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THE ROTARY CLUB OF RANCHO BERNARDO

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Navroj Nuvi Mehta has recently assumed full time duties with the San Diego Symphony as pre-concert lecturer, multi-media presenter, community outreach speaker, and host of the Symphony's new "Symphony Exposed" concert series. He will speak to our club on Thursday.

Mr. Mehta joined the Ventura Music Festival in 2004 as Artistic Director, and was formerly Music Director of the Marquette Symphony Orchestra

and the Nova Vista Symphony. Mr. Mehta has also been Assistant Conductor and Director of Outreach Programs with the San Diego Chamber Orchestra.

He is conductor for the International Russian Music Piano Competition, and served as apprentice conductor with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. Nuvi Mehta has recently begun hosting XLNC 104.9FM's *World of Music*, a half-hour San Diego Symphony program preview show.

As a violinist, Mr. Mehta served as concertmaster with the New World Symphony in Miami, and performed for several seasons with the San Diego Symphony. A graduate with honors of Indiana University (BA in Music) and Juilliard (MA in Music), he studied conducting with Charles Bruck and attended conducting seminars with Leonard Bernstein.

Married to a former horn player, Karen Park-Mehta, he enjoys cooking, baking, and swimming in the ocean.

The RB Rotary Club meets Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at Bernardo Heights Country Club at 16066 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego 92128. Address correspondence to the club at Box 28005, San Diego, CA 92198. Telephone 858.485.5820.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

By Bill Angus, Scribe Extraordinaire

President Barb called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. on March 11, 2010. The volunteers for the meeting performed their duties with enthusiasm as the pledge, invocation, and welcome song went off without a hitch.

Ann Calvert provided a powerful reflection and stirring meditation on the Haitian crisis as our invocation. Larry Valente led us all in a rousing rendition of "America the Beautiful".

There were two guests and one visiting Rotarian. John O'Neal, our fine master, fined Jason Salazar for a remark on the age of those he was seated with and Jim Edwards for being a human door stop.

Charley Crew and Bill Angus gave happy bucks and paid tribute to Tom Giles recent work in the community. John then invited all of those who celebrated a birthday in January, February, and March to stand and then they distributed birthday cake to the rest of their Rotarians as they were

serenaded to a rousing rendition of the birthday song.

Tom Giles then was asked to speak and delivered a very stirring and sobering account of his time serving the family of Chelsea King. Tom detailed the courage of that family and that of Maurice Dubois who helped in the search efforts for Chelsea. It was amazing how the entire community came together to search for Chelsea and shared the heartbreak of her death.

There are several initiatives that are underway to improve security at RB Community Park and Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher is working with the King Family to draft legislation to tighten the laws in California as they pertain to sexual predators and convicted sex



Bill Angus

offenders. Tom ended with mentioning the food packing event being held at the Church of Rancho Bernardo on March 20 and 21. For more details and to sign up to fight against hunger go to <http://www.ffccsd.org>.

President Barb reminded everyone about the District Assembly on March 20 at the Joan Kroc Center at USD. Registration for this event can be found on the District website. She then thanked all of our red badgers for their efforts in a very successful food drive to benefit our Boy Scout Troop and Salvation Army.

Troy Daum then introduced our speaker Dr. B. Gregg Mitchell of UCSD's Scripps Oceanographic Institute who gave a very insightful talk on Algae Based Biofuel Technology.

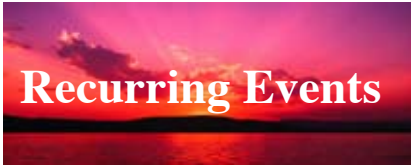
He mentioned that San Diego is at the center of the algae to biofuel research efforts and that over the next 5 years there will be half a billion dollars spent in San Diego County by the energy industry to develop this biofuel technology.

Dr. Mitchell discussed the various strands of algae that yield more fuel and identified shall saline ponds as being the best conditions to grow algae crops in. The model for making the algae

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HELPING HANDS -- Rotary volunteers assist with food donations (from left) Karen Stelman and Red Badge Brigade Members Frances Blair, Gabriela Brown, and Mike Sullivan. -- Photo by Arilla St. Lauren.





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 3rd 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.

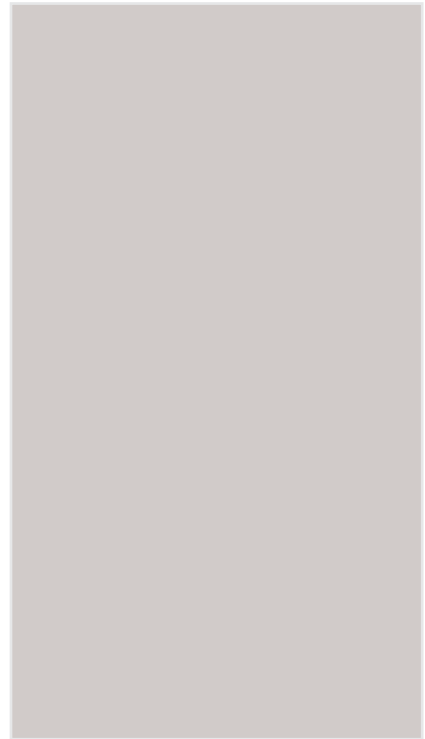
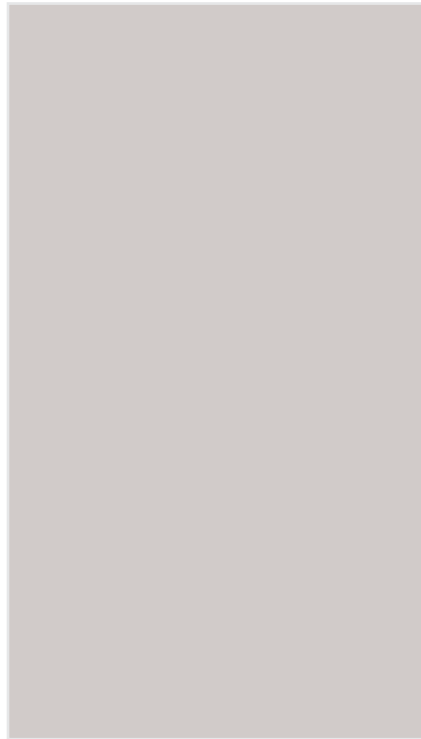
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biofuel affordable to produce is similar to Brazil's method to convert sugar cane into ethanol which now has the same costs associated with it as does manufacturing a barrel of petroleum.

The research and technology is getting closer to getting the cost of a barrel of algae biofuel down from its current price of \$1000 a barrel. Dr. Mitchell concluded by stating that further research will lead to energy independence and make biofuels more viable over the next few decades. For more information on this please visit <http://www.algae.ucsd.edu>.

An opportunity drawing was held and Jim Edwards won but came up short of the grand prize.



VOLUNTEERS

	Greeter	Pledge	Invocation	Raffle	Scribe
3/11	Lew Tyler	Bob Wells	Jim Wise	Rick Bramble	Bill Angus
3/18	Mike Sullivan	Tim Whyte	Frances Blair	Mira Bozanich	John Goodrich
3/25	Rick Bramble	Spencer Wright	Gabriela Brown	Ann Calvert	Sandie Dewane
4/1	Paul Casterline	Janice France	Mike Sullivan	Sherry Collins	John O'Neill
4/8	Rick Bramble	Carol Corey	Charley Crew	Mike Sullivan	Bill Angus

Use this link to obtain information from our website:
<http://www.rbotary.org/Lists/Volunteers/CurrentList.aspx>



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