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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, January 13

RI Presidential Luncheon @ Manhattan Beach Marriott, 1400 Parkview Avenue, Manhattan Beach, 11:00 AM.

Saturday, January 15

Rotary Cares Day @ Rancho Dominguez Adobe Museum, 18127 Alameda Street, Rancho Dominguez, 11:00 AM.

Application deadline for District Governor 2013-14.

Sunday, January 23

The Rotary Foundation Benefit Dinner @ Finbar's Italian Kitchen, 620 PCH, Seal Beach, 6:00 PM.

Thursday, January 27

Presidents' Dinner @ Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way, Downey, 5:30-9:00 PM.



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

As reported earlier, Past Club President and Honorary Rotarian **Wendy Perga's husband Al** is suffering from Stage 4 cancer. Al's attitude remains good but he's waging a very tough battle. Al had another blood transfusion this week. The chemo is hard on the body and tomorrow he has his first CT scan since starting the chemo. You can visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/alperga for updates on Al's progress. Please continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

More difficult news...Honorary Rotarian **John Mathis** has had a recurrence of his colon cancer and it has spread to his liver. We are very saddened to hear of this news and want John to know we are thinking about him and praying for him and sending good thoughts his way. If you would like to drop a note of encouragement or support to John, his email is bigjohn001@aol.com. Please include him in your thoughts and prayers.

Leadership Carson 2011 is here! Leadership Carson is a Chamber-sponsored program designed to attract and develop a diverse group of community leaders who share a commitment to the city of Carson, an understanding of the City and its uniqueness, and an ability to work effectively in their capacity as professionals, citizens, and volunteers. Leadership Carson classes begins January 19th and meets once each month for six months. Areas to be explored include Carson's history, government, economic development, education, community services/public safety, and personal development. If you are interested in this popular program, please contact the Chamber at www.casonchamber.com or (310) 217-4590.



District 5280 has rolled out a new initiative to support **End Polio Now** with the patented "End Polio" rose fundraiser. It was developed by a club in Medford, OR, and is a Silver Medal Winner. The District will be taking orders for the bare root roses beginning this month. The selling price is \$20, and of that \$12 profit will go directly to RI in the name of the

club and/or contributor. It is suggested that a club or two or three get together and order a minimum of 45 bare root roses now so you can have them in time for Valentine's Day. Ending polio through contributions and awareness is a wonderful way to show your love to others and a way to continue to support polio with an everlasting reminder of what we are accomplishing together. Please help to eradicate polio by ordering some of these award-winning roses for your garden, your neighbors, for Valentine's Day, etc. You can place your order with me at christine.mark@bp.com and the club will bill you for your purchase on the next quarterly statement.

RI President **Ray Klinginsmith** will be speaking on January 13th 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. To RSVP, contact Jeremy Brown at jeremy.brown@edwardjones.com.

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 11:00 AM. Bring your gardening gloves!

The **Carson Chamber of Commerce** will be hosting their next Quarterly Breakfast on January 20th at the Double Tree Hotel in Carson, 7:30-9:30 AM. The feature speaker will be Barry Waite, Business Development Manager for the City of Carson, whose topic will be "Shop QA: The New Way". Breakfast is \$20 with RSVP to (310) 217-4590 by January 18th. Make sure to bring your raffle prizes, business cards, and promotional items!

Make your reservations by January 29th and celebrate the Year of the Rabbit with a festive meal and parade at the **Chinese New Year Celebration** on February 5th. Don't miss an unforgettable cultural experience of colorful floats, bands, entertainers, performers and cheering led by District 5280 youth and Rotarians! We will join together for a Chinese dim sum lunch at Empress Pavilion Restaurant in Chinatown at 11:15 AM, followed by reserved seating for the Golden Dragon Parade at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$35/adult and \$18/12 and under. RSVP to Angi Ma Wong at (310) 791-1828 or amawong@att.net.

There will be a **7-Club Joint Meeting** on February 2nd at El Camino College in Torrance, 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM. Participating clubs will be our club, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, South Bay Sunrise, and Torrance. Prior to lunch - at 11:00 AM - 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 bit, we will have an 8:00 AM **breakfast meeting** on February 9th instead of our regular lunch meeting at noon. A healthy and hearty breakfast will be served to jump start your day! The breakfast will also serve as a membership drive day, so bring a prospective member to join us. Please email your headcount to me at christine.mark@bp.com by noon, February 7th. Our **Board Meeting** will immediately follow the breakfast.



