



Sunrise Serenade

The official Bulletin for
The Escondido Sunrise Rotary club
The most fun Rotary club in Disc. 5340
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The 2008-09
Rotary Theme

THIS WEEK

We are honored to have a new presentation by another outstanding non profit in North County.

Their Mission

To end family homelessness in North San Diego County.

Founded in 1999 by a husband and wife team, North County Solutions for Change (Solutions) began in earnest after seeing a sudden increase of families seeking refuge at emergency winter shelters in San Diego County. After nearly a decade of helping hundreds of men end their homelessness by utilizing an innovative work to recovery model that the couple developed called STEP-UP, Chris and Tammy Megison were now confronted with an extraordinary new face of homelessness: that of a nine year old girl.

The Megison's launched a series of community education campaigns aimed at raising the public's awareness. It's first such campaign featured a pair of tiny little feet which stuck out from underneath a baby blanket. Underneath it read: These Little Piggies are Homeless – We Can Change That! Soon, the local print media picked up on the plight and within one year CNN ran a world-wide special called "Left Behind" which documented Solutions helping two such homeless families living in their tents and cars who worked yet could not afford the skyrocketing costs.

Their Vision:

That 'every child has a home'.
To establish a community model that other communities can replicate.

To energize the whole community to take on helping homeless children and families and to providing solutions.

To be a respected and recognized leader in affecting solutions for homelessness.

That involvement with Solutions is a fun, rewarding, and positive experience for all.

That our purpose or program is not about "servicing" people, but rather affecting partnership commitments to make positive changes with clients and with the community.

Organization is self-sufficient and sustainable.

Give opportunities for hope and success.



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THE REPORT
ON LAST WEEK
By Alan Miller
No photos thank god.



Hmmm! We Had NO president, NO Sergeant at Arms, NO Secretary today. However the shoes were amply filled by John Woodbury as Pres. Elect, Brian Murphy played at Secretary and Mark Crosby, working off that infernal red badge as Sergeant at arms.

The meeting was called promptly to order by John, who needed to increase his volume to herd the troops (he was a bit timid at first, but soon elevated his confidence to obnoxious, and started with the clanging of our precious bell. Mike Muehl led the pledge (he remembered all the words, despite his inept driving ability), and Chris Miller gave the invocation with a special request that Jeff return safely, and whip the delinquents into order once again.

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The continued report on last week PP Alan

Several visiting Rotarians, Phyllis Graham from Arden Arcade in Sacramento (again), Marge Cole, District Governor Elect from Mission Valley, and her assistant, Larry Sundram from Vista. Chris brought a visitor, Andy Ommen (who has attended 3 times now - no more free ride), and the ever lovely Marlene Woodbury came to watch her husband, John, try his hand at the gavel.

Mike Dunlap introduced our speaker, District Governor Elect, Marge Cole. Her power point presentation was on the journey to become District Governor, what she has done, the commitment, (25-30 hours a week for two years) the joys, the travels (Mexico, Spain, Africa), all the goodies, hardships and perks of the position. Her pictures were delightful, starting with her 7th grade class picture from 1954-55. She and I have, at least, age in common. Her year as Governor will focus on drinking to excess and eating copious amounts of fatty foods. Nah, not really (darnit) Education is her bag, she's a former principal and teacher. She has some ambitious programs formulating, some in which we already participate.

. Should be a great year, intelligent, articulate and dedicated. Of the many points she made, these two are worth mentioning. At the LA convention, the literacy program received 242,000 books (A Guinness world record). When she as vice principal of a junior high, the waiting seating outside her office she dubbed "the moaning bench"

We are the first club in our district with 100% one and two time Paul Harris fellows --- good on ya all.

No birthdays and no anniversaries, guess November and August are slow months.

John mention the District Council which about 8 of us attended on Tuesday at the CCPA. The Rotary Scholars presented some terrific classical pieces, the string quartet from Venezuela was outstanding. The speeches and recognitions were short and sweet, so we were able to get down to the serious stuff, like drinking and eating (notice the order of importance). Anyhow, a good night, ya outta go sometime.

There is a PR seminar this Saturday, which Chris will attend, otherwise the enthusiasm was minimal.

The family which was burned out in Ramona and received the help of several of our members in the cleanup, sent a letter of appreciation and gratitude. Nice to get those things once in a while.

Mr. MASSON hisself, is still trying to raise the \$2,500 for the Stone charity event. You really could go to: johnmasson@masson-assoc.com, OR <http://www.stonebrew.com/dyehards/dyehards.php> and make a donation. They are in small increments, \$5 each and the causes benefiting are worthy.

Beside that, John's hair is now PURPLE (Gawd awful), his dedication above and beyond.

6:45 am -- this Saturday -- Cocina -- I'm driving. The crew for the house repair in San Diego should meet then and we'll have a fun day of service. Food and drink are provided - cool, huh?

Next Thursday, the intrepid Dave Herbert is getting a crew together for serving at Interfaith. I'm going - great time for service, hard work, but a lot of fun. dherbert51@cox.net



Our 2000 demotion party

