



The RotaPoint



Rotary Club of Point Loma

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Point Loma Rotary Club Serves the Community

by *Judy Byram, Community Service Director*

The PLRC has engaged in several community service activities during the past few months. The effort reflects our ongoing commitment to the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."

Heading the list are contributions made to aid with hurricane relief in Gulf Coast states devastated by Hurricane Katrina. This storm startled the nation with its fury as it swept through the Gulf of Mexico and hammered parts of the American South. New Orleans in particular suffered serious flood damage as a result of numerous breaches of storm-weakened levees.

A number of PLRC members have families living in the New Orleans area, including **Rich Stakelum** who has since made several trips to Louisiana. During those visits he assisted with hurricane relief at the behest of the San Diego Rescue Task Force. He also served as a guide to RTF members to help navigate past the physical hurdles that resulted from storm damage.

Earlier this month Rich briefed club members about his travels and showed photos of the devastation. He stressed the importance of rebuilding New Orleans and opined that it is a national imperative.

While in Louisiana Rich delivered funds drawn from the club's Community Service budget—i.e., from the Endowment Fund—to the Plaquesmines Rotary Club. The money will be used to help with various recovery efforts. The club also contributed to hurricane relief via the Rescue Task Force, the Humane

Society, and the American Red Cross.

Regarding other Community Service news, on Veterans Day, November 11th, Boy Scouts of America Troop 24 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance to open the club meeting. **Dick Thorn** serves as assistant troop leader; his son **Pavel** is a troop member and he participated in the presentation. PLRC President **Byron Dyck** gave Troop 24 a check from Community Service funds.

Club Service Director **Nat Webster** is interacting with **Christina Gonzales** of the Point Loma Library to provide books for our guest speakers to sign. These books are then donated to the children's section of the library. Again, Community Service funds have been provided to Ms. Gonzales to purchase the books.

During the Board of Directors meeting in October, Board members unanimously approved the Community Service budget. This acceptance paves the way for the foregoing contributions as well as many others that will be made throughout the Rotary year.

We have received periodic updates regarding construction of the new Shelter Island Rotary Pavilion. Current PLRC President-elect and past Community Service Director **Pete Hedley** has been heavily involved with planning for the construction. Architect and current Vocational Service Director **Dan Johnston** worked with Pete and the San Diego Port District as part of the effort. For its part, the Port District requested PLRC funding to be applied to Phase One of the construction plan

Membership Notes

By *George Klein*

Rotary Wheel

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Montague Bear, a Chicago Rotarian, who drew a simple wagon wheel with a few lines to show dust and motion. Although there is no official significance to the wheel, most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads.

In 1922 it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem. The present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes, was adopted by Rotary International. A group of engineers pointed out that the gear wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a keyway in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added, and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

that will enable construction to be completed within the next few months. The Board of Directors approved the funding in September. As of press time, the pavilion's foundation is complete and the metal superstructure is in place.

[Ed. Note: David Pettigrew emailed photos of the pavilion construction to me that were intended to accompany this article. These are the photos that were circulated among club members during the November 11th meeting. However, my attempt to download and open them failed.—DB]



Club Bulletin Board

Invocation/Pledge Assignments

November 18—**Rich Stakelum**
 November 25—Club dark
 December 2—**Gary Stephany**
 December 9—Club dark. Caroling at St. Paul's Manor.
 December 16—**Bob Thomas**
 December 23—Club dark. Happy Holidays!
 December 30—Club dark. Happy New Year!

More on the BoG

The last newsletter identified **George Klein** (Chairman), **Paul Robison** (Treasurer), and **Dick Thorn** (Secretary) as members of the

Endowment Fund Board of Governors. However, the bulletin neglected to mention BoG members **Bill Cole** and **Dave Leedom**. *Mea culpa!*

Foundation Seminar DVD Available

Philippe Lamoise reports that the District has released the DVD of the Foundation Seminar held at the Salk Institute on September 10, 2005. The DVD is indexed to go to any presentation that one wishes to see. For those who were unable to attend the seminar, the DVD provides a good way to catch up on this exciting program. This also is a great way to circulate

information to club members on the many things the District is doing with The Rotary Foundation. Copies are available at \$10 each to cover duplication and shipping. Contact Philippe at philippe@lamoise.biz if you desire one.

Club Finances

Treasurer **Bob Baker** reports that as of November 15, 2005, Endowment Fund assets totaled \$150,069.83. Recent disbursements include \$500 to the Plaquesmines Rotary Club (Louisiana), \$250 to the Red Cross, \$250 to the U.S. Humane Society, \$250 to the Point Loma Library, and \$482.77



Blue Badge Award (Left)
Mike Nelson displays the blue badge of a true Rotarian after receiving it from PLRC President Byron Dyck.



Rich and Jodie (Right)
Rich and Jodie Stakelum posed for the camera on November 4th after Rich made his presentation about New Orleans and the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Boy Scout Troop 24 (Below Left)
Troop members posed after their presentation of colors on November 11th.



The third boy from the left is Pavel Thorn

AJ's Visit (Right)
Ajmal Myakhel from Afghanistan spoke briefly about his experiences as an interpreter and guide for U.S. military forces in his country. He visited the club on November 11th.



Calendar of Events: November-December 2005		The Board, 2005-06
<p>Friday, November 18: Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. San Diego Maritime Museum Executive Director Ray Ashley will provide an overview of the museum's activities and plans.</p> <p>Friday, November 25: Club dark. No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!</p> <p>Friday, December 2: Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. Program to be announced.</p> <p>Friday, December 9: Club dark. No meeting. Holiday caroling at St. Paul's Manor.</p> <p>Friday, December 16: Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. Annual holiday party for members and offspring.</p> <p>Today's Thought</p>	<p><i>By the accident of fortune a man may rule the world for a time, but by virtue of love and kindness he may rule the world forever.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">— Lao-Tse</p>	<p>Officers</p> <p>Byron Dyck President</p> <p>Pete Hedley President-elect</p> <p>Rich Stakelum Secretary</p> <p>Bob Baker Treasurer</p> <p>Directors</p> <p>Nat Webster Club Service</p> <p>Judy Byram Community Service</p> <p>Gary Stephany International Service</p> <p>Dan Johnston Vocational Service</p> <p>David Pettigrew Immediate Past President</p>
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