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*“Mother, sing me a song
That will ease my pain,
Mend broken bones,
Bring wholeness again.*

*Show me the Medicine
Of the healing herbs,
The value of spirit,
The way I can serve.”*

- Native American Prayer for Healing



President's Message

We began yet another September month with much sadness in our hearts, watching in horror the tragedy inflicted upon our countrymen, this time by the ravages of nature. Each haunting image of death, hopelessness, or total devastation, as captured on television, has deeply etched our hearts with unbelievable sorrow and a deep desire to reach out to our fellow man.

Many ideas have been presented to me as to what we should do as a club and as a community. With a tragedy of this magnitude, it is hard to figure out where to begin. We all feel the need to do something! We are very fortunate in our club, however, to have someone like PP Jeff Cotter, who has more than twenty-five years experience in this arena, knowing all the in's and out's of Relief Agencies and the efficacy of their services. I have asked PP Jeff to head up a committee to develop our club's short- and long-term response plans for the victims of Katrina. My friends and family in Chennei, who have first-hand information on the tsunami victims in that city, remind me the importance developing a long-term assistance program for victims of a tragedy of this proportion. Towards this end, I am happy to see that under DG Sally's guidance our District 5240 is developing an **‘Adopt-a-Club’** program with District 6820 (Central Mississippi) and District 6840 (New Orleans and Biloxi). We need to be there for our “human family” today as well as tomorrow, when the dust settles. With PP Jeff's guidance, the Board and I will come up with a plan, which I will bring to the club meeting for all of your consideration.

On a happier note, what a grand success our first ever “Car Raffle” was! Our Car Raffle Committee, under the leadership of Ken Johnson, did an outstanding job. They met, they believed, they cajoled, they twisted arms, they showed up everywhere, they did everything possible to sell tickets and they did! They all deserve a big round of applause and they are: **Ken Johnson**, Ed Andrisek, Faith Hunter, Mary Jo McNamara, Dick Smullen, and Jim Vreeland, Jr. Bravo!

YIS,
Deepa



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Nelson Owens

Come and join us at:

**The Royal Scandinavia Inn
420 Alisal Road, Solvang, CA 43464
Wednesdays 12:15 PM**

Next Week's Program:

Sandra Wilson, M.D. - “Do you have it?”

District 5240's Katrina Relief Plan

This is an email I sent to DG Stuart - D 6820 Central Mississippi, who is also trying to coordinate the help for D-6840, which has been almost completely destroyed -New Orleans and Biloxi.

Dear DG Stuart: Greetings from California Rotarians.

My name is Otto Austel. I am a retired physician and PDG of D-5240. Bing Han, a fellow Rotarian very active in international work, and whose club just contributed \$20,000 to the Katrina Disaster Fund, shared an email from you regarding the subject of "**Adopt a Club.**" Our district 5240 (Southern California) would be very interested in club-to-club projects and the clubs have been encouraged to do so by our DG Sally Adelblue.

DG Sally asked me to form and chair a Disaster Relief Committee. We have already been very busy activating generous contributions from many clubs, a few volunteers and shipment of goods for emergency response (an 18 wheeler is leaving Sunday for Baton Rouge). As of today we have been mostly involved with activity in D6200 (Baton Rouge) with the challenges of the many dislocated persons in this area, since most of our active contacts there initially.

However, it seems that it is time for us, who have not been impacted by the hurricane, to start focusing on long term activities and projects, such as assistance on rebuilding by partnering with Rotarians close to the impacted areas and assisting the financial demands of their supervised projects, and D-6840 and D-6820 have been most heavily damaged.

Our initial thoughts, for instance, run along the lines of Habitats for Humanity, but it would be "**Rebuilding for Humanity**" and focusing on programs and individuals not covered by FEMA or the Red Cross.

If you are interested in our support, kindly provide me with the contact information of the Assistant Governors and club presidents. I in turn will provide your contact information with our Assistant Governors and our club presidents so that they can start corresponding and hammering out possibilities of becoming **PARTNERS** in club-to-club projects.

Our districts can utilize the District Simplified Grants for a starter and build on that, along with fund raising events to obtain contributions outside of Rotarians pockets as well.

I will attempt to coordinate and monitor the efforts of our district. We are eager to hear your response.

