



NEWPORT BEACH SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB

## Reflections at Sunrise

President	Mary Cockley	Membership	Reniero Francisco	Community Svc.	Syd Lucas
Pres. Elect	Tim Brown	Club Bulletin	Caroline Babott	Vocational Svc.	Tim Brown
Secretary	Cal Wallace	Programs	Gordon Bagne	Environm. Svc.	Chris Szechenyi
Treasurer	Christina Holliday	Fellowship	Jeff Heilesen	Public Relations	Laura Dietz
Club Svc.	Willis Longyear	Finemaster	R.Yuja, J.Hedlund	Srgt. at Arms	John Goodlad

President Mary Cockley rang the bell to open the meeting of August 5, 2008. She thanked Jill and the Five Crowns staff for their service. The invocation was given by Virgil Galey, the pledge was led by Laura Dietz and the song was selected by Don Norman.

### AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

#### Assignments

Aug 12      Aug 19

Invocation	Gibson	McKinney
Pledge	Shafer	Olivares
Song	Dietz H	Hanki

#### Visiting Rotarians & Guests

August 5, 2008

Rachel Kalemek, Guest of Reniero Francisco  
 Roger Folk, Guest of Syd Lucas  
 Hunter Cook, Newport Balboa  
 Carrie Andino, Guest of Sylvia Michler and Kimberly McKinney  
 Thi Nguyen, Guest of Sylvia Michler and Kimberly McKinney  
 Tiffany Lupica, Scholarship Student  
 Jeremy Gatts, Stepfather of Tiffany Lupica  
 Judge Pam Iles, Guest of the Club

#### Chuck Hirsch entertained us with some humor.

#### Rotary Calendar

Aug 12 Frank Olivares, Craft Talk, "Thirty Years as a Jockey"  
 Aug 19 Raid Faraj, Diversity Educatory, UCI, "Campus Diversity"  
 Aug 20 Board Meeting @ Coco's CDM - 7:30 am  
 Aug 26 Vic Ching, Movie Distribution  
 Sept 2 Climate Warming (tentative)

Sept 9 Buck Petersen, Retired Marine, "Our Returning G.I.'s"  
 Sept 16 Father Henry Simaro, Nairobi, Kenya, Lauren  
 Sept 17 Board Meeting @ Coco's CDM - 7:30 am  
 Sept 23 TBA  
 Sept 30 Roger McGonegal, District Governor

#### Coastline Car Classic



Donna Cody and Syd Lucas

The Corona del Mar Chamber of Commerce is presenting the Coastline Car Classic on Sunday, September 7, 2008, from 10 am to 4 pm at Big Corona del Mar State Beach parking lot. The event will benefit the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation. There will be live entertainment, food & beverages, unique vendor exhibits, etc and will be fun for the entire family. Our Club will receive one-half the proceeds on any tickets purchased. Tickets are \$10 each so if you are interested please contact Donna Cody.

#### Student Scholarship

Syd Lucas reminded us that last June our Club awarded 6 scholarship totaling \$14,400 or \$2,400 per student. He introduced Tiffany Lupica here today to pick up her first scholarship check in the amount of \$600. Tiffany will be attending Orange Coast Collage. Tiffany was accompanied

this morning by her stepfather Jeremy Gatts.

#### All American Down Home BBQ

Our annual fundraiser this year is the "All American Down Home Barbeque" which will be on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at The Village Crean, 2300 Mesa Drive, Newport Beach. **Craig Kennedy encouraged all members to get their auction items to their group leaders by next week as soon as possible so they can be published in the auction brochure for the event. We have just passed the \$40,000 mark in auction items.** Check out the fundraiser web site link from our club site and to let your guests know about it as well. [www.newportbeachsunriserotary.org](http://www.newportbeachsunriserotary.org)

Call your guest and let them know how much fun this event is and what great items they can bid on. Food will be provided by "Pit Stop BBQ with music by Russell Scott and His Red Hots. **If you need invitations to hand deliver please call President Mary Cockley.**

Caroline Babott is looking for **Opportunity tickets stubs and money.** Again this week Caroline sold tickets to guests. Remember every member is required to sell and/or purchase a **minimum** of 2 books. Remember that the proceeds from ticket sales is 100% pure profit. A big selling point is that the winner can pick which prize they wish to win - a vacation in Mexico or a beautiful black pearl necklace. The member and his guest, or Jill and her guest, who sells the most books will be treated to dinner at the Ritz by David Bahnsen. A great incentive to sell, sell, sell!! Visiting Rotarian Hunter Cook purchased a book of tickets from Caroline.



Reniero Francisco and Hunter Cook

### District 5320 Angel Game & Tailgating

Jeff Heileson is looking for members interested in attending the Angle game on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, District 5320 Rotarians are invited to gather in the parking lot of Angel Stadium to watch the Angels take on the Texas Rangers.



Jeff Heileson

Prior to the game, at 3 pm, bring your barbecue grills, your lawn chairs, your club's own style of tailgate refreshments, and of course your club banners, and join others for fun prior to the game. The District Governor will judge which club throws the best tailgate party. If you are interested let Jeff Heileson know so that plans can be made and tickets purchased. Field Box are \$20 and Terrace Box are \$17 and must be purchased in groups of 25 or more to get this discount.

