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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Daily, November 27 – December 23

Rotary Club of Wilshire – Christmas Tree Lot @ 568 N. Larchmont Blvd., Los Angeles, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Sunday, December 12

Toy Sorting & Holiday Social @ Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, noon.

Club Holiday Party @ CCC, 4:00 PM.

Wednesday, December 15

Dominican Republic registration deadline.

Thursday, December 16

Rotary Clubs of Rio Hondo & Vernon – Christmas Fundraiser @ La Villa Basque Restaurant, 2801 Leonis Blvd., Vernon, 11:00 AM.



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



From left: Alexei, Sheri and Igor in front of St. Basil's Cathedral.

As many of you already know, **Sheri and Simon Repp-Loadsman** are adopting a boy from Russia. Sheri recently traveled to Moscow to visit with their soon-to-be new son, Igor. Alex, her 11-year-old son, is so excited to have a new brother! Sheri says these are crazy times as they try to complete all the paperwork and seek approval from the Russian court system. She and Simon hope to complete the adoption process by March so they can travel to Russia and bring Igor home. Sheri and Simon are very thankful for everyone's support and encouragement!

I took a Southern Caribbean cruise after Thanksgiving and met a fellow Rotarian, Carmen Waters Kramer, of the Rotary Club of Hammondsport, New York, at a Rotary meeting onboard the ship. She was kind enough to share with me pictures from St. Kitts where she spotted **Rotary in Action**. It is heartwarming and reaffirming to witness Rotarians around the globe uniting on a daily basis to build a better community worldwide. Thanks, Carmen, for sharing the wonderful pictures.



Carmen next to Rotary in Action sign and the ship *Celebrity Summit* in background.



Trees planted along the ocean boulevard by the Rotary Club of Lianuiga, St. Kitts.

The **Rotary Club of Wilshire** invites you to visit their Christmas Tree Lot on Larchmont. The lot is open daily and on weekends from now until December 23rd, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Pick up a fresh-cut Noble or Douglas Fir wreath, garlands and tree to decorate your home. Net proceeds from sales go to the RI Foundation and to fund service projects in our community and around the world. For more information, visit www.wilshirerotary.org.

Join the **Rotary Club of Bellflower** at their annual Christmas Auction on December 9th at the Hollywood Sports Park in Bellflower, 6:00 PM. There will be hors d'oeuvres, drinks and lots of fun. The price of admission is a wrapped gift with a price value of \$25. All proceeds will go to help support community projects. RSVP to Rick Searey at rpsearey@aol.com.

The **City of Los Angeles** has secured toys and clothing for 5,000 families in underserved communities of South Central LA. Rotarians are encouraged to come with family and friends to help sort out donated toys and clothing on December 10th, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and distribute the donated items on December 11th, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. These outdoor activities will take place at Bryant Temple AME Church, 2525 W. Vernon Avenue, Los Angeles. Please RSVP with date and time you are available to help to Marjorie Heller at 2marjorieheller@gmail.com.

District 5280 Toy Sorting & Holiday Social will be held on December 12th at the Hacienda Hotel, noon. The District needs lots of toys for boys and girls (ages 3-11), all items for infants and school supplies to send off to Tecate and Dominican Republic. Please bring new unwrapped toys and supplies and join us for hot cocoa, cookies and other yummy snacks. In keeping with this year's D5280 Interact tradition, lots of fun is guaranteed while doing service for others in need. Please donate and light up the lives of needy children!

Join us at our **Holiday Party** as the club rings in the holiday season on December 12th at the Millender-McDonald Community Center, 4:00 PM. This will also be the perfect occasion to observe December as Family Month on the Rotary calendar. The evening will begin with a Children's Craft Corner, followed by a buffet dinner, and Santa Claus will drop in at 6:30 PM. Feel free to bring a favorite wine to share with your table and please bring a wrapped gift with a name tag for each of your children. Dress is festive.

