



## 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?



### 100th ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - JUNE 22, 2009

Following the second plenary session on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Convention attendees and their guests will be invited to share hospitality with local Rotarians. Host Hospitality is always one of the most popular events at any RI Convention and the Birmingham Convention will be no exception. Whether it's joining in the fun of a "Merrie Englands" banquet, enjoying a Club BBQ or simply sharing fellowship in a local Rotarian's home, a great Rotarian welcome is a certainty. Transportation will be provided by the hosts.



*Last year, our club sponsored a host hospitality night at the Dominguez Rancho Adobe. We entertained over 40 guests by providing great fellowship, good food, entertainment and a history lesson regarding the early days of the Carson and Gardena area. Our guests were from all over the U.S. and faraway places such as Brazil, Nigeria, and Trinidad & Tobago.*

Stay tuned for Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> Convention activities in next week's newsletter.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Monday, November 3

District Blood Drive, 2:00-8:00 p.m. at:  
Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo  
Salvation Army, 9644 Cedar Street, Bellflower  
Shriner's Hospital for Children, 3160 Geneva St., LA

#### Thursday, November 13

Presidents' Dinner @ Casa Sanchez, 4500 S. Centinela Blvd., Los Angeles, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Carson – KidsFest 2008 at Millender-McDonald Community Center, 3 Civic Drive, Carson, 5:30 p.m.

#### Friday, November 14

Rotary Club of Crenshaw/Watts – Gill Garcetti @ The Sizzler Restaurant, 3701 Santa Rosalia Drive, Los Angeles, noon.



### NOVEMBER 8 IS ROTARY UNITED NATIONS DAY

Rotary and the United Nations (UN) have a special relationship since Rotary was one of the founders of the UN. It started in November 1943, when Rotary sponsored a conference in London with ministers and observers from 21 governments. This group began laying plans for what was to become UNESCO. During the foundation of the UN in San Francisco in 1945, 49 Rotarians helped to draft the UN Charter in and many of the international delegates from around the world were Rotarians. Upon founding the UN, Rotary became one of the original 42 non-governmental organizations that were invited to participate, a position that Rotary still maintains. You can read more about Rotary and the UN on the internet at the following link:

[www.rotaryfirst100.org/history/history/un/](http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/history/history/un/).

Rotarians will celebrate Rotary UN Day at the UN in New York on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can see the schedule for Rotary UN Day on the internet at [www.rotary.org/ridocuments/en\\_pdf/riun2008.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/ridocuments/en_pdf/riun2008.pdf).

UN Secretary—General Ban Ki-moon is slated to give a special presentation to the Rotarians at the Rotary UN Day. You can read more about Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the internet at [www.un.org/sg/](http://www.un.org/sg/).

There will also be presentations and panel discussions about Rotarian issues like water, health, literacy, and hunger. You can read the full announcement from RI on the internet at [www.rotary.org/en/members/events/pages/081508\\_announce\\_rot\\_arunday.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/members/events/pages/081508_announce_rot_arunday.aspx).



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to President **Dan Medina**, who was voted in as the newest City Councilman for the City of Gardena!



We had our **Cash Opportunity Drawing** last week. **Roy Murdock** (left) played a big part in our fundraiser's success by purchasing 36 tickets. One of his tickets turned out to be the grand prize winner and he was presented with his \$2,000 cash today. Roy promptly turned

around and pledged the money to our Thanksgiving Dinner Program. What a true Rotarian and great benefactor to our club! **Kelly Stebbins** was another big winner of \$700. He donated his winning to the sponsorship of new Paul Harris Fellows in our club. A long-time supporter, **Watson Cogeneration Company** donated \$2,000 to the club, a portion of which was used to purchase opportunity tickets. Two of the tickets won for a total of \$700 that was returned to the club. Thanks, again, to Treasurer **Scott Simms** for chairing a very successful fundraiser!

As a reminder, the Rotary Clubs of Culver City, Latinos Unidos, and LAX/Lennox are hosting the next **District 5280 President's Dinner** on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Casa Sanchez Restaurant, 4500 S. Centinela Ave., Los Angeles, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person. Please RSVP to Kathy Haworth at 310.306.9575 or [dochillary@hotmail.com](mailto:dochillary@hotmail.com).

