



The Cogwheel

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From The Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of the Cogwheel.

The Holiday season is upon us now and there are many activities coming up. I would like in particular to remind you of 2 very important ones.

Once again Margaret Rasmussen, Sharon France, Jackie Pensa and Cam Rasmussen are holding a Poinsettia Sale to benefit The Friendship House and Solvang Lutheran Home.. I have included an order for in case you have not already received one. Hurry, orders need to be in by November 21, 2007.

Also this season Rotary Club of the Santa Ynez Valley is participating in the Salvation Army "Bell Ringers" at the corner of Copenhagen Drive and Alisal Road. I have included a schedule of dates for you to check and choose from. Please contact Paul Mathies if you can help out there.

As I write this, President John Rasmussen and his son Adam, Bob Hinrichs, Kris Kersten and others are in Oaxaca, Mexico poring concrete foundations for houses. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers for their charitable acts.

Yours in Rotary,
Patrick Meyer

Upcoming Programs and Events

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

December 5—Cameron Clamoof the Music Department at SYV High School

December 12—Report on Rotary trip to Oaxaca, Mexico

December 19—Christmas Luncheon

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Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Pioneers

Story by Len Dalberg

Twenty-five men signed the charter roll of the Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club on March 9, 1959. One of them was Dr. Frank Pedersen, who passed away last August. He was the last of our charter members; none remain. We will miss Rotarian Frank, with his big smile, his dedication to Rotary, and his faithful attendance.

Dr. Frank grew up in the Long Beach area, attended local schools, graduated from the University of Southern CA and received his M.D. degree from UCLA also. He met and married a nurse named Jean. They became parents of 5 children.

Frank served in the U.S. Army in World War II. Following that he practised medicine in the San Fernando Valley for 3 years, and in the Santa Ynez Valley, where he joined Dr. Van Valen in opening a medical clinic.

Together with good friends Robert Andersen of Pea Soup Andersen fame, Ralph Edwards, the school principal, and Bill Bellack in organizing the SYV Rotary Club. The club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara and received guidance from District Governor Rube Irwin.

Frank served on the original Board of Directors of our club. He also held the office of Vice-President, and as President in 1965-66. While in office he won the trophy for the tiddly-wink contest.

When a polio vaccine was developed, Dr. Frank organized the first polio immunization clinic in the valley. He also was a leader in supporting the building of our local hospital.

We will miss the many stories Frank would tell about his life as a doctor in our valley. One



story that brought many chuckles was the time he ran over a skunk on the way to deliver a baby at the Lompoc Hospital.

It is our hope that Frank's wife and best friend, Jean, will be able to attend our meetings every so often.

We have passed a milestone, the passing of the last member of the 25 charter members, our fellow Rotarian and friend, Dr. Frank Pedersen, a Rotary pioneer.



On November 7, 2007 new members Andy Sharf, Carol Jackson and Fred Evans received their “blue” badges. Congratulations to all!



On November 7, 2007 Verva Enoch was awarded her 2nd Paul Harris Fellowship. Congratulations Verva!



Len Dalberg shows off his alpaca sweater from Peru at the recent 5th Wednesday gathering at Alpaca de Los Olivos

Member Birthdays and Anniversaries for October and November 2007

A Happy Birthday to:

Bob Moir	October 7
Len Dalberg	October 9
Mary Jo McNamara	October 10
Verva Enoch	November 6
Rudi Van Enoo	November 8
Miki Holden	November 13
Roger Nielsen	November 15
Wanda Mc Pherson	November 17



A Happy Anniversary to:

Warren and Dee Blomseth	October 6
Lynn and Alan Bonzer	October 29
Alan and Virginia Cooper	November 27
Rick and Esther Zander	November 30



On November 7, 2007 Jennifer Wooten gave a presentation on her efforts to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Equestrian Triathlon Team.

