



# ROTARY CLUB OF CARSON-GARDENA-DOMINGUEZ

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### THE FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the **TRUTH**?  
Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?  
Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?  
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



### OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Vocational Service is the Second Avenue of Service. No aspect of Rotary is more closely related to each member than a personal commitment to represent one's vocation or occupation to fellow Rotarians, and to exemplify the characteristics of high ethical standards and the dignity of work. Programs of vocational service are those that seek to improve business relations while improving the quality of trades, industry, commerce and the professions. Rotarians understand that each person makes a valuable contribution to a better society through daily activities in a business or profession.

Vocational Service is frequently demonstrated by offering young people career guidance, occupational information and assistance in making vocational choices. Some clubs sponsor high school career conferences. Many recognize the dignity of employment by honoring exemplary service of individuals working in their communities. The 4-Way Test and other ethical and laudable business philosophies are often promoted among young people entering the world of work. Vocational talks and discussion of business issues are also typical Vocational Service programs at most clubs.



CNA Awards on May 28, 2008 to recognize exemplary service by certified nursing aids in Carson and Gardena.



Vocational tour of Jay's Catering – voted 2007 "Best Caterer in OC by the OC Register - on September 17, 2008.

Regardless of the ways in which Vocational Service is expressed, it is the banner by which Rotarians "recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations" and demonstrate a commitment to "high ethical standards in all businesses and professions." That's why the Second Avenue of Service is fundamental to every Rotary club.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Sunday, October 5

Rotary Club of Lomita-Torrance Airport – Wine Tasting & Dinner and Silent Auction @ The Deport Restaurant, 1250 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance, 6:00 p.m.

#### Monday, October 6

Gardena-Carson Family YMCA – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic @ Old Ranch Country Club, 3901 Lampson Avenue, Seal Beach.

#### Tuesday, October 7

District Breakfast @ Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, 7:00-9:00 a.m.

#### Sunday, October 12

Paul Harris Dinner Celebration @ Medieval Times, 7662 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, 2:30 p.m.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rotary Club of Del Amo is participating in the **Let's Roll - Stop Diabetes in Its Tracks!** On October 18<sup>th</sup> at Shoreline Park, East Shoreline Drive, Long Beach, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event helps to raise funds to support ADA research and education. Please consider sponsoring a Rotarian or come out to walk with their team. Your tax-deductible donation will support programs to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by the disease. For more information call Jim Olds at 310.732.3562.

Galo Galvan, who will be inducted into our club next week, announced that **Chivas USA** will hold its **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Carson Kids' Day Out** on

October 19<sup>th</sup> at The Home Depot Center, 18400 Avalon Blvd., Carson, noon. This program offers an amazing opportunity to enhance the lives of underprivileged children and their families living in the Carson area and its surrounding communities. For as little as \$100, you can become a partner of Carson Kids' Day Out in providing tickets, a Chivas USA hat, and a t-shirt (with the name of your organization on the back) to underprivileged families. As a partner, you will also receive an in-game acknowledgement on The Home Dept Center jumbo screen, your own set of complimentary tickets to the game on October 19<sup>th</sup>, Chivas USA hats, and the chance to experience firsthand the magnitude of your contribution. For many participants, the opportunity to watch a professional sporting event in person and sit so close to the field is truly a treat and a dream come true. Chivas USA invites you to join in their effort to provide all children with the opportunity to experience the excitement of professional soccer. For more information, contact Galo at 310.630.4562 or email [ggalvan@cdchivasusa.com](mailto:ggalvan@cdchivasusa.com).



### FINE TIME

Everyone was happy to see **Doug Bannister** after a long absence... everyone except Fine Master **Tom Huston** who fined Doug \$30 for his absences. Convinced the fine would not serve as an incentive for Doug show up again, I offered to pay for it. We were doubly happy to see **Rita Burguerno** who is recovering nicely from chemotherapy. We hope to see more of both Doug and Rita in the future. **Audrie Echnoz** was gone the last two weeks due to business commitments - \$10 fine. Tom fined himself \$5 for confusing the YMCA - Audrie's employer - with the Boys & Girls Club. This was quickly followed by another self-imposed fine of \$5 for misreading the Attendance Report.

