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Rotarian Highlights

Fr. Jim Bradley celebrates 11 years of Rotary with our club on January 22.

International Projects:

ShelterBox USA
ShelterBox gears up the aid effort to Haiti

Next Program

01-22-10:

Craft Talks by Howard Kummerman & Mario Padilla

Thought for the Week:

"You may fire when you are ready Gridley" – Commodore George Dewey.

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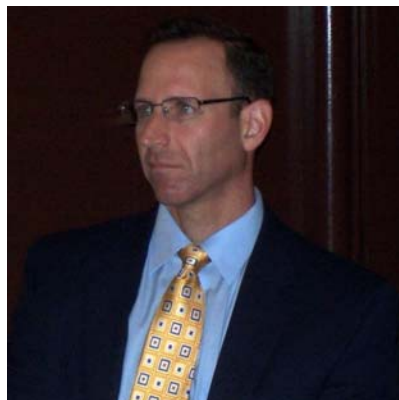
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Club News

- **Interact** – Mike Ely announced that our Interactors are collecting funds to contribute to UNICEF for Haiti relief. A basket will be on the Secretary's table again next week for cash contributions.
- **Silver Shield Dinner** – February 5 at Pacific Palms honoring our Whittier Police Department. We have one spot remaining at our Rotary table. If you want to attend, contact Maria Segovia (email: msegovia@pacificwesternbank.com or tel: (562) 948-3691). The cost is \$90/person.
- **Shelter Box** - Our club sent \$2,000 to ShelterBox on January 19 to fund two boxes. For more information on ShelterBox, click the link in the left-hand column.
- **Science Day Update** – Rob Settlege, Ke Dialani and Jeff Nickell attended the presentation by Rick Shope to the students of the Broadoaks school. Rob is following up with Rick and the Broadoaks faculty to decide whether Rick would be appropriate to replace Michelle Thaller as the presenter for our annual event. More news to come.
- **Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Award Judging** – Jeff Nickell reported that in his role as Rotary Club President he was asked to participate in judging presentations by several outstanding kids from the Boys & Girls Club in order to select this year's Youth of the Year. Jeff reported that all the kids were outstanding and had overcome very difficult family and economic circumstances. The Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Awards Dinner will be held May 6.

Program: Cpt. Jon Kurtz, USN (ret)



Rett Rasmussen introduced his former Annapolis classmate and good friend, Captain Jon Kurtz, USN (ret). Jon spoke to us about the commissioning of the US Navy's newest battleship, the USS Dewey, which will take place in Seal Beach on March 6. We learned some history about ship building and commissioning along with the history of Admiral Dewey for whom this will be the third ship in the history of the Navy to bear his name.

President:
Jeff Nickell

Club Leadership - Community Service Committee



Kent Woods is chairing this year's Community Service Committee which will be soliciting and evaluating requests from a variety of local non-profits in order to select the projects and organizations that our club will support. Contributions from our club to local organizations will be distributed at our meeting of April 23.

We wish Kent and his committee all the best as they wrestle with these difficult decisions.

Rotary Bills

- Rotarians – Please bring your accounts current – Thanks!
- Please contact our bookkeeper Kelly Jennings at 562-698-3566 or kcjtax@aol.com if you have any questions about your account.