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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?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

I received an e-mail from former Rotarian and Past President **Tom Minton** who retired to Santa Fe, New Mexico, several years ago. He continues to read the La Rueda every week and is impressed with the great job we are doing. It is obvious to Tom that the club is doing very well in many endeavors. He gives his congratulations to all his friends and Rotarians in Carson-Gardena. Tom, if you visit the LA area, drop by for lunch... it's on us.

The **Carson Chamber of Commerce** will be holding their next **Quarterly Breakfast** on January 15th at the DoubleTree Hotel, 2 Civic Plaza Drive, Carson, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Measure C, "The Carson Vital City Services Protection Measure" will be presented by Jackie Acosta, General Manger of Administrative Services, and Jerry Groomes, City Manager. Learn how this measure is going to affect your business. Cost is \$15 per person if RSVP by January 14th; \$20 at the door. Call (310) 217-4590 to reserve now.

The next **District Blood Drive** is on Thursday, January 15th. We need your help to make the blood drive a success. There is a critical blood shortage in Southern California. Save a life and help meet Governor Chuck Anderson's blood drive goal by donating your blood. The event will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Millender-McDonald Community Center, 801 E. Carson Street, Room 107, Carson. Our goal is to have over 75 donors. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Glenn Mitchell at 310.345-9663 or Laura Chase at 310.605.6711. All donors will receive a coupon for a pint of Baskin Robbins ice cream!

Celebrate Chinese New Year 4707 Year of the Ox by marching in the **110th Golden Dragon Parade** on January 31st! Dress in layers with anything red on the top layer and black pants. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Meet fellow Rotarians, Interactors, and friends at historic Philippe's French Dip Sandwich, 1001 North



Alameda Street, Los Angeles – across from Union Station – for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Afterwards, meet for the parade assembly area 1-1/2 blocks away at Aliso and Main Streets at 1:15 p.m. The parade begins at 2:00 p.m. Following the parade, meet for an early dinner at Hop Wo Restaurant at the 800 block of Broadway at College, across from Bank of American America. Contact Angi Ma Wong at 310.541.8818 or amawong@att.net for more information.

Club Presidents, club and District leadership for both 2008-09 and 2009-10 are invited to participate in the **Midyear Leadership Meeting** (Pre PETS) on February 7th at the Millender-McDonald Community Center, 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to provide knowledge and motivation to support the Rotary clubs in District 5280. DG Chuck Anderson will discuss what has been accomplished and what needs to be achieved for continuing a great Rotary year. DG-Elect Susanne Sundberg will share goals and objectives for the coming year. Registration by January 30th is \$50 which the club will pay for and includes continental break-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 11

Rotaract Christmas Train to Tecate, Mexico

Thursday, January 15

District Blood Drive @ Millender-McDonald Community Center, 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, 2:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 31

110th Golden Dragon Parade. Meet @ Philippe's French Dip Sandwich, 1001 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, 12:15 p.m.

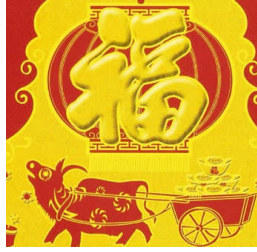
Saturday, February 7

Midyear & PrePETS Seminar @ Millender-McDonald Community Center, 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 8

Chinese Lunar New Year Gala @ Empress Pavilion, 988 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles Chinatown, 5:00 p.m.

fast, lunch and materials. Contact PDG John Colville at 562.531.8340 or jcolville2@aol.com with any questions.



The Chinese New Year festivities continue on February 8th as District 5280 Rotarians, families and friends gather to celebrate at our **11th Annual Chinese Lunar New Year Gala** at the Empress Pavilion Restaurant, 988 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles Chinatown, 5:00 p.m. reception, 6:00 p.m. dinner. A 10-course traditional Chinese banquet

will be served. There will be New Year gifts for everyone, classical Chinese entertainment, tradition lion dance, acrobats, music, dancers, and door prizes. This is truly an enriching cultural and educational experience for all ages! Cost is \$55 for adults and \$15 for children 12 & under. Payment must be in by February 1st. To RSVP, contact Chris Mark at 310.816.8810 or christine.mark@bp.com.