District 5280 will join District 4060 for the experience of a lifetime when we journey to the **Dominican Republic** February 17-21st for opportunities for service, fellowship and fun. Visit a beautiful island, participate in hands-on cub projects, experience the culture of a beautiful nation, and make friends with local and Dominican Republic Rotarians. Cost of this trip is \$1,800 per person, inclusive of airfare, hotels and meals. There are a few remaining spots; registration deadline is December 15th. For information, visit www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?accountid=50010&pid=52208.

The **Rotary Clubs of Rio Hondo and Vernon** invites you to their Christmas Fundraiser on December 16th at La Villa Basque Restaurant in Vernon, 11:00 AM. Lunch is \$35 per person and prize tickets will be available for purchase. All proceeds will be used for local community projects. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280/HTML/109069//ChristmasFundraiser.pdf.

The **Carson Chamber of Commerce** will be hosting their Holiday Mixer & Party on December 16th at the Millender-McDonald Community Center, 5:30-9:00 PM. There will be food, beverages, prizes, music sing-along, dancing, and entertainment. The Chamber will be joining in the Carson Sheriff's Department Toy Drive or please bring an unwrapped for a boy or girl. Come out and get into the holiday spirit! Bring your co-workers, invite several neighboring businesses or your clients for a holiday treat! Admission is \$20. Visit carsonchamber@carsonchamber.com for more information.

In observance of **Rotary Cares Day** on January 15th, we will help to beautify the Rancho Dominguez Adobe by doing some needed gardening work. California's history and growth are intimately bound up in the Rancho and we want to maintain this historical landmark for future generations to learn and enjoy. Please show up in your working cloths at 10:00 AM. Bring your gardening gloves!

There will be a **7-Club Joint Meeting** on February 2nd at El Camino College in Torrance, 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Participating clubs will be our club, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, South Bay Sunrise, and Torrance. Prior to lunch we will take a campus tour of their new/finished improvements. Post lunch, there will be a program addressing Proposition "E" Improvements & Expenditures. If you are interesting in attending this joint meeting, please RSVP to Leandro Carde @ (310) 673-1040.

To switch things up a big, we will have an 8:00 AM **breakfast meeting** on February 9th instead of our regular lunch meeting at noon. A healthy and tasty breakfast will be served to jump start your day! Please plan to join us.



Scott Simms: December 24

Nel Stingley: December 11



2011 ROTARIAN PHOTO CONTEST

Do you have a great shot from a fundraiser, international project, the RI Convention, or a local club event? *The Rotarian's* 2011 photo contest is now underway. Enter up to three photos that illustrate the spirit of Rotary. The photographer must be a Rotarian, honorary Rotarian, spouses or children of Rotarians, or a participant or alumnus of an official RI or Rotary Foundation program. Deadline for submitting photos is March 31, 2011. The best photos will appear in the June 2011 issue of the magazine.



Peter Vogelaar, a member of the Rotary Club of Utica, New York, won the Rotarian's 2010 contest with this image of a woman fetching water in the Irrawaddy Delta of Myanmar.

(Source: www.rotary.org)



FINE TIME

With Fine Master **Walter Neil** absent, President **Jeremy Brown** tried to drum up some money for the club... but with no luck. **Audrie Enchoz** was gone the last two weeks but made up at the Food for Needy Program and this Sunday's Holiday Party. I was on a cruise last week and made up at a Rotary meeting on the ship.



OLD FRIZZLE RAFFLE

There was \$91 in the pot today. OJ Pandey won the raffle and drew the Ace of Diamonds. The pot will carry over to the next week when it is expected to exceed \$125.



JEOPARDY

Trivia Question: There were two major powers during WWII: the Axis and the Allies. Major countries making up the Axis were Germany, Italy, Japan, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. What major countries made up the Allies?

December 8th in history...

1776 – Washington's army crosses Delaware River from New Jersey.

1886 – American Federation of Labor formed by 26 craft unions.

1941 - US and Britain declare war on Japan; US enters WWII.

Trivia Answer: The anti-German coalition at the start of WWII consisted of France, Poland, and the ULK. After 1941, the leaders of the British Empire, the USSR, and the USA, known as "The Big Three", held leadership of the allied powers. France, before its defeat in 1940 and after Operation Overlord in 1944, as well as China at that time, were also major Allies.

