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Make it your New Year's resolution to bring a guest to lunch in 2009!

History in the Making

from President Tory Thomas



January is now behind us, and what a month it was! We continued our club's 3-year tradition of delivering over 200 dictionaries to the 3rd graders in Laguna Beach and, as we handed each kid their very own book, the look on their faces was priceless. I want to thank Bill Parrish for heading this program up and for letting me, Rick Lang and Pamela Polzin be a part of it.

Last month was also the inauguration of our 44th President of the United States, which was personally a day I will never forget. No matter whom you voted for in the election, you have to admit that it was exciting to



know that we were witnessing history in the making. As I watched the ceremony, I experienced both pride and humility. I'm proud of our country for electing our first African-American President, showing the world that the United States of America has come a long way towards genuine equality. I was also humbled as I pondered how truly significant this day was to this young family man, as the weight of the world was literally passed on to his shoulders. Don't take this the wrong way, but I couldn't help but think how

insignificant being president of the Laguna Beach Rotary Club for a 1-year term was compared to this man's enormous commitment. However, I am still proud to say that I am one of 33,000 club presidents belonging to an organization that reaches much further than our country's borders. Despite how insignificant our contributions may seem at times, we can be sure that they

will ultimately become significant through Rotary International. Take polio for instance. Rotary International made ending polio its priority in 1985, and I believe we will see this horrible disease completely wiped from the face of the earth within the next 5 or 10 years. This will only happen because of

the millions of people making their individual contributions, no matter how insignificant they may seem at the time, with the hope of joining together to do something extremely significant for our world and for the many generations that will follow.

At this point, I feel compelled to stop here and share a scene with you from the movie *Finding Nemo*. Having three young kids, I can say without question that I have seen this movie too many times. In one of the final scenes, Dory was trapped in a fisherman's net along with thousands of other

Programs

- February 6** **Universal Health Care**
Parker Duncan, medical student fellow at UCI
- February 13** **Secrets of a Long Lasting Marriage (At Mozambique)**
Our own Rotarians
- February 20** **State of the City**
Ken Frank, City Manager
- February 27** **Afghanistan School Update**
Sadiq Tawfiq

Birthdays



February

Ron May - 18
Bill Parrish - 23
Linda Saville - 20
Andy Turner - 8
Dave Winckler - 4



✓ Mark your Calendars

March 18
 Rotary Day Fundraising Dinner at Pomodoro Restaurant on Forest Ave.

April 24
 Meet at Aliso Creek Inn for BBQ, lunch and golf.

April 26
 Grapes for Grads at Tivoli Two!

February 6

Invocation: Cox, J
 *Greeter 1: Alvarez
 *Greeter 2: Ward
 Tickets: Andrus
 Cash: White
 Badges: Nootbaar

February 13 At Mozambique

Invocation: Campbell
 *Greeter 1: Estes
 *Greeter 2: Cheves
 Tickets: Cirelli
 Cash: Kreder
 Badges: Shevlin

February 20

Invocation: Johnson, N
 *Greeter 1: Palmer
 *Greeter 2: Nootbaar

CAKE*

Saville
 Tickets: Johnson, C
 Cash: Estes
 Badges: Heller

February 27

Invocation: Herkelrath
 *Greeter 1: Hecht
 *Greeter 2: Polzin
 Tickets: Cler
 Cash: Drew
 Badges: Cox, J

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

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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little fish doing their own thing, going in their own direction, as the net was being pulled to the surface. Nemo then realized that if all of the fish swim in the same direction, then their combined force could break through the net. So, the scene shows Nemo convincing the thousands of fish to swim downward in unison until the net breaks away from the boat, freeing every one of the fish. What makes Rotary International so special is that we represent millions of people, from all different walks of life, moving in unison towards the single goal of making a significant contribution to mankind. Whether you are Bill Gates or a Rotarian contributing \$5 to the Foundation, each one of us plays an important part in Rotary's success.

I'm really proud of what our club has been able to accomplish with our giving to the Rotary International Foundation under the leadership of Helen and Pete Maxwell. Last year, our club achieved our goal of becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. This year, we will join the other 719

Rotary Clubs around the world who have committed to the concept of *Every Rotarian Every Year*. To accomplish this goal, we will need every member of our club to contribute something to the Rotary International Foundation this year. The amount contributed is not important; 100% club member participation is important. There are currently only 25 members who have not committed anything thus far to the Rotary Foundation this year. Helen and Pete Maxwell have sent out letters to these members and will be calling each of them some time in early March. I will then follow up with a call in April. If you cannot contribute this year, for any reason, please let us know and we will have another member contribute on your behalf, no questions asked. We are all in this together, and together, through Rotary International, I am convinced that we will accomplish our goals and am excited to know that over the next 5 or 10 years every member of the Laguna Beach Rotary Club will not only witness history in the making, but will be a part of it!

Laguna Rotary Life . . .