FINE TIME

After greeting the audience with a welcoming "Happy New Year", the Fine Masters wasted no time in trying to generate some income for the club. Audrie Echnoz missed the last meeting of 2008 due to her child's pre-school Christmas play – no fine. We were happy to see Jay Mastrianni back after a brief illness – no fine. Richard Rand told the Fine Masters to fine him for his two absences... and they did, to the tune of \$10. Scott Simms was in Georgia visiting family – no fine. Vickie Wippel, who looks awfully young to be suffering from dementia, couldn't remember why she missed the last two meetings and drew a \$10 fine.

Honorary Rotarian Frank DeSantis, looking very scholarly, was given the Fiction & Fact Question which he answered correctly for a \$500 credit. Wise to the workings of Fine time, he promptly donated the credit back to the club because he knew it was worth nada! Fine Time was starting to drag a bit and Leon Bodnar was caught snoozing, which cost him \$10.

Sheri Repp was the Secret Greeter today. Audrie Echnoz and Larry Ybarra each collected a \$5 fine for failing to greet her. (I think Audrie holds the record for having collected the most fines since we implemented the Secret Greeter!)



LA BioMed High School Fellowship Program

Frank DeSantis, Honorary Rotarian, Past Rotary Club President, and founding President and former CEO of LA BioMed - formerly known as the REI (Research & Education Institute) - was pleased to pledge \$10,000 to our club to be used to provide scholarship funds for LA BioMed's High School Student Summer Fellowship Program.

Affiliated with Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and the David Geffen School of Medicine, LA BioMed is one of the largest independent non-profit biomedical research enterprises in California and one of the top 20 in the United States.



For the past 30 years, LA BioMed has provided an innovative High School Student Summer Fellowship Program that offers a unique opportunity for LA area students to learn about careers in medical research and the health sciences by working in a scientific and medical research environment. All LA area high school seniors are eligible to apply. Students are provided a small salary to allow them to take advantage of this outstanding opportunity. The program is widely respected and very competitive – nearly 100 students apply yearly for the 13-15 available spots.

The LA BioMed High School Students Summer Fellowship

Program lasts eight weeks and comprises five major areas:

1. **Assisting researchers:** Students assist individually assigned mentors who are all accomplished medical scientists, studying such topics as the nature and progression of diseases, the efficacy of medications, the practice of scientific methods, and many other vital areas of scientific research.
2. **Exposure to ongoing research:** Students are exposed to ongoing research projects and each participates in a well-defined protocol that can be completed during the summer program.
3. **Exposure to medical training:** students attend clinical conferences, medical Grand Rounds, and research seminars.
4. **Weekly educational get-togethers.** A weekly "brown bag" luncheon meeting is held, giving the students the opportunity to share their research experiences, laboratory activities and what they are learning from their mentors.
5. **Familiarization with medical technology and facilities:** Tours of specialized facilities at LA BioMed are conducted, including the Magnetic Resonance Imaging center, emergency room, nuclear medicine laboratories, Electron Beam Computed Tomography facility, and the General Clinical Research Center core laboratory.

Since its inception in 1978, more than 300 students have graduated from the program.

We want to thank Frank for his very generous donation and his continued support of Rotary and the LA BioMed and its many important programs. Here is a Rotarian who **Make Dreams Real!**



JEOPARDY

Trivia Question: In what year was the first national presidential election held in the US?

January 7th in history...

1782 – First US commercial bank, Bank of North America, opens in Philadelphia.

1830 - Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company begins carrying revenue traffic - first US Railroad Station (Baltimore, MD).

1953 - President Truman announces development of the hydrogen bomb.

Trivia Answer: The US presidential election of 1789 was the first presidential election in the United States of America, and was the only one to not take place in an even numbered year. The election took place following the ratification of the United States Constitution in 1788. The polls opened on December 15, 1788 and closed on January 10, 1789. In this election, George Washington was elected for the first of his two terms as President of the United States, and John Adams became the first Vice President of the United States.



COMEDY CENTRAL

At one point during a Little League game, a coach said to one of his players, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The boy nodded yes.

"Do you understand that what matters is whether we win together as a team?" The boy nodded again.

"So when you're out at first, you don't argue, curse, or attack the umpire. Do you understand that?" The boy said yes.

"Good," the coach said. "Now go into the bleachers and tell that to your mother."



Chet Craft: January 21
Richard Rand: January 20
Vickie Wippel: January 30

John Wogan: January 13
Carol Wylie: January 4

