

JULY 2009



PRESIDENT: AL BASKIN

PRESIDENT-ELECT: DANNY KAZMAREK

SECRETARY: DOUG KEARNAGHAN

TREASURER: ROBERT GROSS

2009-10 Rotary International Theme:

We see ourselves as part of a great Rotary tradition, as links in a chain joining our future to our past. If that chain is to continue, every link in it must be strong.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 2	Pat Gillespie – What’s Happening at the Old Globe
July 9	Carol Del Signore – Conner’s Cause for Children
July 16	Garry McClintock – Baja Vaqueros
July 23	Carol West – The Trouble with the Alphabet
July 30	
August 6	

HAPPY, HAPPY

Birthdays	Rick Simons - July 18 th , Byron Steiner – 22 nd and Pete Cokrlc - 30 th .
Anniversaries	Brian Dawson and Danny Kazmarek joined us on July 1, 2004.

	ASSIGNMENTS	
	<u>PLEDGE</u>	<u>INSPIRATION</u>
July 2	Jean Heinz	Mike Van Horne
July 9	Pete Cokrlc	Matt Mahoney
July 16	Brian Dawson	Bryan Gust
July 23	Mike Van Horne	Kim Muslusky
July 30	Eric Pahlke	Brian Dawson
August 6	Byron Steiner	Doug Kearnaghan

EIGHT GRADUATING SENIORS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

San Diego North Rotary Club gave out eight scholarships on Tuesday, June 2 to graduating seniors at Mt. Carmel High School and Westview High School. These scholarships were given to students who are committed to community service, and have a monetary need, in addition to having academic success.

Two students at Mt. Carmel received awards. Ashley Carpena was a member of the MCHS Interact Club. "Interact raised over \$900 to feed children in a third world country with their 'Kiss the Pig' this year-- and Ashley worked very hard to help us be successful," said Kim Muslusky, Club advisor. "Neal Gross was actually in Key club and ASB-- but I saw him doing community service constantly all over the campus. They both really deserved the recognition."

The six students who were recognized at Westview also were committed to community service. "They participated in Interact events, and worked along side of our Rotarians at our 21st Annual Fun Run," said Al Baskin, San Diego North Rotary president-elect. "We're quite proud of their commitment!" The Westview recipients were Josiah To, Willie Yao, Nancy Truong, Ellre Ancheta, Ryan Constantino, and Corwin Webb.

MEMBER PROPOSAL ... Al Baskin has proposed Michael Scogin for membership. Mike is a long-time resident of Rancho Penasquitos. He is currently an executive Vice President with California Community Bank on Miramar Road. Mike is the Manager of Commercial Lending as well as Branch Manager. Any member having questions about this proposal should contact a Club Officer or Board Member.

THIRD POKER TOURNAMENT RESULTS ... The winner of the tournament was Tony Esquer, a friend of Danny Kazmarek. Second place went to Don Muslusky, Kim's brother-in-law, and Al Baskin finished third. After all expenses the Club netted \$1,650 for local and international service projects.

A WORD (OR MORE) FROM PRESIDENT AL BASKIN

This is my first missive as your new president.....It is an honor! Really!!!! I am the leader of the best Rotary club in the world. I get to take over from a man who did an awesome job and I look forward to continuing the success that he had.... Brian, THANK YOU!! Your humor and quiet demeanor embraced us all.

The theme for the coming year is " The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands". Totally true! We are responsible for the future of Rotary. What we do will help ensure the organization's success for the future. We may be a small club but we have tons of experience and energy. We have a plan for succession and with Danny as our President-Elect we will definitely have some "young blood" energizing us. Every member of the club has a "prime directive". Help grow our club!!!! We have the potential to expand the scope of our programs by adding folks who are willing to commit just as each one of us has. You will be surprised at the number of people who would love to learn about Rotary, especially in our community.

We have a huge cross-section of community and international involvement. Each of us has a "pet" program that we like to work on and we join together to provide support to one another to accomplish good works.... I ask you to continue doing what you each do so well. I ask you to make an extra effort to ask people you know to come to our Rotary club and meet the other members. We are a "service" organization. We attempt to do things that improve life in our community and internationally. We have fun. I believe I speak for everyone when I say I look forward to our meeting on Thursday mornings. Let's continue to do good things and have fun while we are doing them.

All our best to each of you and your loved ones.

Al and Liz

A SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT UPDATE FROM SHIRLEY

Hi Rotarians, after my wonderful presentation to you a couple of weeks ago, several of you asked "was there anything you could do to help keep our nuclear reactor and the community safer. Here is a couple of things that are necessary.

1. Seismic studies for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Stations have been recommended by the California Energy Commission to be done without delay. California has control over reliability and economics of our nuclear power plants, and these issues are not pre-empted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Assemblyman Blakeslee (San Luis Obispo) has put forth AB42 which provides the means to investigate urgent seismic issues at their nuclear reactor.

I urge the citizens in San Diego to encourage, Senator Kehoe and Assemblywoman Saldana to submit similar legislation.

2. This fall, Southern California Edison (SCE) will be cutting two 28-foot wide holes in the reactor domes at San Onofre in order to replace the failed steam generators- a procedure that has never been undertaken as the seismic qualified reactor. Yet in a recent annual evaluation of SONGS, the NRC stated “..that continuing performance problems are not being effectively addressed...finding includes instances of operator errors involving run reactivity management and instances of failures to follow procedural guidance...”. What we can do is request Senator Boxer to question the NRC about the risks allowing the SCE to cut these holes in SONGS, and to delay the project until Southern California Edison can run a reactor properly for as least two quarters without a reprimand from the NRC.

