

ESCONDIDO CENTERVIEW

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PROGRAMS

January 17

*Mara Sanders & Gary Jacobs,
High Tech High*

January 24

*Terry Burhans,
Fox 6 Weatherman
The Hurricane Phenomenom*

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, February 26th, 2006

Annual Coeur de Cuisine

Main Ballroom

California Center for the Arts Escondido

Presenting Sponsor

Angelo C. Damante,

Mercedes Benz of Escondido

Special tribute to Edna Sahn

6:00 - 9:00 PM

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A Message From President Dick Daniels

One thing's become clear: we've got a goodly number of TIGERS in Escondido Rotary – a lot more than Bob McClure's Wild Animal Park would ever have. Of course, our TIGERS are not the four-legged, large-cat variety. Instead, ours are Escondido Rotarians whose traits collectively are "Totally Involved, Generous and Enthusiastic Rotarians" as described by Past District Governor and Past

President Dr. Doyle Dannenberg's during the new-member induction ceremony.

Jolene Northrop's call today for volunteers to help with Coeur de Cuisine is just one example. By meeting's end, she had a sheet brimming with names of Rotarians who promised to step up and help with one or more of the myriad chores that help stage this magnificent event next month. That, in addition to the 30 or so members of the Coeur Steering Committee who have been meeting and planning the event since last summer. We are about to take part in a very impressive and massive display of teamwork put on one of the North County region's most successful fund-raisers.

Nobody's had the time – or courage, for that matter – to even begin to add up the number of volunteer hours it takes to plan and put on a Coeur de Cuisine. Quite frankly, it takes a club of our size to do so successfully without enlisting outside help and there aren't that many clubs of our size around. More important, it takes the highest caliber of members to do what we've done the first two years of the Coeur event – and what we will surely do again this year.

Serving as Totally Involved, Generous and Enthusiastic Rotarians is what Escondido Rotary does best. To our newer members: "climb on board" and get involved in making a difference in the lives of people we touch. You'll be glad you did.

Have a great week!

President Dick

Announcements

This Weeks Centerview Notes Written By: Nancy-Fay Hecker

The second meeting of the second half of the Rotary year was held on a beautiful, sunny and warm January day. It began with a request for **Coeur de Cuisine** volunteers from **Jolene Northrop**. **Jolene** is stepping up for **CJ Szytel** and is now in charge of the Coeur Volunteer Sign-Up while **CJ** takes over Club Secretary duties for **Larry Lynch** while he is still in the hospital.

The deeply thoughtful invocation shared by **Mike Cooper** included a prayer for our children who will be the next ones to make a difference.

Jim Byler initiated our Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by two choruses of *This Land is Your Land* beautifully led by **Suzanne Southwell**.

The very much appreciated piano music for dining performed by included theme songs from T.V. shows such as *The Adams Family*, *Bonanza*, *The Brady Bunch*, *Cheers* and *Casper the Friendly Ghost*!

Operation Homefront was the title and theme of the fun song from **Suzanne Southwell** with ghost writer **Tom Hogarty**. We later learned how very well the words summed up the program of the day.



Three visiting Rotarians were introduced by **Gary Knight**. The two from Canada (Alberta and Saskatchewan) were presented with Valley Center avocados from **Norm Syler**. **President Dick** felt the Canadians might never have seen one and proceeded to give them the pronunciation and also an explanation of the yellow ball in the sky called “sun”.

There are many upcoming important Rotary events. **President Elect Tom Knight** reminded us of the Tuesday, February 7, District Council Dinner at the La Jolla Marriott. Fellowship will begin at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. Guest speaker

will be Stephanie Edwards, L.A. television and radio personality. Register at District 5340 website.

Past President **Peter Wolf** announced that the Rotary International Assembly Host Hospitality events on February 20 will be an excellent opportunity to meet the leadership of Rotary from around the world. The very talented President Elect **Tom Knight** will be performing as a member of the Too Much Fun band at the Western theme Bar-B-Que Dinner and Dance to be held from 5:30 to 9:00 at the California Center for the Arts. A cocktail party reception, a great dinner with up to 100 District Governors-elect from around the world, and line dancing to boot! Tickets are \$30 per person but with 6 clubs selling tickets it will be a sell out. This will serve as our meeting for that week.

Earlier that day from 12:30 until 5:00 at the Wild Animal Park our club will be participating in the Meet and Greet acting as hosts. Sign up with **Dan Sundquist** or **Bob Payne** next week to be a part of this one on one opportunity to hear about international projects in a different light. Bob McClure has donated tickets to the Park (2 tickets max for adults only) for Rotarians helping

out. Peter gave credit to **Rachel Firth** for the great job she is doing to keep us all informed on the website. Thank you Rachel!