Privileged to be able to serve,

Otto

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"Oh God, lead us from the unreal to the Real.
Oh God, lead us from darkness to light"

- A Hindu Prayer

Katrina Relief



Please give your ideas
to
PP Jeff Cotter

He will help us develop
Our club's plans
For disaster Relief

Grand Success



**Raised
\$42,950**

Mustang Winner
Didi Reynosa

Los Padres Bank
Employee in Santa Maria

Gas Card Winners

- (1) C&D Accounting
(Verva's shop)
- (2) Fred Steck of the Latigo
Canyon Ranch
- (3) Kristen Lewis of
Martinsville, NJ

Know Your Board

Chair of the Youth Services Committee David Lourie



I was born in Natick, Massachusetts, a town about 30 minutes outside of Boston. I lived in Natick my entire life, until I moved to Tampa, Florida following my graduation from Yale University. I moved to Tampa to take a job teaching Latin to middle schoolers in an independent day school. I worked there for five years, until I helped to start a charter school just north of Tampa.

While working in Tampa, I met Sarah Altemose, a longtime resident of Tampa, a teacher, and successful college athlete and high school coach. We married in 1999, and had our son, Jake, a year and a half later.

A month before Jake's arrival, we moved to Los Olivos to join the Midland School community. I was admissions director for a year, and then appointed Head of School in 2001. In 2002, our daughter, Becca, arrived. Sarah and I have been busy enjoying (and balancing) our children, our lives at Midland, and our involvement of the central coast of California.

I earned a masters degree from Columbia during the summers of 2004 and 2005. I joined Rotary in 2004, sponsored by Randy Jones, and now serve as Chair of the Youth Services Committee. I also sit on the board of The Family School in Los Olivos and am an advisor to the founder of the Northern Plains Intertribal Preparatory School in South Dakota. My interest and hobbies include singing and music, and playing and watching a variety of sports.

District Conference
October 28-30, 2005
Rancho Mirage
It would be nice to have
Many members attending
Call Deepa if you want to attend

September 28
Craft Talk
By Aubrey Campbell
&
Club Assembly
Don't Miss

Future Programs & Events

September 21 – Sandra Wilson, M.D.
“Do you have it?”

September 28 – Craft Talk/ Aubrey Campbell
Club Assembly

October 5 – Jimmy Weldon
The Voice of “Yakki Doodle”

Coming Events District 5240

PRLS Classes

Sept. 24 - MPRLS 4 – Cambria

Oct. 1 - MPRLS 3 – Cambria

Oct. 8 - MPRLS 1 – T.O.

District Conference

October 28 – 30
Rancho Mirage

Rotarian of the week

Ken Johnson

Member since May 12, 2004

President Deepa honored Ken Johnson by naming him the Rotarian-of-the-Week. Ken was born and raised in New Jersey. He served in the Army as a Master Mechanic and was stationed in Germany. He went to college on the GI bill and supported himself by developing a small heating oil delivery business. Later, this humble beginning led to the formation of a brokerage company, Kristenson’s Petroleum Inc. (KPI) located in NYC, for worldwide shipping of petroleum products. KPI kept him very busy but he found the time to be active in his church and traveled to Honduras to help with the construction of a school and a church in that country, activities very dear to his heart and thus began a budding Rotarian. He joined our club in May of 2004 and is serving on the Board this year. He also served as the Chair of the first ever Car Raffle Fundraiser for our club and need I say any more...it was a grand success! Ken does not like accolades but he is truly an asset to our club and our community. **Thank you Ken!**

Len Dalberg’s Celebration

Rotarians are invited to Len’s 80th birthday party at the Parish Hall of Bethania Lutheran Church, on Atterdag and Laurel in Solvang. The date is October 8, 2005. Gathering Time is at 5:00pm with dinner at 5:30pm.

Both Len & Annabelle will celebrate 50 years of ministry as well, he as a pastor, and she as a church musician. They also celebrate 55 years of marriage.

Call 688-4687 to reserve a place at the table. No gifts please.

About People

Wanda McPherson had hip replacement surgery recently and is now in Rehab and is doing well.

Dr. Frank Pedersen is now in Room 4 at the Recovery Residence at Solvang Lutheran Home. Jean reports that he is making progress toward recovery.

Jack Austin and Kaky have moved to Oregon. As soon as we have an address we will publish it in the Cogwheel.

Aubrey Campbell will turn 91 on September 18.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUBREY!!!

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40