Thank you.

Shirley Vaine

BRAGGING RIGHTS

Doug and Linda Kearnaghan are going to be grand parents again. Their son, Jason and Stephanie are expecting their second child in October. They live in the Los Angeles area. Doug and Linda also are “parents” to a new Maltepool named Tex ... an odd name for a small dog until you realize that he was born in Dallas.

Sarah Mahoney gave birth to son #3 on May 22. Sully weighed in at a robust 8 lbs. 10 oz. and papa Matt says he is “healthy, happy, and sadly nocturnal.” The two older boys are thrilled to have a younger brother ... more than half way to a basketball team.

SAN DIEGO NORTH TRIVIA

Who was the first Program Chair for the club?

Who was the first Newsletter Editor? Who were the other two editors? You should be able to guess at least one of them!

Who were the only two members to be Treasurer before serving as President? Danny Kazmarek will be the third one to do it next year.

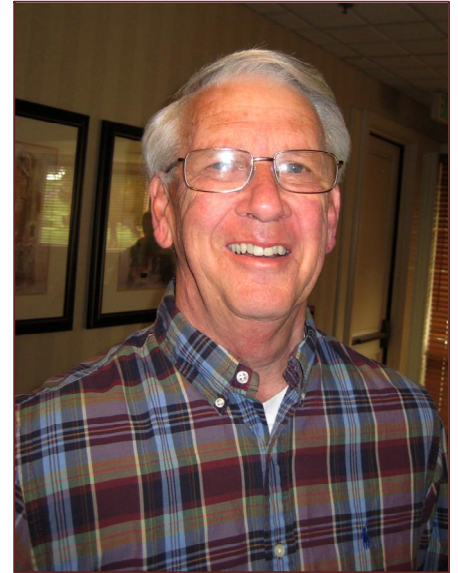
How many years has the club met at the Doubletree Golf resort?

MEET A FELLOW ROTARIAN

DOUG KEARNAGHAN

So why is Doug such a University of Illinois basketball fan? Because he was born in Mt. Carroll in the northwest corner of the state (estimated population of 1,704 in 2005) and was in the first U of I graduating class! To say he grew up in a small town is an understatement. He and his brother, sister and parents also had to survive on one television and one telephone ... something unheard of today! Speaking of his siblings, Doug tells us that they now live in God's waiting room ... Florida.

Doug is one of the taller members of the club so you'd naturally ask if he ever played basketball. Well, yes he did and in fact wanted to be a professional basketball player. His childhood idol was Dolph Schayes. For the uneducated, Adolph "Dolph" Schayes was one of the best – and the last – to use a two-handed set-shot with feet planted on the floor. Eat your heart out Kobe Bryant!



Doug started out as a teacher, but figured out early that he wasn't going to get rich doing that, so he got wealthy working 35 years for Xerox and Office Depot. He retired three years ago and some fellow Rotarians kid him about watching a lot of television. But Doug has other interests than the "great entertainer." He enjoys his daily walks, going to doctors' appointments (he said this, not me), and the household jobs that his wife of 43 years, Linda assigns him. And besides that, Linda recently retired from the County library system and they only have one television so he has to share - again!

Doug and Linda have two children – Jason, an attorney in Los Angeles and Kristen, an executive director of a retirement community in Dallas. They also have one grand child, three year old Kayley who Doug says is "beautiful, intelligent, and personable." She obviously takes after grandma! Grand child number two is due in October.

Linda visited Kristen in March and came home with a Maltepo. Doug says it's not a contagious disease or a tattoo design. I think it's a cross between a Maltese Falcon and a poodle. I bet it's pretty small so don't you wonder how many times Doug has stepped on it already.

Doug has kept his hand in academics over the years and still teaches Business Math and Business English at Palomar College. He says "this is the most rewarding and satisfying job I have ever had." And I bet he doesn't take too much flack from the students either.

Doug joined Rotary in January 1994 and has held most every position in the club except International Director and President. He is currently serving his second consecutive year as Club Secretary. Doug is a stand-up Rotarian and we're lucky to have him as a member. Ask him if he likes donuts, the Beatles, or Elvis Presley when you next greet him.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY QUIZ

ROTARIANS ARE CHALLENGED TO CORRECTLY ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS .
THE ANSWERS WILL BE REVEALED AT THE MEETINGS DURING "THIS DAY IN HISTORY."

July 2	Which company bought the patents to the Movietone sound system in 1926? (Hint: it was a "sly" purchase)
July 9	Which state received territory back from the District of Columbia in 1846? (Hint: DC is north of the Potomac River)
July 16	Which Apollo Mission landed on the Moon on this day in 1969? (Hint: none necessary)
July 23	Which American automaker sold its first car in 1903? (Hint: it only came in one color)
July 30	Who produced the first cartoon in Technicolor in 1932? (Hint: he bought some orange orchards a few years later)

START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT ...

'You should be ashamed,' the father told his son, 'When Abraham Lincoln was your age, he used to walk ten miles every day to get to school.'

'Really?' the son responded. 'Well, when he was your age, he was president.'

A boss asked one of his employees, 'Do you believe in life after death?'

'Yes, sir,' replied the employee.

'I thought you would,' said the boss. 'Yesterday after you left to go to your brother's funeral, he stopped by to see you.'

The prospective son-in-law was asked by his girl friend's father, 'Son, are you able to support a family?'

'Well, no, sir,' he replied. 'I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves.'

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Meeting Location Doubletree Golf Resort
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ADDENDUM ... last month we forgot to list Robert Gross' Rotary anniversary. He joined on June 30, 2003. Thank you for your six years of service!

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