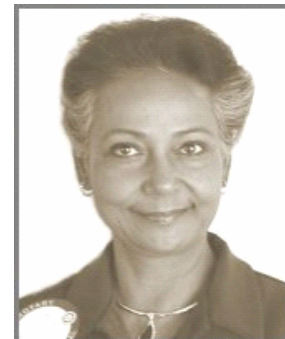


Club # 684 District 5240
Chartered March 10, 1959

“Never tell people how to do things.
Tell them what to do and they will
surprise you with their ingenuity.”

- George Patton



President's Message

What a wonderful statement to keep in mind as I plan to co-chair the 4th of July committee and complete out the remaining days of my year as your President. I have already seen many wonderful examples of our club members' ingenuities over the last ten months. Besides our “normal” programs and services, you implemented twenty-one “new” ideas with incredible dedication, commitment and creativity. I am sure you are wondering what those twenty-one are! Start counting...brochures (2), by-laws update (club & foundation), car raffle, City of Joy EST, coin collection for LH & FH, community day project, dictionary project, \$5000 – Doc Pedersen Spirit of Rotary Scholarship, 4th of July (new venue), Friendship House program (pending), grants committee, joint dinner event with RC of Ojai, Katrina relief, King Tut trip, library book gifts, Lutheran Home program, new club formation, new membership handbook, Philippines trip, poinsettia sale, and Rotarian-of-the-Year program! Whew! No wonder we all have been busy!

In about 40 days, we will begin a new Rotary year under the leadership of PE David and a new Board. He has put together a wonderful group of our colleagues who will serve with him on the Board to take our club to greater heights in the coming year. Let us all give them a big boost by making the 2006 4th of July Fireworks event the most successful fundraiser yet. Having a new venue allows all of us to think “outside the box” and be ingenious because after all, *“It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and reality of tomorrow”*. - Robert Goddard

YIRS,
Deepa



SERVICE Above Self

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David Wyatt

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Service**

Bob Moir & David Lourie

International Service

Greg Pensa

Club Foundation Chair

Richard Shawcroft

Come and join us at:

**The Royal Scandinavia Inn
420 Alisal Road, Solvang, CA 43464**

Wednesdays 12:15 PM

May 24, 2006

RYLA Student Report

May 31, 2006

**Program at the Friendship House
(To Be Confirmed)**

Reserve the Dates



2006 4th of July
Fireworks spectacular
Festivities will begin
At
3:00 PM

Entertainment
Fireworks
Food
Games
Music
Special Program for Patriots
The Old Mission Santa Ines

Other events

May 17
Owens Golf Classic

May 20
District Assembly
Bakersfield

May 31
Friendship House
(To Be Confirmed)

June 3
Olive Festival
RC of Los Olivos

June 11-14
RI Convention

June 22
BOD Meeting

July 8
DG Sally's Demotion
Reagan Library
Simi Valley

May Birthdays

Jeff Cotter
George Johnson
Louis Karpf
Jim Lindsey
Patrick Meyer
Robert Rasmussen
Rich Saferite
Deepa Willingham
David Wyatt

May Anniversaries

Jeff & Patti Cotter
Bob & Sharon France
Ken & Carol Johnson
Jeff & Monica Little
Roger & Ann Nielsen
Greg & Jackie Pensa
John & Cam Rasmussen
Bob & Margaret Rasmussen

Rotarian of the Year

Doc Pedersen

Charter Member since 1959



Doc Pedersen was born in Los Angeles and attended schools there. He is a graduate of University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), but to show his non-partisanship, he attended Medical School at the University of Southern California (USC). It was war time and therefore he also graduated as a Lieutenant in the US Army. He interned at the Los Angeles County Hospital.

During the next two years he served in the Transport Division of the US Army in Santa Fe, New Mexico, San Antonio, Texas, and at Letterman Hospital in San Francisco. He was married to “my favorite Jeannie” in August of 1945. (They celebrated 60 years of marriage last year!)

Doc Pedersen did his residency in Internal Medicine at Harper General Hospital in Torrance and went into private practice in San Fernando, California. One of his roommates in medical school was Dr. William B. Van Valin, who invited Frank to join him in a practice in the Santa Ynez Valley. Thus he and Jean packed their belongings and their 3 children and came to our Valley. The year was 1952. Two more children were added to their family after their move to the Valley.

Frank could tell you about many of his adventures since coming to Solvang. The hospital for the area was in Lompoc, and Doc can tell you of the time he ran over a skunk on the way to Lompoc to assist a mother deliver her baby.

Frank was a charter member of our club when it was chartered on March 10, 1959, and served on the board of directors of the Club that first year. He served as president from 1965-66.

During the year he served as President, his board consisted of Ralph Edwards, Bob Hunt, Earle Hatch, Ed Grat, Ronald Holcomb, Richard Lawton, Axel Nielsen and William Sarandria. (Names some of you will recognize!)

In 1962 – 63 our Valley was severely impacted by a polio epidemic. Eleven Children were stricken and two died. Women refused to shop, ordering groceries by phone and having them delivered and left on the front porch. If you purchased gasoline, you sat in your car while the attendant filled the tank, then you would roll down the window a bit and slip the money to the attendant.

During that time a salesman called on Doc Pedersen saying that a new vaccine for polio was now available. He could provide the free vaccine if Dr. Frank could arrange a community clinic. Frank called then president – Bill Morf – and other board members and suggested the club make this their project. The Club unanimously agreed. The clinic held that October was the first Polio Immunization Clinic in the County, perhaps in the State, and certainly was one of the first Polio Immunization Clinics mounted by Rotary Worldwide. Our Club holds a pre-eminent position in the fight against Polio – Thanks to Frank Pedersen!

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Future Programs & Events

- May 24 - RYLA Student Report**
- May 31 - Program at the Friendship House
(to be confirmed)**
- June 7 - PCPA Presentation with all 4 Clubs**
- June 14 - TBA**
- June 21 - Final Pre-4th of July Report and Assignments**
- June 28 - Dark**
- July 1 - Demotion Party @ The Meadows
6pm with dinner at 7pm**

Club "Buddy System"

The Buddy System provides an opportunity for members to care for one another. Each member is paired with a Buddy. When you arrive at your meeting, you look around to see if your Buddy is also attending. If he or she is not, you call that same day to let them know you missed them. This gives members a chance to check in with at least one other member on a regular schedule.

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On Day 1 of the clinic – held at the Veteran’s building – the Rotarians – and Rotary-Ann’s – expected 50 people to come. Two-hundred fifty (250) children were vaccinated on Day 1 and 350 more on Day 2. All members of the Club pitched in...a great example of Community Service! Dr. Frank reports that the County took over the project and sponsored future clinics – following Rotary’s lead.

Doc Pedersen was an enthusiastic supporter of the decision to build a hospital in our valley, as were many Rotarians. Doc dedicated his long professional career to the betterment of the Valley and the health of Valley residents. He retired in 1988.

Doc is an avid fisherman – taught by his father when he was 5 years old. Frank and Jean have been members of Bethania Lutheran Church of Solvang, since their arrival in this beautiful Valley.

He succeeded fellow Rotarian – Ralph Edwards – as historian of our Club for the past several years.

Doc has recently moved to the Lutheran Home in the past year.

“We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking
we used when we created them.”

~ *Albert Einstein*