



Rotary and Youth

from President Bob Ward

Each month of the Rotary International year is dedicated to a different aspect of Rotary life. It might be an Avenue of Service or even our annual convention. February is dedicated to Youth Services. Over time, some Rotarians called for Youth Services to be named the fifth Avenue of Service. After lots of discussion, it was determined that Youth Services actually transcended the other established avenues. Thus, we remain with just four avenues to this day. I want to thank Ward Blackburn, Linda Saville, Gil Thibault and Dave Winckler for their help with this month's article.

Here at Laguna Beach Rotary, many members have a particular fondness for two of the many Youth Services Programs. We are proud of the large Interact Club at Laguna Beach High School and enthusiastic about sending students to RYLA camp each year. RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. For those of you not familiar with these programs, I invite and encourage you to become more aware and involved. Dave Winckler can tell you how to participate in the Interact Mexican orphanage project. It is an annual high point for all participants.

Ward Blackburn calls the Laguna Beach High School Interact Club our club's "first-cousin." Jim Suchy is 2005-2006 Interact President and is also completing his Eagle Scout project. Jim was largely responsible for Lara Grecko accepting the position of Interact Faculty Advisor. I'm personally grateful to Lara for her guidance and encouragement.

Interact participation allows students an opportunity to develop a dedication to service both here and beyond the city limits. These students may even become future Rotarians. Alan Bernstein is a former Interact member. These Interact members are energetic and eager to be of service. I suspect, like our own club members, they have a lot of fun while working on their projects.



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Laguna Beach Rotary Foundation *from Bob Lewin*

It was a great pleasure to give President Bob the district's prize banner for having the second highest per capita giving to the Rotary International Foundation for the 2004-2005 year. Your collective generosity has made us all very proud and will definitely help RI to reach its goals. Our average was just over \$340/person!!

Our own Laguna Beach Rotary Club Foundation (LBRCF) is coming along very nicely. The LBRCF is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, that has a completely separate legal identity from our Rotary Club. The Rotary Club Board of Directors appoints 5 of the 9 directors of the LBRCF, and has the right to approve the other 4 directors, who will be non-Rotarians from the Laguna Beach community. At present, the Rotarian members of the LBRCF Board are Alex Alpert, Harry Bithel, Dick Higgins, Jim Kreder, and Sue White. I serve as president and Ted Alvarez serves as chief financial officer.



The LBRCF receives two types of contributions that will ultimately be distributed to the charitable purposes chosen by the LBRCF Board. The first type of contribution is essentially a "pass-through" for specific, designated purposes. The LBRCF has already received a total of \$100,000 in contributions of this type. \$50,000 has been received from a club member to be distributed for scholarships. More than \$25,000 has been received from clients of local artist Ruth Mayer for children's groups. A portion of Ruth Mayer's contribution has been given to Kermit and Tami Alexander for their "Operation Windmill" project in Haiti — they will give us a program later this spring. And approximately \$25,000 has been received and passed on to the Rotary International Foundation in unrestricted giving.

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Programs

- February 3** **Laguna Art Museum Update**
Bolton Colburn, Director
- February 10** **Conversation on Wine . . . plus surprise**
Peter Jones, Vons Pavilions Market Wine Specialist
- February 17** **Laguna Open Spaces**
Elizabeth Brown, President, Laguna Greenbelt, Inc.
- February 24** **What's New at the CIA**
Michael Turner, CIA Officer

Programs courtesy of Sue White

Birthdays



February

- Chris Lutz - 14**
- Ron May - 18**
- Bill Parrish - 23**
- Linda Saville - 20**
- Andy Turner - 8**
- Dave Winckler - 4**



Note: Greeter is also responsible for set-up.

February 3

- Invocation: Hyrchuk
- Greeter: May
- Tickets: Jacobs
- Cash: Maxwell, D
- Badges: Johnson, C

February 10 (Tivoli Terrace) *

- Invocation: Lutz
- Greeter: Judy
- Tickets: Johnson, N
- Cash: Loomis
- Badges: Duttonhofer

February 17

- Invocation: Lawler
- Greeter: Juptner
- Tickets: Lawrence
- Cash: Kellogg
- Badges: Levin

February 24 (Tivoli Terrace) *

- Invocation: Kreder
- Greeter: Lewin
- Tickets: Lang
- Cash: Lange
- Badges: Heller

March 3

- Invocation: Lawler
- Greeter: Sharman
- Tickets: Alstot
- Cash: Winckler
- Badges: Alvarez

March 10

- Invocation: Williamson
- Greeter: Duttonhofer
- Tickets: White
- Cash: Andrus
- Badges: Turner

March 17

- Invocation: Bisciegli
- Greeter: Thomas
- Tickets: Bernstein
- Cash: Thibault
- Badges: Bithell

March 24

- Invocation: Tankersley
- Greeter: Campbell
- Tickets: Stoeckmann
- Cash: Carroll
- Badges: Smith

March 31

- Invocation: Cheves
- Greeter: Saville
- Tickets: Challenger
- Cash: Sanford
- Badges: Cirelli

Please . . .



At Meetings!

*** Note luncheon venue changes**



Welcome Fred Sharman!

There is no more enthusiastic group than returning RYLA campers. Each year, fortunate high school students are selected to participate in a weekend leadership camp. They consistently comment that RYLA is a life changing experience and that benefits last long beyond the weekend. Some RYLA groups even stage reunions. Do you think you are too old for RYLA camp? Think again. Rotarians are needed to act as "camp counselors." The counselors return just as enthusiastic as the students.

There are many other ways for each of us to become involved with Youth Services. Our club already participates in "Reading by Nine" and is exploring a Rotary "Dictionary Project." Chris Lange has the information about these projects. When it comes to youth, each of us can personally demonstrate "Service above Self."



The second type of contribution is perhaps the most important in the long run. This includes testamentary gifts and gifts of stocks, appreciated assets, etc. that will be used to create a trust corpus that will be invested, and the annual interest will be distributed for charitable purposes. This "permanent" fund will take many years to grow to the size of my initial goal of \$1,000,000. We will be soliciting the general Laguna Beach community for contributions to this "permanent" fund. Of course, we also ask that Rotarians consider making a testamentary bequest to the LBRCF so that your desire to continually improve our community can continue well after your passing. Indeed, Ted Alvarez informs me that two Rotarians have already made a testamentary bequest to the LBRCF. We are on our way!

If you would like to consider a testamentary bequest, please contact Ted Alvarez. Any other questions you may have can be directed to me at LewinLaw@aol.com.

Laguna Rotary Moments . . .