**Patty Macias** received a (useless) \$5 credit for making up her absence at the District Picnic. **Jay Mastrianni** was itching for a fine but was spared one when he proudly announced that his grandson Brian, who is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at USC, recently tested for an internship with the Clippers organization and scored at the very top. **Vickie Wipfel** was gone the last three weeks visiting her ill father and vacationing with family in Australia. Tom forgave her absences because she donated her unused Australian currency to Rotary. **Tom Willoughby** and **Larry Ybarra** made up their absences at the District Picnic (but didn't receive a credit like Patty). Larry was given the Fiction & Fact Question which he answered correctly for a (useless) \$5 credit.

**Cara Rice** was our Secret Greeter today. Doug Bannister, Audrie Echnoz, Alison Bruesehoff, Vickie Wipfel and Larry Ybarra all collected a \$5 fine for failing to shake Cara's hand.



### CRAFT TALK - AUDRIE ECHNOZ

Who knew underneath that quiet and demur exterior was a lady of great humor and heart. Audrie Echnoz quickly grabbed everyone's attention at the open of her Craft Talk by putting an end to three questions commonly ask of her:

- How tall are you? Don't ask because she doesn't know. She's been tall all her life and doesn't think about it unless you ask.



Audrie Echnoz (right) with business associates.

- Do you play basketball? Yes, reluctantly at Palo Verdes High.
- How do you say your last name? It's pronounced "ECH-shhh...NO" (with hand gestures to better emphasize the "shhh" and "NO".)

Audrie's parents moved to Southern California from Montreal, Canada in 1965 so she is a first generation American. Cheerleading has been a passion of Audrie's since she was young and culminated in a cheerleading spot on the San Pedro High

School squad. She humorously recalled how she froze during tryout but overcame her stage fright to eventually become squad Captain.

After transferring to Palo Verdes High School, she was approached by a coach to play on the girls' basketball team even though she didn't know a thing about basketball. But she scored well just standing under the basket and waiting for the balls to be passed to her. Again, with great humor and pride, she remembered playing against Morningside High when Lisa Leslie (of the LA Sparks fame) was on the team. Not knowing much about basketball, she watched Lisa move up and down the court with great success and decided to follow her. At one point, Audrie unintentionally blocked one of Lisa's shot which drew a collective gasp and silence from the crowd. Sensing perhaps she had committed a major transgression, she spent the rest of the game apologizing for the block.

After attending the University of Washington, Audrie worked in group homes for schizophrenics and anorexics before graduating to juvenile halls. These dismal surroundings led her to wonder "where are all the happy kids?" While at a YMCA facility, she observed a staff member teaching respect and responsibility to a group of kids and knew she wanted to be a part of an organization that would leave a positive impact on children. Audrie and the staff member developed a great relationship and became friends. This friend ended up marrying Audrie's ex-husband, which Audrie is thankful for because she couldn't ask for a better step-mom to her oldest son.

After nearly eight years serving as Child Care Director and Associate Executive Director of the Weingart-Lakewood YMCA, Audrie assumed her current position as Executive Director of the Gardena-Carson YMCA in June 2008. She is also a member of Soroptimist, an international organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. Her husband Jeremy is an Executive Director at the Los Cerritos YMCA in Long Beach. Audrie joked that a family that prays YMCA together stays together.

Audrie and her husband recently purchased a home in Long Beach where they reside with their three children: Bryan (14), Brayden (6) and Cassidy (3). With three minor children, Audrie's hobbies are limited to playing Barbie, brushing hair, and wrestling.



### JEOPARDY

**Trivia Question:** "I Married Joan" was a 50's comedy series about a respected judge in family court dealing mostly with marital problems. In each of the episodes the judge would start explaining that he loved his scatterbrained wife but once had a problem with her similar to that of the litigants. Then the scene would fade from him telling the story to a "flashback" of it actually happening. Jim Backus played Judge Bradley Stevens. Who played his wife?

### October 1<sup>st</sup> in history...

**1661** - Yachting begins in England; King Charles II beats his brother James.

**1890** - Yosemite National Park established.

**1958** - Inauguration of NASA.

**Trivia Answer:** Joan Davis, a vaudeville comedian, played Judge Bradley Stevens' wife, Joan Stevens.

**Useless Knowledge:** If you add up the numbers 1-100 consecutively (1+2+3+4+5 etc) the total is 5050.



**Frank DeSantis:** October 11

**Don Groth:** October 18

**Jeff Lewis:** October 5

**Dan Medina:** October 30

**Roy Murdock:** October 21

**Walter Neil:** October 20

**Al Weathers:** October 31

