

SAN DIEGO ROTARIANS UNITE TO HELP VICTIMS OF DEVASTATING FIRES—25 MARCH 2008

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After wildfires swept through Southern California in October, Rotarians in and near San Diego brought immediate and long-term relief to fire victims who lost their homes and most of their belongings.

The firestorms destroyed nearly 1,600 homes, caused damages estimated at over \$1.2 billion and forced more than half a million residents from their homes.

The Rancho Bernardo neighborhood in San Diego was hit hard by the disaster, with 261 homes burned to the ground. Before the embers died, members of the Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo Sunrise (San Diego) walked the streets of the fire-weary community, helping families, oftentimes strangers, sift through ash and rubble in hopes of salvaging items. They donated clothes and food and worked with the Red Cross to help coordinate volunteer efforts.

“Rotary became the eyes, ears, and pulse for Rancho Bernardo following the fire,” said club member Jim Roth. “Families who lost everything looked to [us] for

leadership and help.”

Four Rancho Bernardo Sunrise club members lost their homes. Among them was Kendra Jeffcoat, whose fellow members opened their doors and let her stay with them. “It wasn’t a surprise at all that Rotary was with me every step of the way. Their support was overwhelming,” Jeffcoat said.

Former club member Mike Miller was also left homeless. The outpouring of practical and emotional support he received from Rotarians so moved him that he decided to rejoin the club.



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“There were 22 people from my Rotary club waiting to help me,” Miller said. “You don’t realize how much

they mean until you’re faced with your worst situation. Rotarians truly care. It’s phenomenal.”

In Poway, just north of San Diego, city officials asked members of the Rotary Club of Poway to oversee and distribute funds from the community’s fire relief foundation. Rotary clubs across the United States and around the world donated a total of \$80,000 to the fund.

Among the beneficiaries were Poway residents Mark and Terry Wery. After their home burned to the ground and, along with it, their home-based elderly care business, the Werys were left with little but a growing stack of unpaid bills. Poway Rotarians helped ease the financial burden, delivering the couple a check for more than \$1,200.

“Rotary showed up in a big way,” said Mark Wery. “They are really heart driven. We are extremely grateful for the tremendous help Rotary’s given us. I think all of Poway feels the same way.”

Reception Committee		Program	
Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Speaker/Subject
April 3	Pat Kosinski	David Belanger	Classification Talks
April 10	Nicholas Lippincott	Mike Boettcher	PA Rep Tom Killion
April 17	Lori Markusfeld	Dennis Rehrig	Dana Riker - Healthy Community Initiatives
April 24	Bryan Messick	Martin Sarkees, Jr.	Nicole Williams - SPCA
May 1	Dale Moppert	Warren Smith	Candice Linehan - Women Against Rape
May 8	Penelope Reed	Jack Sproul	Media Fair Trade
May 15	Martin Sarkees, Jr.	George Slick	Tyler Arboretum

CALENDAR OF EVENT

40th Annual Pancake Day - March 29, 2008

Rotary Board Meetings - Second Tuesday of every month.
The meetings will be held at 12 p.m. at the Towne House.

Rotary Foundation Meetings - Fourth Thursday of every month.
The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. at the Towne House.

Schedule of Events for Rotary District 7450
More information can be obtained at www.rotary7450.org.

A copy of the Rotary Foundation of Media by-laws, latest Treasurer's report and guidelines for requesting funds are available at <http://www.mediarotary.org/foundation/>. A comprehensive list of recipients is also available for your perusal.

Sunshine Committee
Let Lynne Green know about anyone who is ill, has passed away, has gotten married, has had a new baby, etc. Please contact her via email at pgs8@comcast.net.

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Club Officers 2007-2008
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Ken Delmar - Vocational & Program
Lynne Green - Social
Barbara Laurenzi & Rosemarie Halt - Fall
Fantasy Auction

Executive Secretary - Don Bak
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Courtney Ballauer

ROTARY CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

At the last board meeting, we discussed membership. The board recommended having Rotary Information on the Thursday following the Board Meeting each month, having the 3rd Thursday be "Membership Day" (with a few minutes to talk about what it's like to be a Rotarian), and the 4th Thursday being Induction Day. This will allow for names to be placed in the Medium with enough time for the 7-day notice. As of now, the schedule is:	April 8	Board Meeting
	April 10	Rotary Information
	April 17	Membership Day
	April 24	Member Induction
	May 13	Board Meeting
	May 15	Rotary Information/ Membership Day
	May 22	Member Induction
	June 10	Rotary Information
	June 19	Membership Day
	June 26	Member Induction

