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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

Tom Willoughby announced that **Patty Macias** resigned from the club due to a promotion at work that will make it hard for her to attend our meetings on Wednesdays. Although Patty was a Rotarian for a short period of time, we appreciate her enthusiasm and her involvement in many of our activities. Stepping into Patty's shoes as Co-Director of Youth Service will be **Jeremy Brown**. RYLA is right around the corner and I'm sure Jeremy will not want to miss out on this fun and enriching experience!

Presidents, Past Presidents, Presidents-elect, spouses and other District leaders are cordially invited to join in the **District 5280 Presidents Dinner** on January 31st at The Santa Monica Masonic Center, 926 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, 5:30 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner. This event will be fun, festive, exotic and productive with excellent food and live entertainment. Cost is \$35 per person. Please RSVP by January 25th to Sam Pirnazar at 310.937-1771 or sam@sampirnazar.com.

Paige Okada, who now works as a Consultant of Marketing & Creative Arts Occupations at the LA County Office of Education, is looking for a volunteer to help judge a **Student Recognition Event/Competition** in business on March 11th at the LA County Office of Education, 12820 Clark Avenue, Room 400, Downey, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be other Rotarians there to help, and the kids will sincerely appreciate your support in taking the time from your busy schedule to spend with them. For more information, please contact Paige at 562.922.6737 or okada_paige@lacoed.edu.

The 2008-09 **District 5280 International Project Trip** to exotic **Trinidad and Tobago** will be departing early morning Thursday, March 5th and returning late Monday night, March 9th. The cost of the trip, including airfare,

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 31

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

District 5280 Presidents Dinner @ Santa Monica Masonic Center, 926 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, 5:30 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

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.

Friday-Sunday, February 20-22

Southern California/Nevada PETS @ LAX Marriott Hotel, 5585 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles.



Wheelchair Project



Englishman's Bay, Tobago.

meals, and lodging is \$1,400 per person based on double occupancy. Single traveler supplement is an additional \$300, or \$1,700 total. A block of seats has been reserved on American Airlines; however, you are welcome to book your own air itinerary. For those wishing to travel on the pre-reserved American Airlines, booking a deposit of \$600 per person is required, paid by check and at the District 5280 office by January 20th. The balance of \$800 (or \$1,100 for single travelers) is due February 20th for all participants, regardless of whether you've booked your air travel separately. This is also the deadline for accepting travelers. Itineraries, other projects, and more information will be provided as they are finalized. Questions regarding the trip should be directed to Wilson Benitez, 310.791.6233 or wilsonsun@aol.com.

Rotarian **Jeremy Brown** will be conducting a **Retirement Reality**

Check: It's Closer Than You Think seminar on January 29th at the Millender-McDonald Community Center, 801 E. Carson Street, Room 132, Carson, 6:30-8:00 p.m. This free seminar is designed to explore how to know if you're on course to reach your retirement goals and what to do if you're not where you'd like to be. If you are interested in attending, RSVP by January 27th to Lynne at 310.847.7415. Refreshments will be served.



FINE TIME

It was slim pick'in during Fine Time today. **Jeremy Brown** made up his absence at the District Breakfast. **Glenn Mitchell** was at a 2-day Medicare training seminar - \$5 fine. He was given the opportunity to "double or nothing" with the Fiction & Fact Question. Glenn came up with the correct answer, with the help of ventriloquist OJ Pandey, to wipe his slate clean.

Scott Simms proved to be our friendliest Secret Greeter so far as no one was cited for not shaking his hand. Fine Master Tom Huston claimed Kim Richards looked so disappointed by this news that he fined her \$5.

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



WATER RELIABILITY 2020



Our program speaker today was Ron Wildermuth, Manager of Public & Government Affairs for West Basin Municipal Water District. West Basin is a public agency that provides drinking and recycled water to 1 million people in 17 cities in a 185-square mile service area. West Basin purchases imported water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and wholesales the imported water to cities and private companies in coastal Los Angeles County.

