



The Weekly Squeak

February is "World Understanding Month"



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Meeting Highlights

Those of you who were unable to join us this past Monday missed out on a memorable meeting, led by Past President Doc Severson filling in for President Mary Clark, who wasn't feeling well (hope you're feeling better, Mary!).

Our program this week was by **Glenn Prentice** and **Jim Manues** with Water for Humanity. Water for Humanity (WFH) is a non-profit, volunteer based program, created by the ZENON a water filtration company. Under this program, employees and equipment/parts suppliers work together to build water treatment plants for a community in need. The goal is to improve the quality of life in the community through a safe water supply.

Our guest speakers, both Vietnam Veterans, returned to Vietnam as WFH volunteers to install a water filtration system for the residents of a poor village with an annual child mortality rate of 50% due to contaminated water. WFH raised \$350,000 and completed the project in 2003. As a direct result of their efforts, they have reduced the child mortality rate in this community by 40%. WFH has three additional projects planned to eliminate contaminated water, the killer of more people each year than all of the other diseases combined.



Past President Doc Severson, Membership Chair Dick Clark and Past President LBJ welcome Mac McDougall to the Anaheim Rotary Family!

SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, February 19, 2004
District Governor's-Elect Evening Social

Monday, February 23, 2004
Program: District 5320 Speech Contest Finals

Sunday, March 14, 2004
District 5320 Foundation Dinner

Saturday, March 20, 2004
5th Annual Anaheim Donkey Basketball

April 15-25, 2004
Belize International Service Project
(Harris Done Dental Clinic)

Saturday, April 24, 2004
Paul O'Connell's Spring Social

May 23-26, 2004
Rotary International Convention in Osaka Japan

Welcome Mac!!!

LBJ and Dick Clark inducted Mac McDougall into our club. Mac, who is recently retired after 35 years in the pharmaceutical industry, is excited about being a Rotarian. He and his wife, Sue, are looking forward to working with us in community service. Mac has already proven to be an exemplary Rotarian, reciting our 4-Way Test from memory—way to go Mac!

Happy/Sad Bucks

Happy/Sad Bucks was kicked off by Lucille Kring, who is happy that workers were laying her sub-floor today...she is looking forward to having a kitchen again! LBJ recognized "Kissing" Dick Butler. and "Way Far Left" Michael Baker for being two of his favorite



Rotarians—we agree! Norm Buben chipped in happy and sad bucks: the sad bucks because he and his wife had planned a trip to Disneyland with their young niece to discover that they had picked “blackout days” on their annual passes. The happy bucks: with a quick change of plans, they had a fabulous time at the Fun Zone in Newport Beach!

Anaheim Donkey Basketball

Where: Brookhurst Jr. High
601 N. Brookhurst
Anaheim

When: Saturday, March 20

Cost: \$5.00 per ticket

**Contact Jayne Jones
to ride in this
year's team.!!!**



Rotary District 5320 “March Madness”

Doc gave a final pitch for this year’s District Foundation Dinner.. He also reminded our new members that this is one of the district functions that they can attend to earn their Blue Badges!

Where: Rancho Capistrano
San Juan Capistrano

When: Sunday, March 14th

Time: 3:30 pm

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Attire: *Formal Wear on Top and
Casual Wear on Bottom*

After Mending 97 Hearts, Club's Effort Fosters Peace in Two Nations

Two Rotary-sponsored Pakistani children have undergone successful heart surgery at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) Hospital in Chandigarh, India.



"The children are doing well and should be able to travel back home to Pakistan shortly," says Vijay Wadhawan, president of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh, main sponsor of pediatric patients Afzal, 11, and Rohit, 10. The surgeries bring to 97 the number of children who have benefited from the club's Gift of Life initiative.

Fortune smiled on the parents of Afzal and Rohit when

District Governor Kawal Bedi, a member of the Chandigarh club, invited Dr. Ali Akhtar, his counterpart from District 3270 in Pakistan, to send five children with congenital heart problems to India for surgery. The hospital would waive all fees and the club would take care of all other costs. Also, as in past cases, Rotarians would host the patients and their parents and donate blood for surgery.

The boys are the first of five Pakistani children treated under the project. Unable to make the 31 January trip due to visa problems, the three remaining heart patients will travel to Chandigarh on 21 February.

Since the start of the project, the district and Rotary clubs from Germany, India, and Japan have contributed half of the US \$100,000 required to sponsor free heart surgeries for children from poor families. The Rotary Foundation contributed the other half.

Originally targeting Indian children, the project expanded to include six patients from Uganda and the five from Pakistan - an impressive achievement by any standards. But to the Rotarians involved with this initiative, the successful surgical procedures mean far more than the repair of the hole in Afzal's heart or unblocking of Rohit's heart valve.

The effort demonstrates that the people of India and Pakistan can carry on friendly relations despite conflicts between governments. Also, it is not an accident that the initiative is the brainchild of a Rotary club from Chandigarh, declared a peace city by RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe in December 2003.

"Yes, this project is building a good relationship between us. The nations of Pakistan and India are the same culturally. We share a lot in common and speak the same language and eat the same food," says Dr. Muhammad Ayub, assistant governor and Gift of Life chair of District 3270. "The wars and hostilities are largely the making of politicians, not ordinary people. We Rotarians want to change this through exchange of views, projects, and friendships among Pakistanis and Indians."

Wadhawan concurs. "We did this partly to promote better understanding and goodwill," she says. "It certainly can go a long way towards building friendship and peace in the region."

According to India's *Economic Times*, the relatives and Rotarian accompanying the two Pakistani children were overwhelmed by the hospitality they encountered. "Right from the Wagah border to this place, everything is wonderful for us," Krishan Chand of the Rotary Club of Khipro, Pakistan, told the newspaper.