Also on the same date is the **Boys & Girls Club of Carson's KidFest 2008** at the Millender-McDonald Community Center, 801 E. Carson Street, 5:30 p.m. There will be exciting silent and live auctions, a hosted bar and delicious dinner, and coveted "golden tickets". If you RSVP for this event, please show up or you will be billed back for the cost of \$170 per person.

The Rotary Club of Bellflower is hosting a **Matching Grants Workshop** on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the John S. Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., Bellflower, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Everything you ever wanted to know about completing Matching Grant applications will be presented by PDG/Foundation Chair Pat Cashin, Larry Bender and Joe Vasquez. Coffee and pastries will be provided. To RSVP, contact the District Office at 310.670.9792 or [office@rotary5280.org](mailto:office@rotary5280.org).



### FINE TIME

**Walter Neil** departed early so **Tom Huston** was the lone Fine Master. It was more information than I wanted to hear, but **Chef Craft** said something about "sharing his bed with the same woman..." last Wednesday - no fine! **Galo Galvan** had no excuse for his absence last week - \$5 fine. **Glenn Mitchell** was slow to offer an excuse for his absences and collected a \$10 fine. He was given the Fiction & Fact Question for double or nothing. Before he was able to answer, Fine Master Tom accused **Kim Richards** of trying to help Glenn, and that cost her \$10. Glenn came up with the right answer to clear his slate.

I was the Secret Greeter again this week. **Brandon Carrillo**

and **Walter Neil** collected \$5 fines for failing to shake my hand. I did not disclose the identity of the third person who did not shake my hand because he had given me a copy of the Cosmopolitan issue that featured Burt Reynolds as the centerfold! YES!!!



### CLUB ASSEMBLY

Here are some activities coming down the pipe:

- **Tuesday, November 25: Thanksgiving Dinner Program @ CCC** - We will be packaging 140 turkey dinners for disadvantaged families in the Carson and Gardena area. Glenn Mitchell will fundraise for this program; Rita Burgueno, Audrie Echoz and Vickie Wippel will identify the families and handle facilities requirement at the CCC; Leon Bodnar, Jeremy Brown, Galo Galvin and Tom Huston will handle food purchase and logistics; and Dan Media will notify the local news media. Once again, the Gardena Interactors will be on hand to help us. Packaging will begin at 8:00 a.m. sharp in Room 116.
- **Wednesday, December 10: Santa @ Sallery School** - This is in lieu of our regular Wednesday meeting. Santa (Dan Medina) will be on hand to take pictures with the special needs students, and his elves (the Gardena Interactors) will assist with distribution of candy canes and stuff animals. Santa activities will begin at 9:00 a.m.; our meeting will begin at noon.
- **Sunday, December 14: Club Holiday Party @ CCC** - Miriam Grier is planning another great "Family of Rotary" event to ring in the holidays. Members are welcome to invite their family members to share in fellowship, fun and great food. In addition to an excellent dinner, Jay's Catering will set up a sundae bar and there will be a Craft Corner for the kids. Of course, Santa will arrive in his fire truck to hand out gifts to the children. Mark your calendar!



### JEOPARDY

**Trivia Question:** What percentage of the earth's surface is covered with ice?

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> in history...**

**1492** - Christopher Columbus learns of maize (corn) from the Indians of Cuba.

**1935** - Parker Brothers launches game of Monopoly.

**1973** - BART starts San Francisco-Daly City train shuttle service.

**Trivia Answer:** About one-tenth of the earth's surface is covered with ice.

**Useless Knowledge:** In the Republic of Panama prostitutes can't work on Good Friday or Election Day.



### COMEDY CENTRAL

A nice, calm and respectable lady went into the pharmacy, walked up to the pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes and said, "I would like to buy some cyanide."

The pharmacist asked, "Why in the world do you need cyanide?" The lady replied, "I need it to poison my husband."

The pharmacist's eyes got big and he exclaimed, "Lord, have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband! That's against the law! I'll lose my license! They'll throw both of us in jail!"

The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist looked at the picture and replied, "Well now, that's different. You didn't tell me you had a prescription."



**Al Fitzgerald: November 19**

