



# The Weekly Roundup

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF RANCHO BERNARDO

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## HELPING MILITARY FAMILIES

**J**ae Marciano, Chapter President for Operation Homefront Southern California, a non-profit organization serving military families of deployed service members, will speak to us about her organization on Thursday.

Operation Homefront provides emergency assistance and morale to our troops, to the families they leave behind and to wounded warriors when they return home.

A nonprofit 501(c)(3), Operation Homefront leads more than 4,500 volunteers in 30 chapters nationwide and has provided critical assistance to more than 45,000 military families in need.

Operation Homefront also operates an online magazine for military

wives and women in uniform. Through this community, we reach the newest and youngest military families, instantly alerting them about our programs and other information to help them succeed in military life.

Operation Homefront was founded in San Diego after the first waves of deployed service members to Afghanistan. Military wives partnered with local San Diego media personality Roger Hedgecock and veterans to create Operation Homefront to provide an outlet for citizens to show their support for the troops in ways that were most needed.

The troops asked that the community



**Jae Marciano,**

care for the families they had to leave behind. By the end of its first year, Operation Homefront was serving 10 percent of the military population in Southern California with a dedicated team of staff and volunteers.

Her career focus has always been on reaching out to families and helping community based programs succeed and reach new goals.

She has a Masters degree in psychology and has experience leading several non-profit organizations in the San Diego area.

She is also a trained facilitator, speaker, and trainer on several topics including crisis intervention, family violence, youth violence prevention, and community partnerships.

# MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

*By John Goodrich, Scribe Extraordinaire*

**President Dan** called the meeting of the Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club to order; The Club that supports Interfaith Community Services.

**President Dan** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of our Country's up-coming birthday, and **Arilla St. Laurent** led us in some thoughts for the invocation.

We were entertained by **Jack Mitchell** leading us in the 4-Way Test song. The Club being musically challenged struggled on the words, even though the 4-Way Test banner is hung up front and everyone should already know the words. There was a sense of gratitude the Club was not subjected to **President Dan's** Irish composition of *Rotary's Call*.

**President Dan** announced the volunteers for today's meeting with **Past Present John Goodrich** coming to bat as the scribe. **Jason Salazar** controlled the raffle and **Bob Wells** provided the Club with his enthusiastic greeting. **Bob** made it clear any member not able to be greeter Bob will be more than willing to take

their place, never has Bob been hugged so much. And at his age, this is a reward.... A question does present itself why the greeter was sitting down on the job this week; must be an age thing. We had **Paul Donick**, **Bill Bonner** and **Ken Larson** set the room up prior to the meeting and **Ken Larson** was working the hat collecting all the finds. And our "perky" **Gayla Williams** sat out as Treasurer allowing **Jim Reading**, our Club social animal, to man the table.



**John Goodrich**

There were a number of guests today for the meeting; our President's wife Sharon was joining us today, **Paul Donick** brought

is brother, George, and **Lynn Ross** graced us with her daughter, Kayla. With Kayla's presents the average age of the people in the room dropped by 30 years, thank you

Kayla. **Gary Saks** brought his wife and he introduced our program guests.

**President Dan** announced the matching grant status of the Foundation and indicated with the economic conditions all matching will be exhausted in Mid July. **President Dan** asked for vote on approving the grant proposal by Ed Knight for another clean water grant for Ecuador. Ed has already obtained commitment for over \$27,000 and with the grant from the Club total benefit will exceed \$32,000. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

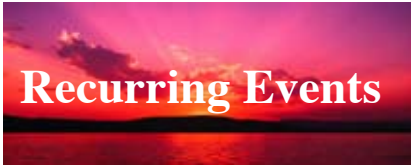
**President Dan** also repeated his excitement for the Significant Achievement Award made to the Club by Rotary International. Only 122 of these grants were awarded out of over 33,000 Clubs. **President Dan** thanked every Club member for allowing the *Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo* to be the recipient. The general feeling in the Club, however, is **President Dan** was the driver of the activities and it was only through his leadership the Club achieved such recognition.

**Jeanne Hawkins** announced the upcoming TGIX. It will be held July 12 at Poway Park. This is a special event for the entire family with music and picnic.

