



# The Weekly Roundup

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF RANCHO BERNARDO

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**L**arry Saunders is founder and owner of BlueSail Computing, a computer services company.

Employed by IBM for 14 years, Larry was awarded two IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Awards. As an internationally recognized VHDL applications expert he also received an IEEE Computer Society Outstanding Contribution Award and two IEEE Meritorious Service awards.

For the last 20 years he has worked as a computer industry consultant founding

or co-founding three computer consulting companies. He has worked with computer technology for 40 years doing computer repair, computer design, electronic design automation, computer and network administration, office productivity solutions, and web and computer programming. Currently his focus is SharePoint web development.

Larry is the author or co-author of over 75 technical articles and publications and was a contributing editor for Integrated Systems Design magazine. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in

Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle and served in the US Marine Corps.

He is married to April Mitchell and has one son, Eric (who, by the way, shares his dad's interest in computers).

Since becoming a Rotarian, Larry has served as Sgt at Arms; on the club's Board of Directors; and as both board member and president of the RB Rotary Club Foundation. He also served on the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation Board of Directors.

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*

**P**ast President Larry Valente called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. on April 22, 2010. The volunteers for the meeting performed their duties with enthusiasm as the pledge, invocation, and welcome song went off without a hitch.

Rick Bramble provided a powerful reflection and meditation as our invocation. Jack Mitchell led us all in a rousing rendition of a Jack original "I lost my Identity".

Don Lisio delivered the sunshine report and reported that Jim Wise is on the road to recovery having broken his tibia.

John O'Neal then invited all of those who celebrated a birthday in April 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.

Jason Salazar then announced that our meeting on Thursday May 6 would be

at the Courtyard by Marriott in Rancho Bernardo. Immediately following lunch will be a tour of the RB Fire Station to see all of the improvements that our contributions as a club went to fund. Please contact Jason if you will not be attending that meeting. Final head count must be established by the end of April.

Suzie Lisio then announced that the Rotary Day at PETCO Park would be on May 25 and please see the district website <http://www.rotary5340.org/> for more details.

Charley Crew then delivered a report on his time at RYLA as a facilitator and enthusiastically encouraged all to consider being a facilitator for RYLA next year. Charley had an energizing but exhausting time with the students and he



**Bill Angus**

was certain that many friendships were established among the students.

Past President Larry then presented Francis Blair with her gold badge to replace her red badge after she had fulfilled all of her requirements as a new member.

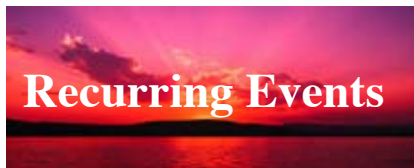
Tom Giles then reminded all about Rotarians at Work and all of the projects that we are participating in on Saturday. Tom thanked all who volunteered and all that helped him in organizing the event. Paul Donick then reminded us all to mark our calendars for RB Rotary day at the races on August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Del Mar Race Track.

John O'Neal then assumed his duties as fine master and fined members who did not have a woman seated at their table and to those Rotarians whose pictures were in the paper this week. Happy bucks were donated by Charley Crew who is off to China, Troy Daum whose daughter Brittany just returned back from a great experience at RYLA, and Tom Giles who wished to thank those Change Makers who have joined Chelsea's Light Foundation and who will be playing in the fundraiser golf tournament in May to benefit the foundation.

Charley Crew then introduced our speaker Doug Gordon, who spoke on

**President de jure Larry presents a speaker's gift to Doug Gordon (left) and presents a Rotary diectory to long-time member Ken Larson who will be moving north to be near family. -- Photo 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 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.

## Meeting Highlights

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the 65 Anniversary Celebration in Normandy of the D-Day invasion that he experienced in 2007. Doug also had in his presence Jack Port who was one of those soldiers who stormed Omaha beach on that day and along with Doug is also a Rotarian. Doug spoke about the love for the Americans that the people of Normandy still have. H

He profiled the church of Ste Mere Eglise where there is a figure Private John Steele that still hangs from a parachute off of the church steeple to remind all of the sacrifice that American soldiers made to liberate France. He then reviewed in detail the stained glass of the church that depicts the Mother Mary holding baby Jesus and being surrounded on either side by American Paratroopers from the 82<sup>nd</sup>. It was truly breath taking to view.

Doug then chronicled the amphibious assault and explained how critical Pointe du Hoc was to the allies and how the equivalent firepower in bombs of

the single bomb at Hiroshima had been dropped on the point to soften it up for the Allies invasion. He then detailed the Omaha beach cemetery where there are 9,387 U.S. soldiers buried and how the French have leased that land forever for free to the United States to be a US resting place for our battle fallen.

The liberation of France in the first 100 days after D-day had claimed 29,000 American soldiers' lives. The ultimate sacrifice was made by members of the Greatest Generation in the name of freedom.

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

Ken Larson then addressed the Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club for the last time as a member. Ken will be leaving us to live closer to his kids and grandkids up in the Thousand Oaks area and we will miss his heart, passion, and fellowship. Thank you Ken for all that you did to make the meetings run smoothly and for promoting better friendships among your fellow Rotarians!

Past President Larry then closed the meeting.



## Spring Council To Be May 25

The Spring Council for the North County Clubs has been changed from 4/20 to 5/25.

The new fun exciting fellowship event will take place at PetCo Park, a Rotary Night at the Padre game. Tickets that normally sell for \$17.00 are now only \$8.50 thanks to Rotary.

We will all be seating in the same area and one person from our area will either throw out the first pitch, another raise the Rotary Flag and a Rotarian singing the National Anthem. Game time is 7:05 pm, meet at 6:00 pm for fellowship. Contact one of the 3 Escondido Club Presidents to get tickets. Each North County Club can also sell raffle tickets as a fundraiser to have a chance of throwing the first pitch or raise the Rotary flag at \$5 each. Contact me Jim Reading for more information.

### VOLUNTEERS

	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Pledge</b>	<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Raffle</b>	<b>Scribe</b>
4/22	John Hawkins	Carl Hoffman	Rick Bramble	Gabriela Brown	Bill Angus
4/29	Ron Hunt	Jeanne Hawkins	Jim Hyldahl	Pat Kenney	John Goodrich

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<http://www.r Rotary.org/Lists/Volunteers/CurrentList.aspx>