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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 24, 2009

June 24th is the last day of the 100th RI Convention and the Host Organizing Committee is putting on something special to end it. Following an address by President-Elect John Kenny, there will be a spectacular Rotary Tattoo with some of the country's finest military bands and other performers to provide a closing event to remember. The tattoo will be produced by Major Sir Michael Parker KCVO, the man responsible for the Royal Tournament and other national events, so it will be very special indeed.



This is the last in a series on the 2009 RI Convention. I hope this and previous articles have helped to promote your interest in attending the Convention in a country long in history, landmarks and activities. The Rotary Club of Birmingham, the Host Organizing Committee, Rotarians in District 1060, and all the Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland are looking forward to welcoming you and your guests to the 100th Convention of Rotary International.

Visit the HOC website www.rotaryconvention2009.com for application forms and more information on any of the Convention activities. The first registration deadline is December 15th and the second registration deadline is March 31st. Register early for the Convention and take advantage of special prices. The 100th RI Convention will be an event to remember for the rest of your life!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 22

Matching Grants Workshop @ John S. Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., Bellflower, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Monday, November 24

Urban Needs Task Force Meeting @ Sizzler Restaurant, 3701 Santa Rosalia Dr., Los Angeles, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25

Thanksgiving Dinner Program @ Millender-McDonald Community Center, 801 E. Carson St., Carson, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 30

Rotary Club of LA Colombo Americano – 1st Annual Dog Show @ Westchester Recreation Center, 7000 W. Manchester Ave., Los Angeles, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, December 1

GSE application deadline for Team Members.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to President **Dan Medina** who was elected Gardena's second Hispanic City Councilman. Dan jumped to an early lead and never relinquished the spot as he garnered 34.75% of the votes in a special election to fill a seat left open in March 2008. Dan will now fulfill the remainder of the term which ends in 2011. Dan is Sueprman... I don't know how he does it ALL!



Also congratulations to **Jeremy Brown** who was inducted as a new member today. Jeremy works for Edward Jones Investments as a Financial Advisor - what we all need in these rocky financial times! Jeremy was sponsored into the club by Tom Huston. Welcome to Rotary, Jeremy!

As a reminder, there is a **Matching Grants Workshop** on November 22nd at John S. Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Avenue, 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.

The **Urban Needs Task Force** will meet on November 24 @ Sizzler Restaurant, 3701 Santa Rosalia Drive, Los Angeles, 6:30 p.m. Focus of the meeting will be on the District Blood Drive chaired by Rick Searey.

The **Rotary Club of Los Angeles Colombo Americano** would like you to join them in their **1st Annual Dog Show** on November 30th at the Westchester Recreation Center, 7000 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, 11:00 am. To 3:00 p.m. Come show off your dog's best costume and compete for the grand prize. Benefits will be used to help kids around the world. Limited entries; call to register at 310.920.3917.

For 35 years, the students and staff of the **Braille Institute** have forged a close bond with Rotarians of District 5280. Each year, Rotarians are invited to take part in the Braille Institute holiday party and act as escorts and table hosts. This year's theme is "**Holiday Fiesta**". On the morning of December 12th, Rotarians are invited for a short reception at 10:30 a.m. followed by the holiday party in the cafeteria, expected to end at 2:00 p.m. The luncheon will include outstanding entertainment with a fiesta flair. The Braille Institute is located at 741 Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. If you are interested in joining in their Holiday Fiesta, please RSVP by November 28th to Carmen Apelgren at 323.663.111 x1357 or capelgren@brailleinstitute.org.

The **Rotary Club of Latinos Unidos** is holding their **4th Annual Food & Toy Drive** on December 13th at Tower Insurance, 4244 Overland Avenue, Culver City, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This year, they are putting food and toy baskets together for 45 families. Any food items that are boxed, canned and bottled are welcome. And, you can help make a child smile this holiday season by donating unwrapped toys or gift certificates. For more information, contact Brenda Jaramillo at 310.837.6103 or bjaramillo37@verizon.net.

The **Rotary Club of Vernon** invites you to join in their **Annual Christmas Fundraiser** on December 17th at La Villa Basque Restaurant, 2801 Leonis Blvd., Vernon, 11:00 a.m. All proceeds will be used for Vernon community projects. Cost is \$35 per person and your RSVP is due by December 9th to the Rotary Club of Vernon, 2833 Leonis Blvd, Ste 117, Vernon, 90058.

