



NEWPORT BEACH SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB

Reflections at Sunrise

President	Tim Brown	Fellowship	Jerry Barrone	Community Svc.	Syd Lucas
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President Tim Brown called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM on May 18, 2010. President Brown thanked Five Crown and Jill. Don Norman gave the invocation, Reniero led the pledge, and Phil Reynolds led us in song.



President Tim Brown

On this Day

President Tim Brown enlightened us with the following milestones that occurred on May 18th:

- 1652** - Rhode Island passes the first law in North America making slavery illegal.
- 1860** - Abraham Lincoln wins the Republican Party presidential nomination over William H. Seward, who later becomes the United States Secretary of State.
- 1897**- Dracula, a novel by Irish author Bram Stoker is published.
- 1917** – World War I: The Selective Service Act of 1917 is passed, giving the President of the United States the power of conscription.
- 1924** – Apollo program: Apollo 10 is launched.

Assignments

	<u>May 25</u>	<u>June 1</u>
Greeter	Reese	Robbins
Invocation	Galey	Barrone
Pledge	Baron	Cody
Song	Heileson/ Lachman	Kennedy

Rotary Calendar

- May 23 **Wine Tasting Fund Raiser**
- May 25 Tony Staser, Ronald McDonald House
- June 1 Mary Lonich, Balboa Theater
- June 8 Judge Matt Anderson, Harbor Court
- June 15 Kim Farthing, Operation Home Front
- June 16 Board of Directors Meeting @ Coco's at 7:30 a.m.
- June 22 Club Assembly
- June 29 **DEMOTION PARTY**
- July 6 Gordon Duffy
- July 13 TBD
- July 21 Board of Directors Meeting @ Coco's at 7:30 a.m.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

- Dan Aldrich, Santa Cruz
- Hunter Cook, Newport Balboa.
- Tom Giuliony, Guest of Reniero
- Dolores Bagne, Guest of Gordon



Syd Lucas, Hunter Cook, RJ Green and Richard Hanki

CHUCK HIRSCH ENTERTAINED US WITH A BIT OF HUMOR

Proposed New Members

Alexis Ewing, Sales Representative/Certified Sommelier with Regal Wine Co., who has been proposed for membership by Chris Szechenyi.

Announcements

Newport Mesa School District Annual Athletics Award breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th at 7:30 am. If you would like to attend, please contact either Reniero Francisco or Tim Brown. The event is free.

The Corona del Mar scenic 5K is schedule for June 5.

The Balboa Island Parade is set for June 6th at 11 am.

The Citizen of the Year event is set for June 11th at the Marriott at 6 pm.

Club Sponsored Marine Program

Pam Iles reported that on May 25, 2010 the Heroes and Healthy Families, a club-sponsored program, will present a full day training program at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina to 1000 Marines. These programs are sponsored by the Marines, and supported by our Rotary Club. On **June 10, 2010** at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California a similar training will be held for 1000 Marines. The program will start with a presentation by Sgt. Major Bradley Kasal who was awarded the Navy Cross for conspicuous gallantry for action in Fallujah. You are all invited. The program starts promptly at 8:00AM (you know the Marines they are always on time). There will be some of our finest young men and women in that room and it is a chance to meet and greet these heroes in person and see who is fighting for

us. There will be a small reception in the Officers lounge adjacent to the meeting room at 7:20 am coffee will be served.

[Wine Tasting Fund Raiser](#) [May 23rd](#)

Our annual Wine Tasting Fund Raiser is scheduled for Sunday, May 23, 2010 at the home of John Gregg starting at 4 pm. The theme is "Bring a Guest" – a potential new Rotarian. The funds raised at this event are designated for Polio Plus and will be matched by the Gates Challenge Foundation. The cost is \$50 per person. If you bring a potential new Rotarian please let Reniero Francisco know and the **cost for that guest is only \$20. Members are requested to bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres to share.**

[Rotary Night with Angels](#) [July 31st](#)

Rotary Night with the Angels is scheduled for Saturday, July 31, 2010. Game time is 12:35 pm against Texas. Ticket prices are Terrace - \$23, Field - \$33 and Club - \$34. Make your checks payable to the Club and Christina Holliday will pay the District.

[Lobsterfest Fundraiser](#)

Reniero Francisco reported that there will be at fundraiser meeting on Thursday, May 20th, at 7:30 am at the library and all are invited. Every member needs to participate to make it a success. Craig Kennedy is in charge of the food.

Mary Cockley advised that the donation forms for auction items are on the back table. Should you need more forms, please contact her. Every member is asked to obtain quality silent auction items that will be bundled so that we end up with approximately 30 terrific silent auction items. Caroline gave each member donation forms. Mary Cockley will have the supply

when you need more. Mary is looking for 2 more volunteers, so please call her if you wish to help.

We anticipate Tim Harold will donate a piece of jewelry that we will raffle off. Every member will be expected to sell at least 2 books – remember that Caroline is in charge of this raffle and it produces pure profit for the Club.

[Research Project](#)

Tom Egan announced that he is currently participating in a tinnitus research project and they are looking for more volunteers. If you have a ringing in your ears and are interested in participating, please contact Tom.