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PICTURES OF ROTARY



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following Rotarians celebrate their birthday in April:

April 3
Bruce Clark

April 6
Al Elko

April 7
Terry Kline

April 8
Mike Boettcher
Valerie Bradley
Andi Youndt

April 17
George Christoforidis

April 18
Mark Whitehead

April 25
Carole McMahon

April 30
Peter Mardinly



♪ *Happy Birthday to you...*
Happy Birthday to you... Happy
Birthday Rotarians... Happy
Birthday to you! ♪

DONATIONS TO VFW APRIL 17

Below is a list of requested items for our active military from this area.

Coloring Books	Baby Wipes
Crayons	Cotton Balls
Small, Safe Toys	Q-Tips
Silly String	Toiletry packets
Tooth Paste	Tooth Brush
Powdered Drinks	Sunglass Inserts
Training Pants	Toilet Tissue (1-ply)
Donations	CHOCOLATE
etc.	

On April 17 we will be holding our meeting upstairs in the Tiffany Room. Use the entrance is off Baker Street (next to the bar entrance) or you can use the front entrance and go up the stairs.

Please don't forget to sign in!

Phones must be on vibrate - \$10 charge if they ring.

Rotarians are responsible for all information changes with Courtney Ballauer.

Thanks!



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Service Above Self

George A. Albany, III – Banking, Savings Bank
 Teresa Angarita – Construction Company
 Don Bak – Architect
 Courtney Ballauer – Community Health
 Edward J. Beadle – Dentist
 Lewis B. Betty, Jr. – Law – Probate
 Jonathan Becker – Estate Attorney
 David L. Belanger – Library Administration
 Joseph S. Bodalski – Financial Consultant
 Mike Boettcher - Surf Shop - Retail Manufacturing
 Valarie Bradley – Real Estate Inspections
 Marcus Brettschneider - Packaging
 Martin Brian – Pharmacist
 Jeffry Cadorette – Property Management
 Anthony Cavaliere – Banking
 George Cristoforidis – Home Health Care Equipment
 Bruce Clark – Municipal Manager
 Jim Clyma – Real Estate – Commercial

CLASSIFICATIONS

William K. Davis – Community Planner
 Kenneth Delmar – Plastics, Packaging
 Robert L. Dimond – Veterans Affairs
 Michele Edgcumbe – Non Profit Director
 Robert W. Edmondson –
 Al L. Elko – Accounting – CPA
 Virginia Falkenbach – Computer – Web Design
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 Walton B. Hill – Education – Technical College
 Sally Holub – Magazine
 John Hontz – Education – Music
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 Eugene L. Kane – Medicine – Optometrist
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 Denise Kerr – School Superintendent
 Reverend Robert Kesel – Clergy – Presbyterian
 Joseph Kleschick – Ship Building
 Terrance A. Kline – Law
 Pat Kosinski – Non Profit Director
 Narenda Krishna, MD – Ophthalmologist
 Jim Larsen - In-Home Senior Care
 Barbara Laurenzi – Banking – Business Banking
 Nicholas Lippincott – Law – Litigation
 Peter A. Mardinly – Law – Tax
 Lori Markusfeld – Fundraising
 Carole McMahon – Home Healthcare
 Victor A. Menghetti, Sr. – Veterinarian - HONORARY
 Bryan Messick – Banking

Dale Moppert – Bank – Retail
 David E. Pergrin - HONORARY
 Ted Pleibel, III – Sign Maker
 Evelyn Preising, MA –
 Penelope Reed – Theater
 Dennis Rehrig – Med-Chiropractor
 Roger Ricker – Theater
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 Martin T. Sarkees, Jr. – Accountant
 George S. Saulnier – Law
 John J. Schlesinger – School Administrator
 Mollie Shiflet – O’Brien – Law – Real Estate
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 Mark Whitehead - Education
 Randolph B. Winton – Money Manager
 Jack Wisniewski – Retired – Helicopter Engineer
 Jackie L. Woolfall – Marketing & Public Relations
 Andrea Youndt – Director - YMCA

NEWEST MEMBERS

Jim Larsen, & Michele Edgcumbe

BIRTH YEARS

I am currently working on getting the directory up and running and need everyone’s birth year. This information will be for secretarial purposes only and will not be distributed with the roster. A roster will be circulating at the meetings. Please update your birth year and any other incorrect information.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. ~Courtney



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