Southern California lies at the end of a very long water delivery system. We cannot exist without imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River. Imported water currently provides about 66% of the water used by communities served by West Basin, and this is a problem.

California's water system was built in the 1970s to serve 18 million people. It is currently serving 37 million people and soon will be serving 50 million. Our water infrastructure is out of date. The hub of the system, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay delta, is broken and vulnerable to earthquakes that could interrupt Southern California water deliveries for up to 2 years. A historic court order that mandates a 30% reduction in pumping to Southern California is in place to protect the Delta's failing ecosystem.

The Colorado River basin, our other source of imported water, is over-taxed and dealing with 7 years of drought. It is serving some of the fastest growing cities and states in the nation. California has already lost its surplus water from the Colorado River and we are faced with future environmental and international challenges for this resource.

Faced with water supply challenges, West Basin is launching an initiative that increases supply dependability. The Water Reliability 2020 program aims to reduce our dependence on imported water by:

- extending recycled water pipelines
- doubling conservation, expanding education programs; and

- developing ocean-water desalination.

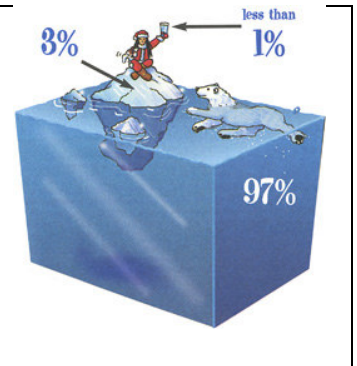
West Basin has a long recycling history and reputation as a world-class leader in water reuse. Since 1992, West Basin has reclaimed 30 million gallons of water daily from their state-of-the-art recycling facility in El Segundo. West Basin's facility supplies five different qualities of customer-desire, "designer" water that meet the unique needs of our municipal, commercial and industrial customers. This huge effort conserved enough drinking water – about 7% of the region's water supply – to meet the needs of 60,000 households for one year. The Water Reliability 2020 Program will more than double West Basin's recycled efforts to 70 million gallons daily.

Since the drought of the 1990s, West Basin has launched aggressive water conservation programs to help residents, businesses and public facilities use water more efficiently. Using such tools as education, rebate incentives and plumbing hardware retrofits, West Basin's Master Plan will guide the District's water conservation program as it expands from 986 million gallons to 1.9 billion gallons of active water savings each year.

West Basin has been testing the feasibility of ocean-water desalination since 2002. After six successful years of study and tens of thousands of water-quality tests conducted at their pilot facility in El Segundo, West Basin is developing a temporary ocean-water desalination demonstration facility in Redondo Beach to research and test the safest intake methods for ocean water. The goal is to produce 20 million gallons a day to help supplement the region's water supply.

The combination of these efforts will cut our regional dependence on imported water from about 66% today to 33% in 2020.

Water covers nearly 75% of the Earth's surface. Yet 97% of it is salty ocean water that cannot be used. Of the remaining freshwater (3%), most of it is frozen in glaciers and ice sheets and is not readily available to use. This means the remaining water, a little less than 1%, is all of the freshwater that is available on this planet for all the Earth's animals, plants and 6.6 billion people to share!



(Source: www.westbasin.org)



JEOPARDY

Trivia Question: What is the largest island in the world?

January 14th in history...

- 1794** – Dr. Jesse Bennet of Edom VA, performs first successful Cesarean section operation on his wife.
- 1914** – Henry Ford introduces assembly line for T-Fords.
- 1990** - "Simpsons" premiered on Fox-TV.

Trivia Answer: At 840,000 square miles, Greenland is the largest island in the world. It is three times the size of Texas. By comparison, Iceland is only 39,800 square miles.

Useless Knowledge: Ava Gardner's birth name was Lucy Johnson.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty." — Sir Winston Churchill, British prime minister and author (1874 -1965)

