the opening song with The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karen Dewalt.

Program: A panel of MV Rotary Veterans told about some of their experiences serving our country...

George Cooper read one of his letters to his lovely wife Margaret written on June 6, 1944, "D-Day." George told of the many troops who parachuted into France and the big invasion on Normandy. George had KP in the states but was training for a bombardier assignment bombing Nazi war factories and military outposts. George flew 25 missions and, in one case, his aircraft crash-landed in a French farm field. Local French citizens helped him and his crew return to England - and more bombing missions.

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www.Rotary5320.org

Rotary Club of Mission Viejo Website:
www.missionviejorotary.org

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Veterans' Day (Continued from Page 1)

Report by Verl Nash

Bob McQueen told about his duty in Korea and when of the time he was shot at by South Koreans. When Bob and the others heard shots buzzing over their heads they got down and hustled off the hill and found the fire had come from their own rifles that the Koreans had used to put a little scare into them. Apparently, the South Koreans did not realize that bullets only go so far before they headed down to earth. Bob added humor to this story by sharing that he was a radar clerk typist but he had been shot at by friendly fire.

Dennis O'Connor told of his duty in Vietnam. He was in electronics and the military was not too popular at that time. He told of wearing civilian

clothes whenever they could so people would not harass them. However, they were praised in Alaska when they went there on the USS Juneau.

Col. Greg Rath had always wanted to be a pilot and his enlistment into the Marines was a foregone conclusion for him. He remembers one particular flight in Desert Storm where they were sent out to destroy some planes on the ground and his buddies had missed a 747; but, he got the job done.

Thanks to veterans for your service!

- Verl Nash

CLUB SERVICE

Holiday Party Reminder!

Photos by Bill Kersten

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo's Annual Holiday/Christmas Party is just around the corner! This year's gala is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2015, and will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Frieder. More information will be announced during upcoming meeting! Mark your calendars!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK - NOVEMBER 15, 2015!

We could certainly slow down the aging process if it had to work its way through Congress.

- Will Rogers

CLUB SERVICE

Community Court

Report by Jim Hansen • Photo by Bill Kersten

Recent guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo was Honorable Joe Perez, Orange County Superior Court Judge. Judge Perez discussed “Community Court.”

The Community Court, at 909 North Main Street in Santa Ana, offers effective treatment options to incarceration, as well as a wide variety of supportive services for offenders which are homeless, addicted, or mentally ill. A children’s waiting room is available for those attending court hearings or accessing services. The onsite supportive service are also available to walk-ins without an active criminal case - according to the Community Court Programs and service flyer.

Collaborative Court programs at the Community Court include Drug Court, DUI Court, four Mental Health Courts, Veterans Treatment Court, and Homeless Outreach Court.11

The audience learned that onsite services include:

- mental health assessments and referrals, drug and alcohol problem assessments and referrals, and a monthly health clinic
- employment assessment, job-skills training, job placement, and educational guidance
- assistance with obtaining SSI, food stamps, and other government benefits; veterans’ services; and access to bus passes
- assessments and referrals for housing services, as well as placement in sober living, board and care, residential treatment
- Public Defender league services for homeless court, dismissal issues, questions and other assistance, and referrals to Collaborative Courts



programs; and assistance from attorneys with Legal Aid for non-criminal matters such as child support, landlord/tenant issues and government benefit appeals.

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

DOWN THE YEARS - #109

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.

***THE OTHER 364 DAYS***

By George Cooper

Christmas is a great “giving time” of the year and most of us give a lot at Christmas or whenever your own special significant holiday is celebrated. Those who receive are generally most appreciative but what about the rest of the year? How much do we think about and act on “giving” during the other 364 days?

Do we think about it at all or do we save it all up for the opportunity that our special own holiday gives us? Do we figure that this is the end until another year rolls around? Do we look for other opportunities to give? There are many aside from birthdays, anniversaries, and so on where the “giving” is on a one-to-one basis. (Of course we don’t neglect these opportunities to give!) But what about the many other opportunities other than on a one-to-one basis where “giving” effects a group.

For example, Rotary offers plenty of opportunities aside from those opportunities coming from Rotary International such as The Rotary Foundation including Polio Plus. Many weeks during the year our clubs’ programs feature charitable organizations that need help. During these programs we sit, we listen and then what? Do we as individual Rotarians or as a Club take advantage and extend “helping hands?”

The other 364 days of the year may or may not be wonderful heart warming times of the year like Christmas; but, needs are still there.

What a wonderful opportunity to “give” and experiencing one of the Rewarding Worlds of Rotary.

- George Cooper

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).

Nov. 18 - Jason Somrak
Nov. 25 - Carol Todd
Dec. 2 - Greg Rath
Dec. 9 - Bud Tysinger
Dec. 16 - Scott Walker
Dec. 23 - Jack Wallace
Dec. 30 - Dave Williams

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

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
NOVEMBER 2015*

NOV. 4	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
NOV. 11	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
NOV. 12	-	BOARD MEETING - 7:00 A.M., Mission Viejo City Hall
NOV. 18	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
NOV. 25	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club

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ROTARY CLUB OF MISSION VIEJO
DECEMBER 2015*

DEC. 2	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
DEC. 5	-	<i>MV ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY, Dr. & Mrs. Richard Frieder's home</i>
DEC. 9	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
DEC. 10	-	BOARD MEETING - 7:00 A.M., Mission Viejo City Hall
DEC. 16	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
DEC. 23	-	REGULAR MEETING - 7:10 A.M., Mission Viejo Country Club
DEC. 30	-	FIFTH WHEEL MEETING - TBA

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