

**Rotary Dream Team Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2009**

Attendance: DG Pam Russell, DGE Marge Cole, DGN Dave Breeding, Elaine Allyn, AG Mark Allyn, Dale Bailey, AG Scott Cadwallader, Bob Chalfa, Luene Corwin, AG Jim Hughes, Kourtney Kennedy, Carl Kruse, AG Sylvana Meeks, Cheryl Minshew, Kathy Olsen, AG Bill Stumbaugh, AG Larry Sundram, Linda Sundram, PDG Bill Sturgeon, Buddy Thomas

Call to Order: DG Pam Russell called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM. She welcomed those in charge of youth programs as well as the District Leadership.

Minutes of October 21, 2008 meeting: The minutes were approved as presented (with the suggestion that the typo in "blog" be corrected.)

Treasurer's Report: Dale Bailey reported for Scott Peck. The unrestricted cash balance is \$52,149.23 and the restricted cash balance is \$31,643.55. Sixteen clubs have not paid their dues: Borrego Springs, Carlsbad Hi-Noon, Chula Vista, Coronado, Encinitas, Escondido Sunrise, Lemon Grove, Mission Valley, Old Mission, Point Loma, Poway, Rancho San Diego/Spring Valley, Rancho Santa Fe, San Diego Mid-City, San Diego North, San Diego Paradise Valley, and San Marcos. It was noted that contributing \$1.50 per member for District Conference support is optional.

Dale reported that when all income and expenses are accounted for the Foundation Gala should about break even. Pam reported that she has found an external funding source for the Josephson Ethics program. The total cost will be split between 08-09 and 09-10.

Membership Report: Carl Kruse told what he had learned by attending the Presidential Membership Conference in Phoenix. Membership in the North American countries is shrinking. The focus will be on retention, new club viability, and club vision for membership.

Based upon Semi-Annual Reports (SARs) submitted to RI between 07/08 and 01/09, D5340 membership increased by 4 to 3,528. Two new clubs are forming. Miramar has about 14 consistent in attendance. North County New Generations has been designated a provisional club and hopes to obtain its charter by March 31.

A two hour Membership Seminar will be part of District Assembly and will be led by Mark Allyn

RYLA: The first report from special guests representing youth activities was from Elaine Allyn . Elaine said that the economy seems to be affecting clubs and their ability to sponsor students at RYLA. There will be 20-30 less youth when RYLA is held April 17-19. There are 38 facilitators when 32 is the required number. Some excellent speakers have been lined up. The ethics training program that is being put together will not be ready for this RYLA.

Model UN: Dave Breeding provided the report submitted by Marty Rosenstein. The Model UN will be held April 4 & 5 at the Braille Institute. There will be 27 teams composed of two students. Each team of students has an advisor but volunteers are still needed to help with the program.

Interact: Cheryl Minshew reported that there were 20 in attendance at a consortium meeting on February 5. The possibility of holding a junior version of PETS and doing a project is being explored. A planning meeting will be held in District Office on March 5 at 5 PM. Rotary club Interact chairs, or whomever works with youth, is invited. School advisors are also welcome to attend.

Four Way Test Speech Contest: Kourtney Kennedy reported that 35% of the Rotary clubs are participating. The final round of the contest will be at District Council on April 7. DG Pam asked for potential sponsors for prizes.

Service Above Self Video Contest: The final for this contest will be at District Conference. Cal Mann is currently checking legal advise about the contest. Pam asked for media organizations that might provide prizes.

Youth Exchange: Chair Bob Chalfa reported there are only 2 outbound youth and one needs a club sponsor. Parents are responsible for the \$4,500 cost. The multi-district SCANEX, that coordinates youth exchanges, is currently undergoing a routine audit. Rob Eckert is still overseeing short term exchanges. This opportunity needs more promotion. DG Pam suggested that inbound youth exchange participants come to the Four Way Speech Contest in April.

