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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?



100TH ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



The Rotary Club of Birmingham and Rotarians in Districts 1060, 1070, 1100, 1201 and 1220 are looking forward to welcoming Rotarians from all over the world to Rotary's 100th Convention. The Rotary Club of

Birmingham was the first Rotary Club in England to be visited by Paul Harris on his visit to England in June 1928, when he described his speech to the Club on "The Genesis of Rotary" as a dismal effort. The standing ovation he received suggested his audience disagreed. The Host Organization Committee's events for the 100th Convention will go in "The Steps of Pal Harris" and visit Warwick Castle, Stratford upon Avon, Kenilworth and Birmingham. Experience a truly historic occasion!

Birmingham is set in the very heart of England with a population in the City of 1,000,000. Today the City of Birmingham combines an historic past with an upbeat modern and vibrant lifestyle for its citizens. Its fine restaurants, superb hotels and fascinating canal systems have all blended superbly with the City's historic buildings and the City Centre boasts the largest shopping mall in Europe.



Birmingham Wheel at Birmingham City Centre.



Birmingham Canals.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday-Saturday, October 17-19

Multi-District Interact Symposium @ Astro Camp, 26800 Saunders Meadow Rd., Idyllwild.

Saturday, October 18

Rotary Club of Del Amo – Let's Roll & Stop Diabetes in its Tracks @ Shoreline Park, East Shoreline Drive, Long Beach, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 25

Rotaract Presidents' Dinner @ Bucca Di Beppo, 1442 Second Street, Santa Monica, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 26

District 5280 Youth Conference @ El Camino College, Student Center, 2607 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Convention will be held at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC), which is situated between the cities of Birmingham and historic Coventry adjacent to Birmingham International Airport. A mono-rail link from the Airport brings visitors directly into the Convention Center as does the main rail network from London and Scotland; London is just a one-hour train journey away. The NEC is on the junction of several of the country's main motorways, which take tourists north, south, east and west and in just a short time, they can travel to the wonderful countryside of England, Scotland and Wales and with just a short flight to Ireland or to other European cities.

In under an hour, they can reach Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford upon Avon, wonderful castles in Warwick, Kenilworth and Tamworth, famous cathedrals in Birmingham, Coventry or Lichfield and while in Coventry they can visit St. Mary's Hall and see where Mary, Queen of Scots was imprisoned by Elizabeth I.

I hope the information given so far is enough to entice you to register and be part of history in celebrating the 100th RI Convention. Read on in the coming weeks about what's going to happen at the Convention.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tony Kline, Executive Director of the **New Millennium Secondary School (NMSS)**, announced the school's opening this fall. NMSS is a public charter high school in Carson that focuses on academics and works with local universities and colleges to make sure students are prepared for their future. Unique features of the school include laptops for all students, a talent and experienced staff, partnership with CSUDH, small classes, extra-curricular activities and personalized learning plans. NMSS is accepting 150 9th grade students for this fall. For an application, please visit their website at www.newmillenniumschoo.org, or call them at 310.999.6162.

Tom Willoughby was pleased to introduce **Mike Hamilton** of Gardena High School. Mike replaced Paige Okada as the Gardena High liaison and sponsor of the Interact Club and SCIBA. Mike can be reached at 714.394.9728. On the subject of the Gardena Interactors, they are having a See's Candy fundraiser to support their projects. If you are interested in placing an order, please contact Mike or Tom Willoughby at 310.943.7920.

Driving his brother **Mike Bodgett's** race car, Matt Blodgett won the NHRA JEG's Sports Nationals on October 3-5th with the help of **Kelly Stebbins'** Aldan Eagle Shock Absorbers. Thanks, Kelly Stebbins! This makes the Blodgett Family 6-0 in National event final rounds!

District 5280 is holding a **Membership Seminar** on November 1st at Shiner's Children's Hospital, 3160 Geneva Street, Los Angeles, 8:30 a.m. to noon. This seminar is for you if you are looking to:

- gain new ideas and energy when it comes to membership
 - get on track for hitting your membership goals for this year
 - define and give your people a "why" for joining Rotary gain new ideas in recruiting
 - make your club more energetic, powerful, and fun to be in
- Membership chairs are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Steve Murillo at 310.266.4154 or email steve@astmanhattan.com.