[District Award](#)

President Tim Brown announced that our Club received a 2nd place award for a Large Club for our Newsletter at the District Conference. Congratulations to all who work on the newsletter throughout the year, Caroline Babott, Tom Egan, Cal Wallace and Gordon Bagne.

[Syd Lucas Inducted into the Clubs Hall of Fame](#)

Syd Lucas will be honored at a luncheon on Friday by Newport Mesa Daily Pilot Community and Clubs Hall of Fame. He is a member of the class of 2010. President Tim Brown made the following remarks:

Syd Lucas has been a proud member of the Newport Sunrise Rotary Club since 1986. He began working for the IBM Corporation in 1956 and retired in 1986. During his 30-year career, he was the winner of the distinguished "Golden Circle Award" eight times. Only the top 1.5% of IBM's sales force has received this recognition. After retirement, he consulted with Hershey Business Systems for several years.

Syd proudly served our country during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. Few know that in 1945, Syd was reassigned from his infantry duty in Okinawa, Japan to General MacArthur's elite "Honor Guard" at the age of nineteen. His duty was standing guard directly outside General MacArthur's office in Tokyo during the closing months of World War II and the duration of the United States occupation of Japan. He remains a member of the Honor Guard today. In addition, Syd has also spoken to various school and civic groups about the heroism exhibited by many in World War II, representing The Freedom Committee of Orange County.

Syd Lucas has served for over ten years as our club's Community Service Chair. In this role, he has coordinated most of the club's community commitments and projects including, the Orange County Drug Court, Back Bay/Monte Vista High School, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). In addition, he has played a central role in recruiting new members as our club's representative to the Corona del Mar Chamber of Commerce and as well maximizing his other close ties to the Corona del Mar community. In addition to his commitment to Rotary, Syd finds time to act as Chair of the Oasis Senior Center Garden Club as well as other community groups.

At Back Bay/Monte Vista High School, he brought fellow Rotarians in to help tutor and mentor students in math. Syd also arranged for \$10,000.00 of science equipment to be donated to the school's Science Department. In addition, he helped establish a "Peer Court" to help students hold themselves accountable for rule violations. Following the passing of one of our club members, Roy

Woolsey, Syd set up a financial incentive for students to achieve by recognizing a “Roy Woolsey Student of the Month Award”. This award is accompanied by a gift card to Staples for \$50.00 to be spent on school supplies. Finally, he chaired a committee of our club members for the purpose of awarding six to eight \$200.00 academic scholarships per year for graduating seniors pursuing college and trade schools. Syd also taught interested students how to play chess, which led to the organization of the Back Bay High School Chess Club.

Syd coordinated our club’s sponsorship of four Back Bay/Monte Vista High School students to attend RYLA camp each year. This involves facilitating the selection and transportation for these students. Following the camp, Syd frequently invited these students to attend our Rotary meetings to share their experiences with our members. Also, he urges our club members to participate in RYLA each year, and as a result, many have. No other member of our club has done more to promote RYLA internally than Syd.

Syd attends every Orange County Drug Court Graduation ceremony. He invites other club members to sit with him in the jury box and listen as Drug Court Graduates tell their stories of tragedy and triumph. Upon graduation, Syd, along with attending club members, present the graduates with a \$50.00 Gift card from Target. The Judge, the Court staff, and the participants all refer to Syd by name as he has been a fixture in that courtroom since its inception ten years ago.

This is just a very brief narrative of what this man has accomplished in his lifetime as a patriot, a business man, a community leader, and a

dedicated Rotarian. I know of no other single individual who more deserves to be enshrined in the Daily Pilot Community and Clubs Hall of Fame Service Club than my fellow Rotarian, Sydney A. Lucas.



Syd Lucas reading to grade school children

Elizabeth “Liz” Reese



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Gil Thweatt introduced Elizabeth “Liz” Reese, one of our new members to tell us a little about herself. Liz was born in Norway. She told us that May 17th was Constitution Day in Norway. She came to the US through Mexico with her parents and grew up in Southern California and Idaho. She is an artist and told us about her training and how she learned about “the frosting and then about the cake”. She has two children. She is currently working on a project, which is a painting with a violin and bow. She works out of

her garage and sells her art by word of mouth.

Club Website

www.newportbeachsunriserotary.org

2008-2009 District 5320

District Governor: Bret Gerdes
 District 5320 Office:
 Jim deBoom PDG

District Website: www.rotary5320.org

Need a Make-up? Try:

Newport Irvine Rotary Club on Thursdays at 12 noon at the University Club on the UCI Campus.

Newport Balboa Rotary Club on Wednesdays at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, 1601 Bayside Dr., Newport Beach at 6:15 PM.

Laguna Beach Rotary Club on Fridays at 12:15 at Aliso Creek Inn, 31103 Pacific Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, CA.

Costa Mesa Rotary Club on Wednesday evening 5:15 - 6:45 PM at the Ramada Inn and Suites, 1680 Superior Avenue, Costa Mesa.

International President 2009-10: John Kenny, Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Scotland

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