Our fearless, often disrespected, witty, never wavering Sergeant of Arms **John O'Neal** made a special birthday presentation. It

**President Dan** presented our Music Man, **Jack Mitchell**, with a special Presidential Citation for lifting our spirits week after week with his music and keen wit, with assistance from **Ann Calvert** and **Jeanne Hawkins** - *Photos by Arilla St. Laurent*





**Rotary Club Meetings:** Weekly on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Buffet opens at 11:30 a.m. for early

birds to socialize. **Rotary Golf:** Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at the Oaks North Golf Course at 10 a.m. Reservations are a must! Call Dan Malloy for information.

**Rotary Board:** Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at the San Diego Na-

tional Bank in the upstairs conference room at 4 p.m.

**Rotary Foundation Board:** Meets the 4th Wednesday of every third month at 4 p.m. at Rancho Financial in the conference room.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Thursday 5 p.m. the week before the speaker speaks.

appears there has been a major oversight with no birthday recognition taken place for the past 3 months. Thanks goodness John is here to rectify this egregious error of protocol. He announced all the birthdays that occurred and a birthday cake was presented. It appears John would have been better off naming those members who *did not* have a birthday, it would have been quicker. **Bob Krejci** was singled out from the other birthdays as he was celebrating his 96 birthday. Way to go Bob.....

There were several Happy Bucks for the day, most notable in the eyes of the Scribe was the retirement announcement of **Charlie Crew** and **Shirley Kendall's** surprise announcement she and Neal are moving to the beautiful environs of Oklahoma City. The reaction at one table was what's in Oklahoma City other than a bunch of Oklahomans. We all wish her the best. Some other Happy Bucks included **Jim Edwards** contribution for **Troy Daum's** awful Island Shirt imitation, like Jim knows anything fashion, **Lynn Ross** for taking a day off from work to spend with daughter, **Paul Donick** for receiving birthday wishes from **Mike Stelman** who is in England, and Sharon Malloy for the Club honoring her with a

Paul Harris Fellowship as well as being so grateful for the kindness the Club extended to her husband, **President Dan**.

**Paul Donick** announced the sign-up sheet for the Day at the Races is being passed around, please sign up. The event is August 12 and open to Club members and guest.

The Club was honored with a very special program today; **Gary Saks** introduced Elliot Wulff, a 14 years singer to grace us with some singing. Gary added one reason for the specialness of this program is all the Club members will be able to say they heard Elliot sing before he become too famous. It was indeed an honor to hear him sing and how a 14 year can have so much talent is a mystery

**Jason Salazar** brought up the raffle drawing and our guest speaker selected the lucky ticket. The winner was **Gary Saks** (clearly a fix as his guest pulled the ticket) but his 4 of hearts only got him the \$10 booby prize leaving the real winner for another time.

Generally the meeting ends with the drawing but today was extra special. **President Dan** wanted to award a very special Presidential Citation to someone in the Club who without a doubt has more energy and talent than one

person is allowed and generally makes our weekly lunch meeting a joy, and without who's mastery of the language of music would sound more like fingernails on chalkboard, our song maestro **Jack Mitchell**. **Ann Calvert** put words to paper and wrote a tribute to Jack titled "Thank you for the Music" for the Club members to sing to Jack.

Today was **President Dan's** last day up in front of the Club and he will be missed terribly. To finish off his term he shared with the Club his own version of "My Way" as a final curtain call. He can now enjoy lunch and sit wherever he wants.

On a personal note, the Scribe wishes to add it has been an extreme pleasure having **President Dan** as our leader. We have had some interesting meetings, some great and some not so great, he has always been quick to laugh at himself for the occasional blunder, but at all times, Dan was there pushing the Club and blazing new ground. In everything he did he was unselfish and wanted only the best for the Club and to do good for the community. I have personally been with 23 different Presidents and Dan is one who stands out among the rest.

## VOLUNTEERS

	Greeter	Pledge	Invocation	Raffle	Scribe
7/2/2009 12:00 PM	Gary Saks	Jim Sommer	Arilla St. Laurent	Jason Salazar	John Goodrich
7/9/2009 12:00 PM	Tim Whyte	Gayla Williams	Jim Wise	Jeanne Hawkins	John O'Neill
7/16/2009 12:00 PM	John Hawkins	Dan Malloy	Donna Luna	Rod Melendez	Kathleen Smith

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