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Rotary Club of Coronado

<b>VOL. 80, NO.18</b>	<b>October 29, 2008</b>	<b>SCRIBE: Ax de Plume</b>
<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> November 5 , 2008		
<b>PROGRAM:</b> Coronado School of the Arts		
<b>SPEAKER :</b> Pam Koker, Executive Director of COSA		
<b>LOCATION:</b> Carousel Room		

## CLUB PROGRAM CALENDAR

12 November	TBA	TBA
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## CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

8 November	Beach Clean up	Tim Cusick
11 November	Rotary Board Meeting	President Al
11 November	Flags on the Avenue	Doug Weisbarth
9 December	Board Meeting	President Al
13 December	Beach Clean up	Tim cusick
17 December	Coronado Rotary Family Christmas Party	Santa Claus

24 December	Rotary Santas	Lew Barnum
10 January	Foundation Gala	Rob Jones
10 January	Beach Clean up	Tim Cusick
13 January	Board Meeting	President Al
28 March	Rotary Golf Tournament	Bob Plumb
3 April	Rotary Night at the Opera	Ross White
25 April	Rotarians at Work	Steve Haley

#### NOTES FROM THE SCRIBE:

Trojan Dan Orr was making SoCal safe for Major College Football and was thus away from the proceedings this week, so **Ax de Plume** returns as your humble scribe this week.

Rotarian of the Day **Mike O'Connor** (CHS '84) led the Invocation and Pledge after the meeting was opened by President **Al Ovrom**. The Hotel Del Coronado was a popular place to be Wednesday as we had nine visiting Rotarians and 12 Guests of Rotarians.

#### ROTARY NOTES OF INTEREST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The meeting continued with an announcement by **Steve Duermeyer** that **Jim Kaufman's** wife Linda was ill. Steve thought that sending Jim a card or a short E-mail would be appropriate.
- President Al noted that if you pay your annual dues by credit card, you need to contact the Rotary Club of Coronado's office to authorize the payment in this manner. The dues won't be charged without your prior approval.
- **Mark Thompson** accepted a \$3,000 check from the Rotary Club of Coronado on behalf of YMCA Camp Surf that Mark honchos. Mark read a thank you letter from a military family, which benefitted from our club's donation and allowed their daughter to attend the camp. A feel good moment there.
- A check in the amount of \$1,500 was presented to Asst. City Manager Tom Ritter from the City of Imperial Beach to purchase an HD TV for the city's Teen Center.
- **Suzanne Popp** told of her recent trip to Africa and Swaziland, where she is involved in funding computers for children of that area. She also visited Port Elizabeth and attended several makeup Rotary meetings (Four Way Test anyone?). Congratulations to Suzanne for her efforts.
- **Mike O'Connor**, attempting to use all 15 minutes of Rotary fame in one outing, noted that he and **Dan Runyon** were going to coordinate the annual Rotary Monday Night Football outing and that Runyon would have a sign-up sheet next week. Party hearty, fiesta forever.

- **ROTARY OPPORTUNITY FOR 2009-10** The District will field two GSE Teams – a team of educators to Ecuador in the Winter/Spring of 2009-10 and a healthcare team to East Africa in April/May 2010. For Rotarians who have wished to lead a GSE team there are now two opportunities. Information about the GSE program is at the link below. APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE DISTRICT 5340 OFFICE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 28th 2008 TO BE ELIGIBLE. Interviews will be held on 12/6/08. Questions? Contact the District Office by phone or the GSE Chair Larry Sundram by email. The dates shown are approximate and will be finalized on 1/31/09. For more information please go to: [www.rotary5340.org/foundation/gse.html](http://www.rotary5340.org/foundation/gse.html)
- **WHO AM I?** The aforementioned **Mike O'Connor** gave his 'Who Am I' which had a political theme. After working at the Coronado Municipal Golf Course and interrupting a long generational line of Naval Academy graduates by attending Wake Forest, Mike worked as a sports producer at KNSD TV and for DirectTV. He and his partner (although Mike's wife was present, the Membership promptly went the other way on this one) purchased the Island Sports Bar.
- **Susan Enowitz**, the director of the Coronado Historical Association was presented for membership by her sponsor **Mike Privett**. Welcome aboard, Susan.