### Fines



Fine Master John Hedlund

Fine Master John Hedlund asked Don Norman how he celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Don and Cynthia had dinner with John and Sharon Gregg then had a family dinner celebrating his birthday. Don paid \$75. Jerry and Ruth Barrone will be celebrating their 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on August 6<sup>th</sup> by having dinner at Five Crowns. Reniero Francisco elected to table his wedding anniversary (August 15<sup>th</sup>) until next week. Chris Szechenyi was honored by the Restaurant Association. And Lawry's with the Golden Scepter (the highest award within Lawry's). He paid \$50. Visiting Rotarian Hunter Cook volunteered \$50 for his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Virgil Galey admitted to trading in his Mercedes 500SL for a new black 600SL so he paid \$20. Patricia Bintliff just returned from vacation with friends from Denmark. They took in Las Vegas, Sedona, the Grand Canyon, Monterey and San Francisco. She paid \$20.

### Craft Talks – Who Am I?

#### **Sylvia Michler**

Bill Gibson, Club Blue Badge Coordinator, introduced new member **Sylvia Michler** to tell us who she is. Sylvia has found time, money and energy to pursue charitable causes, fun and hobbies. Sylvia was born in Loma Linda, CA and is the middle daughter of 3 girls, all first generation American-born. Her father immigrated from Switzerland and her mother from The Netherlands. Her parents met on the ocean liner to New York, married in Texas and raised their family in California. Sylvia lived all over Southern California and went to 4 elementary schools, 2 junior high schools and 2 high schools, graduating from Taft High in Woodland Hills. She received her BS in Business Administration and her MBA from USC. She has worked in the building industry and then established her business as an interior designer, specializing as a consultant on new construction and remodels. Among the many philanthropic Sylvia volunteers for are Hoag Hospital Foundation and she works the Toshiba Sr. Golf Classic, raises funds for USC Scholarship, orphans rescued in Kenya and her most memorable charitable

endeavor has been donating 2 herds of camels to the Maasai in No. Tanzania.

#### **Don Norman**

Bill next introduced new member **Don Norman**. Don just 75 and has gone full circle in that he finds himself 75 and unemployed. Don was raised in Los Angeles and attended grade school with Robert Blake. During World War II his father served in the Army and he and his mother moved to Washington DC. After his father left the Army they moved back to Glendale, California. From the 7<sup>th</sup> grade through high school he went through school with John Gregg. He attended Claremont's Men's College where he and John Gregg roomed together until John married Sharon. In 1960 Don met his wife in Newport Beach. They had 2 daughters before she died of breast cancer. Don met Cynthia 3 years later and they are going on 20 years of marriage. Between him and Cynthia they have 9 grandchildren. Don worked for The General Telephone Company then Hughes Air Craft where he negotiated contracts. After 11 years and a USC Master's degree he went to work for Fleetwood Enterprises in their RV division in Ohio. He was eventually recruited by a New York company and sent to work in Newport Beach. Leaving that company he went into real estate in 1986 and formed Capital Income Properties with a partner. He retired in 2003.

#### **Gil Thweatt**

Bill next introduced our mystery speaker, **Gil Thweatt**. Gil was born in La Mesa, Texas and graduated from Fort Worth High School where he was an Eagle Scout. When Gil was 8 years old he won a blue ribbon for his art but at his father's recommendation he attended architecture school rather than art. He met Suzanne when they were 16 years old. He attended Rice and received his degrees in Business Administration and Architecture. Their son, Charles, was born 1 day after his final exam. Thereafter their daughter Carolyn and twins Mary and Jim were born, all within 3 years. Gil had a friend who received a job to design a city in Saudi Arabia and he recruited Gil to lead the design team.

They put together plans to present to King Khalid of Saudi Arabia. It took 1 year to prepare the presentation (which the King liked), 1 year to award the contracts and 4 years to build. They used worldwide contractors. After 14 trips in 2 years the project was under construction, and 4 years later the city was completed. It was the capital of the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia He worked all through school. He had a friend who received a job to design a city in Saudi Arabia 30 years ago and Gil does not know if it was ever named. Once the project was completed they were thanked but At the age of 8 Gil won a blue ribbon for art. Rather than attend art school, at his father's recommendation he never to see the city. Gil found the Saudis to be very honorable people. In 1987 Gil moved his family to Southern California. His neighbor, Rotarian Gene Koch, introduced him to Rotary. Gil was president of the Club in 1999-00

#### Raffle

How appropriate that Bill Gibson won today's raffle.

#### Club Website

[www.newportbeachsunriserotary.org](http://www.newportbeachsunriserotary.org)

#### 2006-2007 District 5320

District Governor: Roger McGonegal  
District 5320 Office: Jim deBoom,  
PDG

District website: [www.rotary5320.org](http://www.rotary5320.org)

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#### Need a Make-up?

If you need a make-up why not 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 6:15 p.m. at the  
Newport Beach Golf Course, "The  
Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club",  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Laguna Beach Rotary Club on Fridays  
at 12:15 p.m. at Hotel Laguna