



# The Weekly Squeak

The Anaheim Rotary Newsletter ~ May 23, 2005

## Scheduled Meetings and Dates to Remember

### MAY - CONFERENCE MONTH

May 30 ..... DARK - NO MEETING

### JUNE - CONVENTION MONTH

June 3 (Friday) ..... Golf Committee; noon; Tangerine Grill

June 6 ..... Craft Talk(s)

June 10 ..... Board Meeting, Ramada Inn, 12 noon

### JULY - LITERACY MONTH

July 9 (Saturday) ..... Demotion Dinner

## Meeting Highlights

**T**he photos below truly exemplify what Rotary is all about:  
Dedicated people who "build goodwill and better friendships."

For example, President Vic presented Mac MacDougall with a well-deserved Letter of Commendation for not only his dedicated efforts with Paint Your Heart Out and our Golf Classic, but he recently developed the **FIRST EVER** Anaheim Rotary historical presentation for our District Conference, including a written two-page history for district archives.



Our speaker was introduced by not only one of our own but of the YMCA, Paul Andresen. Art Wannlund, CEO of YMCA of Orange County, spoke on "Tsunami Relief Efforts."

Remember, no meeting next week. See you all in two weeks!

## Centennial District

## Conference & Hospitality Night



Three amigos: Dick Butler, Paul O'Connell, and Hospitality Night Chair, Larry Tarpley.



Setting a nice precedent in their request for an Anaheim Rotary grant, representatives of Acaciawood School in Anaheim came and spoke. Left to right: Prez Vic, Eric Romero Jr., Jordan Permantier, Eric Romero, and Danella Romero.



Lookin' good in their new Anaheim Rotary shirts at the District Conference: Prez Vic Dominguez and Mac MacDougall. Great job on the display, Mac . . . it looked fantastic!



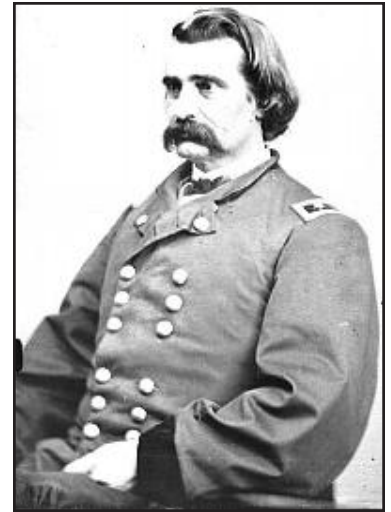
# Anaheim Rotary

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# Memorial Day



**M**emorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan (right photo), national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three-day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead.



In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

***We cherish too, the Poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led,  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies.***

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3-cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Since the late 50s on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours-a-day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. In 1951 the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of St. Louis began placing flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as an annual Good Turn, a practice that continues to this day. More recently, beginning in 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights (the Luminaria Program). And in 2004, Washington D.C. held its first Memorial Day parade in over 60 years.

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Meetings are held every  
Monday, 12 noon in  
the Diamond Club  
at

### Angel Stadium

2000 E. Gene Autry Way,  
Anaheim



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## Rotary's Four-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it **BUILD GOODWILL**  
and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL**  
to all concerned?

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