SOUTH BAY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN



Marissa Christiansen and Jeremy Brown.

Our program speaker today was Marissa Christiansen, South Bay Initiative Director for the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition.

Partnering with the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition is the South Bay Bicycle Coalition (SBBC), a bike advocacy group engaged in improving bike infrastructure

and policy to engage and activate the residents of the South Bay region toward healthy living through active transportation. At the forefront of these efforts is the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. The South Bay Bicycle Master Plan is part of a county-funded grant program that uses federal stimulus dollars to pay for prevention-oriented public health projects. The coalition last year won \$240,000 for its plan to draw up a regional bike network through seven participating municipalities - Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, El Segundo, Lawndale and Gardena.

This month, SBBC will hold open houses in these cities to begin planning for a regional network of bike paths and routes.

- 1/10 – Joslyn Center, 339 Sheldon, El Segundo, 7PM
- 1/11 – Environmental Charter HS, 16315 Grevillea, Lawndale, 7PM
- 1/12 – Nakaoka Community Ctr, 1670 W. 162nd, Gardena, 7PM
- 1/18 – Clark Bldg, 861 Valley, Hermosa Bch, 7:30PM
- 1/19 – Joslyn Community Ctr, 1601 N. Valley, Manhattan Bch, 7PM
- 1/20 – Alta Vista Community Ctr, 715 Julia, Redondo Bch, 7PM
- 1/24 – Katy Geissert Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, 7PM

Public involvement is vital in developing a successful network and the public is encouraged to attend these open houses to discuss opportunities to improve bicycling in the South Bay; point out problem areas that need bicycle improvements; inform SBBC the where and why of your bike transportation; and to help prioritize the South Bay's bicycling issues and solutions. A second series of community events this spring will seek further public comment for some final tweaks. Then there's the challenge of getting the cities to adopt the final master plan in August and seeing them seek and receive funding to implement the new bike pathways and signage.

For more information on the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan, contact Marissa at marissa@la-bike.org.



FINE TIME

It's a new year and Fine Master **Walter Neil** says he plans to generate some cold, hard cash for the club. First on the hit list was **Rita Burgueno** who spent time with a sick relative prior to the club going dark for the holidays – no fine.

Walter then called on the "interruption table": **Leon Bodnar** admitted to starting the interruption but talked his way out of a fine by telling Walter what a great MC he is. **Chet Craft** received a \$5 fine for the extra 5 seconds he took with the invocation. **Dan Medina** suffered a senior moment and couldn't remember what he was talking about during Fine Time - \$5 fine. **OJ Pandey** worked his way out of a fine by convincing Walter he was not talking to Dan. **Larry Ybarra** was hit with a \$5 fine for wearing no socks with his loafers. **Kim Richards** and **Sheri Repp** denied talking and got off without a fine.



OLD FRIZZLE RAFFLE

There was \$164 in the pot today. Tom Willoughby won the raffle and drew the Queen of Diamonds. The pot will carry over to the next week when it is expected to exceed \$200.



COMEDY CENTRAL

A guy was getting ready to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer approached and asked if he could join him. The first said that he usually played alone, but agreed to the twosome.

They were even after the first few holes. The second guy said, "We're about evenly matched, how about playing for \$5 a hole?" The first guy said that he wasn't much for betting, but agreed to the terms. The second guy won the remaining 16 holes with ease.

As they were walking off Hole 18, the second guy was busy counting his \$80. He confessed that he was the pro at a neighboring course and liked to pick on suckers. The first fellow revealed that he was a Parish Priest. The pro was flustered and apologetic, offering the return the money. The Priest said, "You won fair and square and I was foolish to bet with you. You keep your winnings." The pro said, "Is there anything I can do to make it up to you?"

The Priest said, "Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a donation. And, if you want to bring your mother and father along, I'll marry them."



Chet Craft: January 28
Richard Rand: January 20

Vickie Wippel: January 30
John Wogan: January 13

