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And Then There Were Two . . .

from President Tory Thomas

When I joined the Laguna Beach Rotary Club back in May of 2001, I had just turned 32. I was the youngest member of our club by about 10 years and I was probably 25 years below the average age of all of our members (and I'm being generous.) Frankly, the lack of enthusiasm for Rotary from my generation has always surprised me. Believe me, I've explained the benefits many times...the avenue to serve our local community and the world...the great strides Rotary International has made towards completely eradicating polio from the face of the earth...the wonderful people I have met through Rotary...the chance to play for a championship softball team here in Laguna Beach...and so on.



Last June, at my Installation Dinner, I spoke about my generation's misconception of what it really means to be a Rotarian in Laguna Beach, and how

I feel the reason for this disconnect is due to their lack of exposure to Rotary. As you know, this played an important role in my decision to be president this year versus waiting until later. My motivation was simple. If we place a 30-something year old Rotarian in a more visible role, we would show the younger members of our community first-hand that you don't have to be in your later years to enjoy Rotary.

Last month's Patriot's Day Parade was one of those great opportunities for us to reach out to the young families in our community. It was truly a privilege to be sitting in the distinguished place of honor, on top of Udo's car, representing our club as your 30-something year old president. I want to thank Udo, and everyone else who participated in the parade, for making this another very special and unforgettable Rotary experience for me and my family.

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Tax Benefits Through Our Laguna Beach Rotary Club Foundation

Learn how donating to the Laguna Beach Rotary Club Foundation can benefit you, your loved ones, and our local community. At the April 17th Rotary Club meeting Peter Kote, a local charitable estate planning expert will discuss:

- How you can benefit yourself and others through a charitable remainder trust
- How to design your estate plan to completely avoid estate taxes
- How to sell and benefit from your low basis assets with out incurring capital gains tax

The following are members of the board of the Laguna Beach Rotary Club Foundation: Ted Alvarez, Harry Bithell, Peter Kote, Warren Finley, Jim Kreder, Ron Roth, Tory Thomas, Andy Turner, Bob Ward, Sue White, and Leslie Daff.



The Winner!

April 3

Customs and Border Patrol Air Operations

Heather Cullivan, Dept. of Homeland Security

April 10

Insights Into the Real Estate Industry

Kerry Vandell Director of the Center for Real Estate, UCI

April 17

Laguna Beach Rotary Club Foundation

Peter Kote, estate planning expert

April 24

Craft Talks (At Aliso Creek)

Our newest members



April

Jerry Immel - 20
Dave Norton - 20
Marianne Raczkowski - 14
Udo Stoeckmann - 24
Tory Thomas - 26



✓ Mark your Calendars

April 24

Meet at Aliso Creek Inn for BBQ, lunch and golf.

April 26

Grapes for Grads at Tivoli Two!

October 18

6th Annual Classic Car Show

April 3

Invocation: Kellogg
 *Greeter 1: Cox, J
 *Greeter 2: Johnson, N
 Tickets: Judy
 Cash: Johnson, C
 Badges: Herkelrath

April 10

Invocation: Heller
 *Greeter 1: Hecht
 *Greeter 2: Estes
 Tickets: Alvarez
 Cash: Gillebaard
 Badges: Andrus

April 17

Invocation: Bithell
 *Greeter 1: Finley
 *Greeter 2: Campbell

CAKE*

Thomas
 Tickets: Cheves
 Cash: Nootbaar
 Badges: White

April 24

Invocation: Turner
 *Greeter 1: Ward
 *Greeter 2: Thibault
 Tickets: Cirelli
 Cash: Tankersley
 Badges: Cler



Udo and Michele Hunter, Marine Mammel Center Director

May 1

Invocation: Stoeckmann
 *Greeter 1: Montonna
 *Greeter 2: Shevlin
 Tickets: Cox, J
 Cash: Heller
 Badges: Loomis

May 8

Invocation: Saville
 *Greeter 1: Levin
 *Greeter 2: Sanford

CAKE*

Navarro
 Tickets: Russell
 Cash: Lawler
 Badges: Roth

May 15

Invocation: Lange
 *Greeter 1: Redeker
 *Greeter 2: Lang
 Tickets: Polzin
 Cash: Krederr
 Badges: Parrish

May 22

Invocation: Kellogg
 *Greeter 1: Norton
 *Greeter 2: Judy
 Tickets: Nootbaar
 Cash: Johnson, N
 Badges: Navarro

May 29

Invocation: Johnson, C
 *Greeter 1: Maxwell, P
 *Greeter 2: Herkelrath
 Tickets: May
 Cash: Maxwell, H
 Badges: Maxwell, D

My hope is that some young, Laguna Beach family in the crowd saw how much fun we were all having and thought maybe they too could find joy in Rotary. It is so important that we continue to take advantage of these opportunities, like the Patriot's Day Parade or Relay for Life, where we gain exposure to the younger people in our community who have a passion for Laguna Beach and a heart for service. These people have to be our priority going forward. The truth is, like with all other Rotary clubs, we need this under-forty crowd to protect the future of our club.

On this note, it is with deep regret and sorrow that I inform the membership of Laguna Beach Rotary that this month will drastically change my role in our club FOREVER! April 26, 2009 marks my personal transition from young member to old member, from minority to majority, from under the hill to over the

hill, from baby to man, from thirty-something to forty-something...okay, enough already. Let's face it. In Rotary terms, I'm still a spring chicken. It's you people who just keep getting older!

April 26th is also the day of our Grapes for Grads fundraiser. I want to thank Jeff Redeker for organizing my 40th Birthday party at Tivoli, Too, where my family and close friends will gather to raise money for local scholarships, while enjoying a glass or two of wine in fellowship. You can all consider yourselves personally invited to my wine-tasting party. In fact, I encourage all of you to also invite your family and your friends. The more the merrier, if you ask me. I can't think of a better place, or with better people, to spend this memorable day and I look forward to all of us toasting our glasses, not in honor of my 40th birthday, but to Janine Navarro and Jim Cox, our two remaining members under 40. Thank goodness for them!

Laguna Rotary Life . . .



The Winner!



Is that an engagement ring?



Laguna Rotary Fun with our Bavarian Visitors