Five million children under age 5 die every year due to hunger, while another 200 million suffer development problems because they lack proper nutrients. The **Rotary Club of Inglewood** is joining in RI President D.K. Lee's goal in decreasing child mortality by participating in the "**Plumpy Nut Campaign**". Plumpy Nut is a therapeutic food packed with calories and nutrients. It has amazing results, reversing the effects of malnutrition in children quickly. To learn more or to join this project, contact Jaimee Sul at 310.413.7444 or sjaimee@aol.com.



FINE TIME



BGCC KidFest 2008

Rita Burgueno was at a fundraising training seminar last week - \$5 fine. Patty Macias worked through lunch last Wednesday - \$5 fine. I also worked through lunch last week but made up at the Board Meeting; but Tom nailed me for a \$5 fine for dousing him with Silly Strings at

the BGCC KidFest. Vickie Wippel was MIA the last two weeks - \$10 fine. Carol Wylie made up her absence via a cyber meeting, and Tom gave her \$5 credit for actually showing up!

Tom sure has it in for Kim Richards. She was assessed a \$5 fine for harassing the Rotary table at the BGCC KidFest, a \$5 fine for

choking her "competitor" Audrie Echnoz of the YMCA, and a \$5 fine for the Seahawk's loss. Offsetting the fines was a \$5 credit for recognizing Jay's Catering for their in-kind catering of the BGCC KidFest.

Jay Mastrianni collected a \$5 fine for renewing his catering contract with the Community Center. He was given the Fiction & Fact Question for double or nothing. While Jay was pondering the question, Executive Aide Doug Baker collected a \$5 fine for volunteering a wrong answer. (He can afford to pay the fine because he won \$1,000 in our Cash Opportunity Drawing!) Pat Cashin also collected a \$5 fine for trying to help Jay. Jay pulled through and came up with a correct answer to wipe his slate clean. Our Secret Greeter today was Rita Burgueno. Audrie Echnoz and Vickie Wippel both collected \$5 fines for failing to shake her hand.



JIMMY WELDON

Our program speaker today was Jimmy Weldon, a voice actor, ventriloquist, and former TV host. Jimmy was born in Dale, Texas, on December 23, 1923, and began his career as a disc jockey in Oklahoma City in 1946. He made his TV debut in 1950 as "Uncle" Jimmy (himself) and the voice of the duck puppet Webster Webfoot on the "The Webster Webfoot Show", produced locally by a Dallas station.



Jimmy moved to California in the early 1950s and continued to make TV appearances while in Hollywood. It was thanks to his "quacky" voice that he earned the voice-over for the Hanna-Barbera cartoon character, Yakky Doodle Duck. Yakky Doodle made frequent appearances on the Yogi Bear cartoons, and then got this own show, "The Yakky Doodle Duck Show", from 1960-62.

Jimmy has also made numerous TV appearances in acting on shows such as Dragnet, Alfred Hitchcock Presents, The Waltons, Dallas, and Different Strokes. He also continues to do voice-overs for various television shows and cartoons.

Jimmy is currently a member of the Premiere Speakers Bureau, providing motivational talks. He has written a self-help, inspirational book, "Go Get'em, Tiger!", which contains a step-by-step formula for success that anyone can easily follow to achieve their ultimate dream.

Jimmy delivered two important messages today:

1. The two phrases we do not use often enough in our society is "thank you" and "I love you". In a sometimes negative world, the power and importance of gratitude and love in our lives can truly impact our life - and health - in a very positive way.
2. Often, we are the ones who put the lid on our own abilities. The sky is the limit when we use our power of imagination and maintain a positive attitude. Jimmy called to mind Thomas Edison who failed hundred of times before becoming a successful inventor (notably the phonograph and light bulb); Roger Bannister who defy odds to become the first man to run a mile in less than 4 minutes; and Guglielmo Marconi who traveled and experimented extensively before successfully sending the first electromagnetic radio waves.

Jimmy has entertained, informed and motivated thousands of people across the nation. To learn more about other programs by Jimmy and to purchase his books and CDs, visit www.jimmyweldon.com.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 3: *Club Assembly*

December 10: *Santa @ Sellery School*

December 17: *Terry Kang - "Literacy Notebook"*

December 24: *Dark for Christmas*

December 31: *Dark for New Year*

