



## Rotary Club of Laguna Beach

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## Rotary Friendships

from President Tory Thomas



One of the things that originally attracted me to our club was the friendships that were developed over the many years of membership. During my first few visits as a guest, I could tell that there was something very special about the Laguna Beach Rotary Club that did not just happen over night. After eight years of membership, I have now experienced this first-hand with the many special friends I have personally made, some of which I believe will be friends for the rest of my life.

Serving as president this last year, I have also discovered something else that is special about being a Rotarian. I've learned that Rotary gives us all the opportunity to build great friendships that go well beyond the Laguna Beach Rotary Club. To be honest, I had very little interest in venturing beyond our club before this year, but now I feel blessed to have met so many truly wonderful people through Rotary. For example, remember when we hosted the Rotarians from the Los Angeles International Convention? I'm still exchanging emails with these Rotarians from all parts of the world.

Fortunately, we don't have to travel around the world to meet these people. Rotary provides us with many opportunities to meet other interesting people outside of our club and we should all be taking advantage of this. Here are three suggestions for the month of March. First, we will be hosting our Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from Bavaria, Germany at the end of this month. Let's plan to give them a warm welcome at our March 27th lunch meeting and continue our celebration with them through Sunday,

March 29th, when there will be a party in their honor at Pete and Helen Maxwell's house.

Second, our club has committed to hosting a Hospitality Suite on Friday evening, March 27th, at our District Conference in Newport Beach, where we will be meeting hundreds of other Rotarians from around our district. Please plan to join us as we celebrate Rotary with our neighboring clubs.

Last, and certainly not least, there are people in our own community that are in need of our friendship. Adam Heller has provided our club with a wonderful connection to the Friendship Shelter. We now have the unique opportunity, and commitment, to help these individuals in our community who are trying to regain control of their lives. We also have the chance to meet them on a more personal level. As I've mentioned before, my family signed-up to bring the entree several months ago. The kids helped my wife, Maryann, make the meal and my son, Bayley, and I delivered it. The funny thing is that after spending only 30 minutes eating a meal with the people from the Friendship Shelter, Bayley and I probably received much more from this experience than they did. We left with a better understanding of their individual life stories and their genuine gratitude for what our club is doing for them on a monthly basis. This is why Adam and I are committed to having each one of our active club members experience this opportunity at least one time this year. Our hope is that once everyone has experienced this first-hand, there will be a long waiting list to deliver meals in the future. I plan to launch this

Who will be



the lucky gent?

- March 6**                    **Police and the Homeless**  
*Jason Ferris, LBPD Officer in charge of the homeless*
- March 13**                **Terrorism**  
*Maura Godinez, CIA Case Officer*
- March 20**                **Orange County Government**  
*Supervisor Pat Bates*
- March 27**                **Bavarian GSE Team**



**March**

- Jay Andrus - 28**
- Brendon Cheves - 25**
- Sue White - 24**



**March 6**                    (**\$1 lunch increase**)

- Invocation: Tankersley
- \*Greeter 1: Navarro
- \*Greeter 2: Stoeckmann
- Tickets: Montonna
- Cash: Shevlin
- Badges: May

**March 13**

- Invocation: Schirm
- \*Greeter 1: Maxwell, D
- \*Greeter 2: Sanford

**CAKE\***

- Cheves
- Tickets: Saville
- Cash: Maxwell, P
- Badges: Russell

**March 20**

- Invocation: Loomis
- \*Greeter 1: Roth
- \*Greeter 2: Levin
- Tickets: Redeker
- Cash: Lawler
- Badges: Polzin

**March 27**

- Invocation: Lange
- \*Greeter 1: Parrish
- \*Greeter 2: Lang
- Tickets: Norton
- Cash: Kreder
- Badges: Nootbaar

**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

**NOTE!**

**Our lunch costs at the Hotel Laguna have been raised by \$1, starting on March 1, 2009. Therefore, beginning with our March 6th meeting, the cost of lunch for members and guests will be \$14.**

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campaign in March by fining members who have not yet delivered a meal, salad, or dessert to the Friendship Shelter and who are not currently signed up on the list for a future date. Just consider this a friendly nudge, as I am convinced that you too will come to the conclusion that this is a worthwhile program that our club should continue for many years to come.

These are only three of the opportunities available to us as Rotarians this month. However, it would be neglectful for me to end without mentioning

our first annual Kiss the Pig fundraiser dinner for Polio Plus on March 18th, where we will all see Harry Bithell, John Campbell, Hank Gillebaard or Dave Norton (or me) kiss a pig. Thank you Linda Saville for bringing this to our club! This should prove to be a fantastic event, during a month that will be full of fun and friendship, and I really can't wait to share all of it with each one of you...and, of course, the pig.

## Laguna Rotary Life . . .