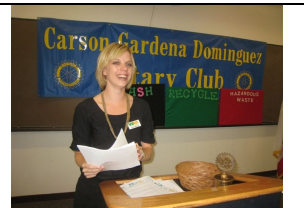
Group Study Exchange will be touring Rotary District 3660 in South Korea next year. They will be departing March 28th and returning April 25th. Deadlines are November 1st for Team Leaders and December 1st for Team Members. Airfare will be paid by Rotary International and housing and meals will be provided by host clubs. For applications or more information, contact Chuck Hanchett at 310.547.1973 or chuckhanchett@yahoo.com.

District Governor Chuck Anderson set a goal for our District to donate 300 pints of blood during this Rotary year. Your donation can help our District to meet his goal! The next **Blood Drive** is on November 3rd at the following locations, 2:00-8:00 p.m. To make an appointment, sign up on the event page at www.rotary.5280.org, and then contact Rick Searey to reserve your donation time slot at 562.402.0670 or rpsearey@aol.com. Please sign up to donate blood and save a life!

- Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, CA 90245
- Salvation Army, 9644 Cedar Street, Bellflower, CA 90706
- Shriners Hospital for Children, 3160 Geneva Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020



RECYCLING



Our program speaker today was Vickie Wippel, Community Relations Manager of Waste Management (WM). As the largest recycler of municipal solid waste in North America, Waste Management processes more than 5.5 million tons of recyclable

materials each year through its 109 material recovery facilities. Through the resources of WM, they provide cost-efficient, environmentally sound recycling programs for municipalities, businesses and households across the U.S. and Canada.

Vickie focused her talk on the importance of recycling. To start us off, she asked club members to take an Ecological Footprint Quiz which helped us to realize how much of our earth's natural resources we are using, how much waste we are creating, and how many planets we would take up if everyone on earth lived our current lifestyle. Hopefully, the results will help us to see how we can cut down on waste and conserve our natural resources so that we can all continue to share one planet.

Next up was a game to gauge our knowledge of recyclable materials. During the course of the game, Vickie provide some recycling "Myth Busters":

- WM recycles everything they can that's put into the recycling cart, including all plastics, metals, glass and paper. Sometimes, they can't recycle materials because they're wet or contaminated, or because it isn't recyclable (like clothing or Styrofoam).
- Plastics with numbers 1-7 are recyclable and should be placed in the recycle cart.
- Saran Wrap (not cellophane) and Ziploc bags are recyclable as long as they are clean and dry.
- You don't need to wash your recycling; however, it should have very little food contamination. If there is too much (like half a jar of sauce, or a few sips from a soda can.) WM cannot recycle it.
- While grocery bags are recyclable, they're still bad for the environment because people litter them, they blow out of cars and trucks, and oftentimes end up in the ocean where they harm marine life. They also require a lot of energy to produce. You are better off using reusable bags.
- Batteries are hazardous waste and do not belong in the trash or recycling. They need to be disposed of at a hazardous waste facility or through the WM BatteryTracker program.
- Bottle caps do not need to be removed to be recycled; but make sure there's no water in the bottle.
- All recycling can go in one recycling cart. WM separates it at their recycling centers so you don't need to.
- If you put recycling in the trash, it will not be separated out. Typically, materials in the trash cart go straight to the transfer station and then to the landfill.



FINE TIME

Our Secret Greeter today was Vickie Wippel. Chet Craft, Miriam Grier and Kelly Stebbins all incur a \$5 fine for failing to shake her hand.

NEIGHBORING ROTARY CLUBS

Lawndale

Thursday, 12:10 PM, Best Western Hotel

Paramount

Tuesday, 12:10 PM, Progress Park

Wilmington

Monday, 12:10 PM, Banning's Landing Center



JEOPARDY

Trivia Question: Who was the first reigning queen of England?

October 15th in history...

1520 – King Henry VIII of England orders bowling lanes at Whitehall.

1878 - Edison Electric Light Company incorporated.

1949 – Billy Graham begins his ministry.

Trivia Answer: The first reigning queen of England was Queen Mary I (Bloody Mary) in 1553.

