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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?



DECEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH

December is Family Month on the Rotary calendar, and the deadline for the biggest annual Rotary family get-together is December 15th for the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England.

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 Host Organizing Committee is putting in 18 months of planning and work to ensure the 100th Convention is informative, interesting and fun for everyone. Besides the plenary sessions and programs targeted for Rotarians, there will be plenty of activities that the whole family can join in on, such as:

- June 20 – Interfaith Ceremony and Grand Parade around Pendigo Lake; and an evening of music and fireworks with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at Cannon Hill Park
- June 21 – A Medieval Spectacular at Warwick Castle
- June 22 – Host Hospitality Night with a host Rotary club
- June 23 – A Night on the Town (with Birmingham welcoming Rotarians); choice of three concerts to attend.

Why not make next year's 100th RI Convention even more memorable by sharing it with your family. Remember, the first pre-convention registration deadline is on December 15. To register, visit www.rotaryconvention2009.com.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, December 12

Holiday Luncheon @ Braille Institute, 741 Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 13

Rotary Club of Latinos Unidos – Food & Toy Drive @ Tower Insurance, 4244 Overland Ave., Culver city, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Toy sorting for Christmas Train to Tecate @ Hacienda Hotel, 525 Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14

Club Holiday Party @ Millender-McDonald Community Center, 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17

Rotary Club of Vernon – Annual Christmas Fundraiser @ La Villa Basque Restaurant, 2801 Leonis Blvd., Vernon, 11:00 a.m.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2009

Join DG
Chuck
Anderson for
fun, food
and fellow-
ship!



Plenary sessions,
The Performing
Arts Center,
Governor's Ball,
Hospitality Night,
& much, much
more!

Westin Hotel South Coast Plaza
April 30 – May 3, 2009

We'll see you there!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the Interactors and Rotaractors on December 13th for an afternoon of sorting toys that will travel on the **Christmas Train to Tecate**, Mexico. It's still not too late to donate unwrapped small toys, stuffed animals, story books, coloring books, school supplies, baby clothes, etc. These items will benefit over 5,000 children and families south of the border. This annual event is a favorite of the youth across the District. Meet at the outdoor patio at the Hacienda Hotel – 525 Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, 1:00-3:00 p.m. - to sort toys, enjoy holiday treats and hot cocoa. For more information contact Marie Fremd at 323.262.1101 x228 or marie.fremd@exide.com.

As a reminder, our **Club Holiday Party** is this Sunday at the Millender-McDonald Community Center, 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, 6:00 p.m. Santa will be giving out gifts, so please remember to bring a wrapped gift with a name tag for each of your children who will be attending. Also, bring a favorite wine of yours to share with the other attendees. Miriam Grier has arranged for Jay's Catering to provide a delicious buffet dinner and his famous sundae bar. Don't miss out of the holiday cheer!

The next **Rotary District Breakfast** is on Monday, January 5, 2009 at the Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 W. Century Blvd, Los Angeles, 7:00-9:00 a.m. The featured speaker is Page Jones, son of legendary Indy 500 Race winner Parnelli Jones. Page was a leading young Midget/Sprint race car driver in the early 1990s, winning 18 of 42 races in 1994 before a near-fatal collision in September that year. Page will share his remarkable recovery from a head injury trauma, rehabilitation and his new life as a college student in Orange County, working in today's transportation field, and being both a husband and father of a 4-year-old son and 10-month-old daughter. His poignant story inspires not only race and non-race fans alike, but also others who have recovered from head injuries, including automobile accidents, roadside bombs in Iraq and strokes. If you are interested in attending the breakfast, please reply to me by noon, December 19. Cost is \$27 per person which the club will pay for. However, if you RSVP and fail to show, the club will charge back this cost to you.

All abroad! The **Christmas Train** is rolling again to Tecate, Mexico. Every year, this event changes the lives of over 5,000 children and families in Mexico. The Urban Needs Task Force, Interact and Rotaract members have been collecting toys to load on the train that will be traveling to Mexico for the day. For more information or to get involved, Contact Marie Fremd at 323.262.1101 or marie.fremd@exide.com.

The reasons people need blood are numerous: accidents, burn victims, cancer patients, children with blood disorders... the list goes on. But as always, Rotarians can make a difference in helping to save the lives of many people. Mark your calendar for the next **District Blood Drive** on January 15th, 2:00-8:00 p.m. We will have 3 location sites: Bellflower, City of Carson, and San Pedro. (Specific site locations will be announced soon.) If you are able, please come out and donate. Invite your family, friends, and business associates to give blood. Tell your Rotaract and Interact clubs to come out and help save a life. Let's all *Make Dreams Real* and help DG Chuck Anderson achieve his goal.



THE ROTARIAN'S ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

Do you have a great shot from a fundraiser, international project, the RI Convention, or local club event? The deadline for *The Rotarian's* annual photo contest is February 28, 2009, and we're looking for anything that illustrates Service Above Self.

In addition, Rotarians will be able to vote for their favorite photo in the People's Choice Award category. Online voting will open April 15 and run through May 15. So submit your photos now, and tell your friends and fellow club members to visit the RI website starting in April to cast their votes!

Visit www.rotary.org for contest rules and to submit your photos.



Richard S. Lawrence won the 2007-08 contest by taking a picture of a boy inspecting a cup of water at a project in Guatemala in which 11 clubs in District 7890 raised more than \$24,000 to provide water filters, vented pit latrines, and raised vented stoves for 52 families.



JEOPARDY

Trivia Question: Who was the first American awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

December 10th in history...

1690 – Massachusetts Bay becomes first American colonial government to borrow money.

1915 – 10,000,000th model T Ford assembled.

1993 - Dow Jones hits record 3,740.67.

Trivia Answer: The first American awarded the Nobel Peace Prize was President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906.

Useless Knowledge: Bracelets worn by high-ranking Suka tribesmen in Ethiopia are purposely made so tight that they almost stop the flow of blood. The hands of the rich often become shrunken, withered, and virtually useless. To the Suka, withered hands are a status symbol, and the more atrophied their hands become the prouder the aristocrats are of them.



COMEDY CENTRAL

This is how the bail out works...

Young Chuck moved to Texas and bought a donkey from a farmer for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day.

The next day the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry son, but I have some bad news. The donkey died." Chuck replied, "Well, then, just give me my money back."

The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already." Chuck said, "Okay, then, just bring me the dead donkey."

The farmer asked, "What ya gonna do with him?" Chuck said, "I'm going to raffle him off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead donkey!" Chuck said, "Sure I can... watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead."

A month later, the farmer met with Chuck and asked, "What happened with that dead donkey?" Chuck said, "I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at two dollars a piece and made a profit of \$998."

The farmer said, "Didn't anyone complain?" Chuck said, "Just the guy who won. So I gave him his two dollars back."

Chuck is now working for Goldman Sachs.

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