Jennifer started riding with her Mom at the age of five. She joined Santa Ynez Valley Pony Club at the age of eight. Since then she has been hooked on the equestrian triathlon sport of 3-day event. She earned a "B" rating in Pony Club and competed in many championships. Her dream and goal has always been to compete in the Olympics. She and her horse, The Good Witch, just competed at Pau, France in the FEI 4star 3-day event which is a qualifier for the 2008 US Olympic team. They finished 11th out of 38 starters. Only 25 horse and riders completed the competition. There are only five FEI 4star 3-day events each year in the world, with the Rolex in Kentucky the only one in the United States Unfortunately the United States does not finance their athletes like other countries. All the expenses are paid by the competitor. Equestrian sports are expensive when you include the care and transportation of the horse. The Good Witch, Jennifer's horse, is currently the 3rd highest placed mare in the United States.

**Spouses Margaret Rasmussen, Sharon France
Jackie Pensa and Cam Rasmussen**

Of

**The Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley
*Offer the third Annual***

Poinsettia Plant Sale

In the spirit of the Holiday Season, help provide direct services to Valley residents with your support. Money raised through this project will benefit **The Friendship House** and **The Solvang Lutheran Home**. This year we are offering two sizes of poinsettias; small which are 2 feet tall and have a minimum three blossoms for **\$8.50**; and large which are 3 feet tall and have about 12 blossoms for **\$25.00**.

Make checks payable to: **The Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley**

**Mail orders with payment to:
Margaret Rasmussen, 2315 Janin Way, Solvang, Ca 93463**

Orders with payments must be received by November 21, 2007

All plants will be available for pickup from 11:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on November 28th at the Royal Scandinavian Inn Conference Center 400 Alisal Rd., Solvang.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Quantity	Order	Cost Each	Total Cost
_____	Red Plants sm.	\$8.50	_____
_____	White Plants sm.	\$8.50	_____
_____	Red Plants Lg.	\$25.00	_____
_____	White Plants Lg.	\$25.00	_____
_____		TOTAL DUE	_____

2007 SYV and Solvang Rotary Clubs Salvation Army Bell Ringers Schedule (Corner of Copenhagen and Alisal)

	Name	Phone Number
Volunteers from: SYV Rotary		
Saturday 11/24	9:00-11:00	Jim & Betty Johnston 686-5205
	11:00-1:00	Kris Kersten 688-9786
	1:00-3:00	Deepa Willingham 698-6910
	3:00-5:00	Butch Phillips 698-3792
Volunteers from: SYV Rotary		
Sunday 11/25	9:00-11:00	Greg Pensa 325-1862
	11:00-1:00	Len Dalberg 688-4687
	1:00-3:00	John Chu 688-4242
	3:00-5:00	Paul Hanberg 688-5349
Volunteers from: Solvang Rotary		
Saturday 12/1	9:00-11:00	Other Club Responsible
	11:00-1:00	
	1:00-3:00	
	3:00-5:00	
Volunteers from: Solvang Rotary		
Sunday 12/2	9:00-11:00	Other Club Responsible
	11:00-1:00	
	1:00-3:00	
	3:00-5:00	
Volunteers from: SYV Rotary		
Saturday 12/8	9:00-11:00	Nelson Owens 688-7290
	11:00-1:00	Jay Cerny 325-6706
	1:00-3:00	Dick Smullen 688-2827
	3:00-5:00	Jim Lindsey 688-3532
Volunteers from: SYV Rotary		
Sunday 12/9	9:00-11:00	John Patterson 688-0621
	11:00-1:00	Elle Seymour 688-8858
	1:00-3:00	Miki Holden 688-7031
	3:00-5:00	Bob Moir 688-1781

Volunteers from: Solvang Rotary

Saturday 12/15	9:00-11:00	Other Club Responsible
	11:00-1:00	
	1:00-3:00	
	3:00-5:00	

Volunteers from: Solvang Rotary

Sunday 12/16	9:00-11:00	Other Club Responsible
	11:00-1:00	
	1:00-3:00	
	3:00-5:00	

Should you have any problems or questions, please call:

Charlie Uhrig at 452-8073 (Salvation Army Representative)

Paul Cowen at 350-1356 (Solvang Rotary Club)