## The Family of Rotary

- Please contact **Mary Sternad** at 522-9452 or [psternad@aol.com](mailto:psternad@aol.com) for updates and information.
- **Alan Palmore's** wife Judy is facing a second round of surgery in the near future.
- **Maury Shaw** has had some serious health challenges lately.
- **Toni Gaylord** is undergoing back surgery this week.
- Please keep our fellow Rotarians and their families in your thoughts.

## FINES & RECOGNITIONS

1. Someone apparently put truth serum in the iced tea, because confessions flew aplenty. **Tom Mitchell** agreed to donate \$100 to the Coronado Rotary Foundation on behalf of his Dad, who passed away recently. Tom donated an additional \$100 for the arrival of his one-month old granddaughter.
2. **John Garrett** donated \$100 for his daughter's recent wedding, which sounded like a blowout event.
3. **Jerry Winter** confessed to a recent three-week tour of Croatia and Greece and was fined \$100.
4. Pleading for leniency, **Doug Metz** was excused from paying a fine for lack of Rotary flair on his political pictures.
5. President Al thoughtfully fined his son **John Ovrom** \$100 for being proud of his wife Dawn.
6. Buffalo, New York's own **Tim Cusick** was fined \$75 for his 50 th birthday.
7. **Dan Hutchison** was fined \$75, essentially for it being his birthday, but he also noted that he had spent considerable time working on an invocation that President Al demurred on using at the last minute.
8. But the line of the day went to former President **Steve Duermeyer**, who called his president when he was initiated, former President **Paul Plumb**, "the nastiest, little twit president." The assembled, after hearing truth spoken so lovingly about one of their own, laughed uproariously. Duermeyer backed off of the phrase as he went along, but agreed to a \$150 fine.
9. **Dick Vilmure** , celebrating his 86 th birthday recently, celebrated eight years in the Rotary Club of Coronado, to go with 15 years in the Rotary Club of Valley Center. All of that totaled a \$100 fine.

## PROGRAM

Former Imperial Beach Mayor Mike Bixler, husband of our very own **Sally Bixler**, and the current Port Commissioner for I.B. presented the program. He started and ended his program with a passionate plea against Proposition B, which would double deck in concrete a 97-acre area of Port property for shopping and a new football stadium. I'm just guessing here, but getting insurance on 97 acres of concrete and then the buildings on top of that in California might have a hefty monthly premium. But I digress.

Bixler then took the club on a verbal tour of the Port area, pointing out that he and his fellow commissioners try to run the public agency as a business. Several Port projects are in various stages of development including

- An inter-modal transportation area which would include rail transport to Sacramento.
- A docking area for mega-yachts, which Bixler described as a 'new service industry with a high payoff.'
- He reported that the *USS Midway* museum was breaking all attendance projections.
- New hotels are planned in the old Lane Field area, one a 550-room facility and the other a 250-room hotel, along with 1,600 underground parking spots.
- The old police station on Kettner Blvd. may be taken over by the master leaseholder at Seaport Village to develop.
- Bixler was 'cautiously optimistic' about the Chula Vista development being worked on by the Gaylord Company.
- In Imperial Beach, plans are being bandied about for the Pond 20 area.
- The Port is working with the Coronado Yacht Club on a new lease, as the current one expires in 2011.
- The Port is also involved in several projects in Coronado, including the possible lighting of the Coronado Bay Bridge.

**RAFFLE:** You know them, you love them, and you can't live without them -- buy raffle tickets weekly.

***The difference between "ordinary" and "extraordinary" is just a little "extra."  
Now go out and be EXTRAORDINARY!***







