



## ROTARY CLUB OF CARSON-GARDENA-DOMINGUEZ

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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

Family Month celebrates the family of Rotary, which, in addition to individual Rotarians, includes all of those who are involved in Rotary's work from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs in thousands of communities around the world.

Spouses and children of Rotarians play a vital role in Rotary too. Rotary clubs benefit immensely when they strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families, enhancing home lives and family interactions.

Here are some club pictures of Family of Rotary events from the last 6 months:



*Gardena Interactors turned out to support our efforts at the Relay for Life at Carson High School.*



*Rotarian Brandon Carrillo, son Luke and wife Christina at the District Picnic.*



*Rotarians Jeremy Brown and Tom Willoughby (left and right) with Gardena Interactors at the Annual Youth Conference.*



*Rotarians, family and friends enjoying the delicious buffet dinner at last Sunday's Holiday Party.*

### 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.

#### Thursday, December 18

Rotary Club of Historic Filipinotown – Neighborhood clean-up at Lake Street Park, 227 N. Lake Street, Los Angeles, 10:00 AM to noon.

#### Monday, December 20

RYLA payments due to Elyse Beardsley.

#### Wednesday, December 22

Club is dark for Christmas.

#### Wednesday, December 29

Club is dark for New Year's.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Jeremy reported an intimate gathering at this year's **Holiday Party**. The children got a kick out of Santa and an even bigger kick out of the fire truck! Each table was decorated with a theme of a popular country and a special place was set in memory of Miriam Grier. Many bottles of wine were shared and Jay's Catering served up a delicious buffet dinner.

Kudos to Cara Rice, Kendra Richardson and Vickie Wippel for putting this wonderful event together.



Tom and Lee Willoughby and Anne and Marlowe Debban all decked out for the holidays.



Top: Alex Loadman trying to convince Santa he was good this year.

You are invited to join the Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council (GEPENC) in partnership with the Historic Filipinotown Chamber of Commerce, the **Rotary Club of Historic Filipinotown**, neighbors and friends for a GEPENC District 5 neighborhood clean-up on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at Lake Street Park in Los Angeles at 10:00 AM; we will work until noon. Refreshments and lunch will be provided by GEPENC. For more information about the clean-up or to RSVP, please contact Jorge Prado at (213) 925-9107 or [jorgeprado90026@yahoo.com](mailto:jorgeprado90026@yahoo.com).

The District is looking for qualified candidates for **2013-2014 District Governor**. Applications are due to the District Office December 24<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be held January 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact the District Office for an application at 310-670-9792 or at [office@rotary5280.org](mailto:office@rotary5280.org). Contact Nominating/Selection Committee chair Pat Cashin with any questions at 310-318-1467.

As the year draws to a close, here are the deadlines for making contributions to **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)**:

- **Checks** – Must be postmarked by December 31 or prior and received by TRF by January 5. Checks can be mailed to TRF, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693.
- **Wire Transfers** – Must be initiated prior to December 31 and received by January 3.
- **Credit Cards** – Must be authorized prior to December 31, midnight (CST) via online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). Via fax (847-56-2139), must be received prior to December 31, midnight (CST).



**The club will be dark on Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Christmas Day and Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of New Year's. Have a joyous and safe holiday season!**

RI President **Ray Klinginsmith** will be speaking on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Manhattan Beach Marriott, 11:00 AM. Reservations are on a "first come" basis and should be made as quickly as possible. This is a multi-District event with about 450 seats available between the 2 Districts. This is a chance to see the largess of Rotary, the depth of individuals who are members in this community, grab some Rotary pride and enthusiasm, a good dosage of fun and also to learn, in a very down-to-earth style, where we are and where we are headed. Cost of lunch is \$50. Our club has reserved a table of 10. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jeremy Brown at [jeremy.brown@edwardjones.com](mailto:jeremy.brown@edwardjones.com).

Celebrate the New Year as District 5280 raises money for **The Rotary Foundation** on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Finbar's Italian Kitchen. You won't want to miss out on a fabulous evening of fine food, wonderful wines, and jocularly hosted by DG Doug Baker and his beautiful wife Connie. Dinner will include a vast selection of exquisite wines from DG Doug's award-winning wine cellar. It's first-come, first-serve 'cause there's only room for 80 people at \$80 per person. All the money raised goes to The Rotary Foundation and you will receive Paul Harris credit too. To reserve your seat, contact Veronica Martinez at [vmartinez@crlu.org](mailto:vmartinez@crlu.org).



## SHELTERBOX DISASTER RELIEF

Our program speaker today was Rotarian Jim Dyer of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica and an advocate for Shelter Box. Jim first became interested Shelter Box at an RI Convention, and his interest was renewed at the Salt Lake City RI Convention with a challenge from his wife to make a difference.



Jim Dyer with Shelter Box.

Shelter Box was founded by Tom Henderson, a Rotarian and former Royal Navy search and rescue diver. Shelter Box is an international disaster relief charity, specializing in emergency shelter. They instantly respond to earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, tsunami or conflict by delivering boxes of aid, delivering by whatever means necessary.

In April 2000, Shelter Box was launched when the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in Cornwall adopted it as its millennium project. In time, it has become the largest Rotary club project in the world. Since its inception, over 96,537 Shelter Boxes have provided shelter, warmth and dignity following over 100 disasters in more than 70 countries. Shelter Box is headquartered in Cornwall in the UK, with 18 international affiliates.

Each Shelter Box contains a tent big enough for 10 people with a minimum life usage of 6 months, although many boxes have been known to last 2 years. Other items include a portable stove, cooking equipment, a water-purifying unit, waterproof ground mats, blankets, children's activity pack, and other necessities specific to the climate and customs of the country the box is going to.

Jim showed a short video of Shelter Box's response to the Haiti earthquake. The organization was in Haiti with 4 days of the disaster and 27,217 boxes have been sent so far. Shelter Box was also instrumental in providing disaster relief after the Mexicali earthquake by sending 130 Shelter Boxes there. To date, Shelter Box has received more than \$300,000 in donations from the Greater Los Angeles areas for boxes.



Shelter Boxes in Port au Prince, Haiti, 2010.



And the box has its uses too...

Shelter Box relies entirely on volunteers and public donations. Volunteer Response Teams distribute boxes on the ground; Warehouse Volunteers are on hand to pack boxes; and Volunteer Speakers represent Shelter Box around the world.

Each Shelter Box cost \$1,000. Through the generosity of our members, our club was pleased to sponsor a Shelter Box. As a commitment to donors, Shelter Box will give us a unique number so we can track our box via the website to its final destination.



## OLD FRIZZLE RAFFLE

There was \$135 in the pot today. OJ Pandey won the raffle and drew the Queen of Spades. The pot will carry over to the next meeting when it is expected to exceed \$175.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- January 5:** Marissa Christiansen – "South Bay Bicycle Master Plan"
- January 12:** Kat Meredith – "Emergency Disaster Response"
- January 19:** Retirement Celebration for Bob Urhausen
- January 26:** District Governor Doug Baker

