



The Cogwheel

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From The Editor

Welcome to the first issue of The Cogwheel for 2007—2008. I have to admit to being overwhelmed this summer and have not been able to attend to the Cogwheel as I should. Thanks so much to those of you who were concerned about the future of the Cogwheel. I have some catching up to do.

The summer has been very busy for the club also. Of course, there was the annual July 4th Fireworks Show at the Mission Santa Ynez. Once again it was an outstanding event and tied in well with the Rotary Club of Solvang's July 4th Parade. Look for photos on page 4 of this issue and more coming to the website soon.

On August 29 we and the other area Rotary Clubs held a joint event at the Santa Ynez Airport with the Experimental Aircraft Association. There were over 150 people in attendance. What a great event! A few lucky folks won airplane rides including Suzanne Holrah.

On September 19 we hosted the District Governor Jane McClenahan at a joint dinner at the home of President John and his wife Cam.

There's more to come. With the Holiday season coming up there will be Santa's Sleigh Rides through the Valley, our Annual Christmas Dinner at the Alisal on December 13, and the club's Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 19.

Of course, I am always looking for help in the form of photos and articles for the Cogwheel and the website. If you have something, please send it to me at webmaster@santaynezvalleyrotary.org and I will get it in.

Yours in Rotary,
Patrick Meyer

Upcoming Programs and Events

October 3— Santa Barbara County District Attorney Christie Stanley

October 5 through 7—District Governor Jane McClenahan invites you to the 2007 District 5240 Conference

October 10—"Vikings Coming To America" with Len Dalberg

October 17—Estate Planning with Linda Hoffman King

October 24—Tax Talk with Harris Sherline

November 7—Olympic Equestrian Competition

November 14—Rotary Annual Fund with John Patterson and Deepa Willingham

November 16 & 17—6th Annual Conference on Poverty is co-sponsored and hosted by California State University Channel Islands.

November 21—Club Assembly

November 28—Santa Barbara County Fire Chief John Scherrei

RI President

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

District Governor

Jane T. McClenahan

Club President

John Rasmussen

Incoming President

John Patterson

Past President

David Wyatt

Secretary

Louis Karpf

Treasurer

Bob Hinrichs

Club Service

Dick Smullen

Community Service

Paul Matthies

Vocational/Youth Service

Dan Powell

International Service

Kris Kersten

Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Pioneers

Story by Len Dalberg

Another pioneer of the SYV Rotary Club was Ralph Edwards, a charter member present at the earliest meetings of our organization. He served as secretary for three years, beginning in 1960, and was president in 1964.

Much of the history of our club was preserved for our club by Ralph Edwards.

Edwards was born in Iowa. When the family moved to Hopkins, Missouri during his senior year of High School, he met the love of his life, his "Rotary Ann", Marian. They kept in touch during their college years

and were married in Arcadia CA in 1938.

Ralph rose to the rank of lieutenant during World War II and was recalled to active duty during the Korean war. He became company commander of his unit stationed at Vandenberg A.F.B.

After completing his college education at UCSB, and after gaining a Master's degree in School Administration, Ralph became superintendent of Solvang School in 1955. He served in that capacity for 23 years.

The booklet "History of the Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club", printed at the 15th anniversary of

our club, is largely a product of Ralph Edwards's work. The booklet records the highlights of the first 15 years. It contains 167 pictures taken during those early years of our club.

Ralph passed on in 1999. He and Marian had celebrated 61 years of marriage. Marian still attends our meetings every so often. Their one son, Dirk, lives in Modesto with his family.

We salute Ralph Edwards, a Rotary pioneer, a Rotarian who has preserved much of the history of our club for us.



On August 22, Antoinette Addison and Shawn Addison of Figueroa Farms gave a presentation on the fine art of olive oils. Shown here with President John Rasmussen and Co-Programs Chair Betty Johnston.



Kris Kersten, International Chair, with Greg and Jackie Pensa, and Esther and Rick Zander gave a presentation on Rick and Esther's efforts in the Phillipines at the July 18th Rotary

Member Birthdays and Anniversaries for July, August and September 2007

A Belated Happy Birthday to:

Wim Illmanen	July 2
Ken Johnson	July 7
Dr. Bob France	July 11
Suzanne Hollrah	July 22
Ron Rutter	July 28
Jack Larsen	July 31
John Rasmussen	August 2
Jim Vreeland	August 4
Alex Rossi	August 6
Ed Kushner	August 12
Norm Williams	August 17
Warren Blomseth	August 30
Jay Cerny	September 6
Rick Zander	September 21
Betty Madsen	September 24

A Belated Happy Aniversary to:

Ken and Lloyd Mills	July 1
John and Pauline Patterson	July 2
Paul and Suzi Matthies	July 15
Verva and Bruce Enoch	August 21
Butch and Wendy Phillips	September 8
Len and Anabelle Dalberg	September 9
Bob and Jan Jurgensen	September 12
Gerry and Denise Foxwell	September 15
Paul and Joni Hanberg	September 15



July 4th Fireworks Show



Dick Smullen and Father Michael are all smiles.



Rikka Rasmussen and Deepa Willingham sharing a wonderful afternoon.



Len and Anabelle Dalberg enjoy the festivities.



Randy Jones samples the food.



Making merry as they wait for the show.



Bob and Bob, on the job.