

from Ali Hawthorne, LBHS Interact Club

Student's Goodwill is Welcomed at Ensenada Orphanage



A simple bowl of macaroni and cheese or a small salad may not be a real treat for you, but to the children at the Casa Hogar Orphanage in Ensenada, Mexico, it's a real special meal.

On March 13 the Interact Cub left for its fourth annual overnight trip to the Casa Hogar Orphanage, bringing smiles to 30 children's faces as well as their surrounding neighbors. The school-sponsored club has strong ties to the local Rotary International chapter, some of whose members serve as club advisors, said Dave Winckler, president of Laguna Rotary.

Don and Susie Campbell, residents for Laguna, frequently travel to Mexico to help the orphanage and again this year transported members of the Interact Club to Mexico in their bus named, "The White Dove."

Interact Club members as well as other students, collected food, shoes, balls, coloring books/crayons, and hygienic products that they donate to the orphanage. The kids and adult chaperons assembled crafts, played with the children and helped out with the daily chores such as laundry and washing dishes.



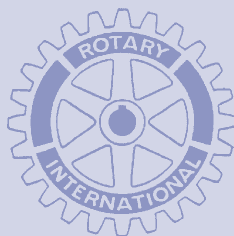
A scene from last year's trip to Casa Hogar

The Club members also walked and drove up the dirt and rocky roads to donate tarps, used for shelter, along with shoes, toys and more to the neighborhood outside the orphanage. Not only did members cook dinner or macaroni and cheese, salad, corn dogs, and corn for the children, allowing operators to have the night off, but they managed to pack a bag of dog food for the many dogs that live there too.

"This was my first time going down with the Interact Club, and it really opened my eyes to see how different of a world there is just a few miles away from home. I am so grateful to have had that the opportunity to get to know such wonderful children," said senior Kendall Hellman.

For some this trip was an eye-opening experience that has changed many students' lives. To others it has become a trip that they will try to continue each year.

"It was my second year going on the Mexico trip and I am happy I went. I think that all teenagers should help out in any way they can, it's really good for you," confirmed senior Ryan Moore.



- April 01** **Jay Johnston**
Colorful former Angels baseball player
- April 08** **Staying “in” With the “outs”**
What So. Calif. Persians are seeking for Iran; John Paley, General Mgr. AM 670 KIRN
- April 15** **Bigger that Vegas**
The economics/politics of Indian Gaming; Chet Barfield, San Diego Union-Tribune
- April 22** **The Montage, What it Does for Laguna**
John Mansour
- April 29** **Our Man in Baghdad**
Dewey Claridge

Birthdays



April

- Ron Hyrchuk - 9**
- Marianne Raczkowski - 14**
- Lynne Bisciegli - 16**
- Jerry Immel - 20**
- Dave Norton - 20**
- Udo Stoeckmann - 24**
- Tory Thomas - 26**

If we missed your birthday, our apologies. Please let President Dave know.



Note: Greeter is also responsible for set-up.

April 1

Invocation: Bithell
Greeter: Thomas
Tickets: Campbell
Cash: Thiabult
Badges: Challenger

April 8

Invocation: Tawfiq
Greeter: Gilbert (Jr.)
Tickets: Tankersley
Cash: Cirelli
Badges: Stoeckmann

April 15

Invocation: Cler
Greeter: Haines
Tickets: Cox
Cash: Smith
Badges: Drew

April 22

Invocation: Schirm
Greeter: Finley
Tickets: Saville
Cash: Gillebaard
Badges: Sanford

April 29

Invocation: Herkelrath
Greeter: Roth
Tickets: Higgins
Cash: Redeker
Badges: Hyrchuk

May 6

Invocation: Jacobs
Greeter: Raczkowski
Tickets: Johnson, C.
Cash: Parrish
Badges: Johnson, N.

May 13

Invocation: Judy
Greeter: Haines
Tickets: Juptner
Cash: Norton
Badges: Kellogg

May 20

Invocation: Kreder
Greeter: Morris
Tickets: Lang
Cash: Montonna
Badges: Gilbert (Jr.)

May 27

Invocation: Lange
Greeter: May
Tickets: Lawler
Cash: Maxwell, D.
Badges: Lawrence



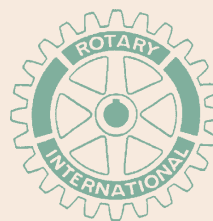
At Meetings!

Orphanage continued . . .

After leaving the orphanage, the club stayed in the home of a couple located on a cliff looking over the city of Ensenada, about forty five minutes away from Casa Hogar. Students were able to go on an early morning hike to see the sights of Mexico as well as the beautiful views that surrounded the home where they stayed.

Participants in the trip include the club president, Addison Doud, and the students Dina Abas, Dinika Baggam James Borgese, Alex Germano, Chris Gourdal, Cassidy Hazelbaker, Randy Hellman, Kendall Hellman, Joy Henderson, Kristin Herberg, Lauren Kelly, Ryan Moore, Alana Murphy, Collin Smith, Emma Their, Alan Thompson, Megan Vick, and Ali Hawthorne, this story’s author. The Interact Club was accompanied by Chris Krach, Don and Susie Campbell, Allan Thompson, Kathy Vick and Rotarians Dave Winckler and Linda Savalle.

Laguna Rotary Life . . .



2005-2006 Annual District Assembly Training Seminar for all Rotary Club Boards of Directors in District 5320

All members of the 2005-2006 LB Rotary Club Board of Directors are required to attend this Assembly as follows:

Saturday, April 2, 2005
Chapman College • City of Orange
7:30am to 8:15 - Registration
8:30am - Training program will commence
Continental Breakfast will be served

Recall that this is a training session for all new and returning Board members. This will include the President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and the following Directors:

Club Service A • Club Service B • Special Projects • Vocational, International and Community Services