The momentum is building for **Coeur de Cuisine!** The announcements began with **Elizabeth Wohlford** outlining the sponsorship opportunities. An attractive package outlining all the options from \$100 business card ads in the event program to the fabulous \$10,000 Le Sommelier Sponsorship and everything in between was on the tables. **Angelo Damante** and Mercedes Benz of Escondido are Le Grand Gourmet Presenting sponsors and our sincere gratitude and thanks go out to them for their \$20,000 contribution. We were also reminded of the fact that this is our chance to honor our wonderful **Edna Sahn** and that the money raised from this event will go directly to the community through many worthy programs.

Ed Gallo applauded Elizabeth for the \$70,000 in contributions so far. He also spoke about the auction committee which includes both the silent and live auctions. The list of items is growing and very impressive with restaurant certificates (Crocce's, Café Sophia, and more), golf packages, a personal tour of the Fox TV station with **Estha (Trouw) Pando**, a “Do you know the way to San Jose?” package, a tour of the Midway, exquisite jewelry, a casino dealer training course, a Caribbean vacation, and many other creative things are in the works...possibly an African Safari! **Angelo** will be the auctioneer.

Be a part of the excitement by donating to an existing package or creating one of your own. When you donate something your name will be added to a special raffle for auction donors only. Ticket sales and attendance are key to the success!



The induction of 2 new members was led by past District Governor **Doyle Dannenberg** who encouraged them to become TIGERs (Totally Involved Giving Enthusiastic Rotarians) and not RINOs (Rotarians In Name Only). **Derek Strickland** with the classification of Clergy was sponsored by **Kim Fleming** and **John Boruff**,

classification of Auto Repairs was sponsored by **Carl Skaja**. They were told to discover the magic of Rotary in that there are no strangers, only friends that we have not met.

President Dick transitioned well asking to share in the treasure of Rotary which led to fines and recognition. **Sam Abed** had no Rotary pin on in his newspaper photo with the article "Rookie Year" which mentions a politician carving a niche, **Deborah Rosen** had her pin hidden by a leaf at the Farmers Market in her newspaper photo, **Gary Knight** now has an informative monthly economic chat column in the North County Times, **Linda Bailey** gladly paid the fine for not mentioning Rotary in her newspaper article because she wanted the focus to be about the children and the school. **Jeff Franks** was commended for his role in presenting the inaugural First Night Film Festival which was great despite the rain and **Jerry Kaufman** made news for what he is not going to do and that is a resolution not to run in 2006.

Our weekly raffle resulted in **Royce Moore** taking home \$70 more than he came with and **Mark Baker** being applauded for what he did not do, which was draw the Joker. The pot is getting bigger!

The program of the day, *Operation Homefront*, was introduced by **Alex Galenes**. He told the story of a young U.S. Marine soldier and husband about to be deployed to Iraq and his wife left alone, wherever they are based, trying to care for their 2 little children with another on the way. The responsibilities and worries are huge and the money to live on is not.

Speaking from the experience of 30 years in a uniform, Alex wove a tale that he sees as an accurate and not uncommon scenario facing many of our brave military families today. He feels we owe a debt of gratitude to Operation Homefront for stepping in.

Today's guest speaker, **Teri Patterson**, recently joined *Operation Homefront* and is one of only 2.5 employees in the San Diego area organization. The rest of the work is done by volunteers. In response to 9/11, *Operation Homefront* was founded with the mission of "supporting our troops by helping the families they leave behind." It is a "Can Do" agency that offers a "hand up and not a hand out." It is not about political beliefs but simply people helping people. It provides assistance to these families on a day to day basis.



The signature fundraising event is a radiothon on sports radio station Mighty 1090 which holds a 12 days of Christmas program where each day a \$1000 gift card was won. One year David Wells donated \$12,000 which added \$1000 more to each day's winnings. Also, the "adopt a family" program at Christmas has made a difference in many lives.

This is a very courageous group of people that are being served. To say that they need help is an understatement but they are too proud to ask for help. 4500-6500 families are served each year with over half located in North County.


It is an infant company that runs on donations from individuals and corporations and little things mean a lot. There are many ways to help which include the need for services such as auto repair, home, computer and appliance repair. Baby goods are very much needed from cribs to diapers. Cash donations are truly appreciated. There are many opportunities for volunteering. Also, space is needed in newsletters and chances for more speaking programs to get the word out are very much desired.

To find out more, look on the website, www.operationhomefront.net/sandiego.

The program next week will be Gary Jacobs speaking on a new High Tech High.

For questions, or to publish an article/upcoming charity event in the Centerview, please contact Editor, **Rachel Firth** via email at: escondidocenterview@hotmail.com

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