Youth Exchange Symphony: PDG Bill Sturgeon reported that 30 international youth will participate in the International Music Camp this coming summer. Ten youth will participate in a two week summer camp. Ensembles of youth drawn from the symphony will perform at District Council on August 4 at the Center for the Arts in Escondido. The main concert of the symphony will be at the Balboa theater.

Youth Service: Dale Bailey, reporting for PDG Dick Thorn, stated that a meeting regarding youth service had been held. The focus was on how to handle emergencies. Background checks are continually being done for Rotarians who are working with youth.

Scouting: Buddy Thomas was introduced as the Scouting committee chair. He wishes to heighten awareness of the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. He has obtained sponsorship from Club 33 for awards to scouts at the time they receive their Eagle Scout award. After he receives the name, from the Scouting Council, of someone who will receive an Eagle award he contacts that person to see if they would like to have a Rotarian present at their award ceremony. It is also possible to give one award per year, per 50 members in a club, to honor someone who has been in both scouting and Rotary. Cliff Dochterman gave out the first award to a Rotarian in Club 33. Awards have been given out in subsequent years. DG Pam suggested that Buddy put a description of the awards in Quickbits.

Foundation: According to DG Pam, the District has reached about 50% of its goal for TRF Annual Program Fund. Syd Kirkland, Annual Giving Chair, can come talk to clubs about the Annual Program Fund. Assistant Governors should note this for their clubs.

About \$60,000 has been received for PolioPlus. Twelve clubs have reached the \$1000 goal.

District Conference: DG Pam reported that registration should be available on Wednesday.

District Governor Elect: DGE Marge Cole reported that the highlight of the International Assembly was the surprise appearance of Bill Gates, his announcement of his \$255 million to polio eradication, and the photos of him participating in a National Immunization Day with Rotarians. To achieve the required match, clubs will be asked to set a donation goal of \$2000 next year. DGE Marge also thanked Dale for his help in coordinating the very successful host hospitality night.

Pre-PETS, PETS, District Assembly: A successful Pre-PETS was held; all PEs are signed up for PETS. District Assembly is coming up March 21. It will incorporate 3 in-depth seminars that have been held separately in the past: Membership, Matching Grants, and PR. John Blount will be the lunch speaker. There will be one session on Future Vision that will be implemented in DGN Dave Breeding's year. All AGs should encourage clubs to get their leadership to District Assembly. Most clubs pay the registration fee. Registration is available on-line now.

GSE: Marta Bryan (Ecuador, educators) and Janice Kurth (East Africa, medical) have been chosen to lead the outbound teams. Flyers will be handed out at District Council and information is available on the website. Clubs are encouraged to help with recruitment.

LEAD (Leadership, Ethics, And Determination)::New for 09-10 will be a RYLA type conference for 8th graders. Each club will be asked to sponsor one boy and one girl. They must be selected now. The retreat will be held at Camp Palomar on September 26-27 so there will not be an opportunity to recruit in the fall. Paul Pierce is organizing this effort. More information is available at www.RotaryLEAD.org.

District and Regional Councils: The first District Council will highlight ensembles from the International Youth Symphony (See above.) There will be Regional Councils in October and April. These are being planned by PEs and leaders in local geographic regions but anyone can attend any Regional Council that interests them.

RI Convention in Birmingham: There will be two District Council receptions to be held on narrow boats near the convention center. Space is limited so early sign up is important.

Scouting: February 2010 will mark the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts. DGE Marge will work with Buddy Thomas to plan an observance.

District Governor Nominee: DGN Dave Breeding reported.

Future Vision: Current club presidents are voting on whether to participate as a pilot district for Future Vision. Ballots are due March 7. Two thirds of the clubs need to agree. AGs should ensure that clubs vote.

RI President Elect Nominee: Ray Klinginsmith, of Missouri, will be RI president during Dave's year at District Governor. He has emphasized that he wants to strengthen local clubs and develop a strategic plan for membership.

Minutes prepared by Luene Corwin, 08-09 Rotary District 5340 Secretary