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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

Wednesday, February 2

7-Club Joint Meeting @ El Camino College, 1607 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, 11:45 AM – 1:30 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?



JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

January is Rotary Awareness Month, a great opportunity to share what it means to be a Rotarian. Rotary's strength lies in its more than 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Here are some considerations for getting our club involved during Rotary Awareness Month:

- Host a question-and-answer "press conference" session during one of our meetings in January, and invite the local media.
- Shoot video of a club meeting or service project (e.g. Rotary Cares Day @ the Rancho Adobe), and post it on the club's website. Tell people about it on your Facebook or Twitter.
- Expose Rotary by participating in community events (e.g. Chamber Business Expo, Leadership Carson 2011, etc.).
- Coordinate a community service project with another local organization, and invite the media to come along.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper about our club's community and international humanitarian projects.
- Invite a friend or co-worker to an upcoming meeting.

Whether our club is collecting items, donating time, raising funds, or just spreading goodwill and cheer, let our community and local media know how Rotary is making a difference.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the number of clubs that have gone dark for the holidays, the District is extending the deadline to apply for **District Governor 2013-14** to January 15, 2011. To learn more about qualifications and application submission, visit www.rotary5280.org.

A few spots remain for the **Foundation fundraiser** at Finbar's Italian Kitchen on January 23rd in Seal Beach, noon. Hosted by DG Doug Baker, it's sure to be unforgettable. Cost is \$80 per person and all the money raised goes to The Rotary Foundation and you will receive Paul Harris Credit. To reserve your seat, email Veronica Martinez at vmartinez@clru.org.

The next **Presidents' Dinner** is on January 27th at the Columbia Memorial Space Center in Downey, 5:30-9:00 PM. The Space Center is an innovative 20,000 sq. ft. learning center next to the new Discovery Sports Complex. It was built by the City of Downey and its bold shape symbolizes the aspirations and ambition of space exploration. Please join DG Doug Baker on this special "space mission". Sign by January 13th and pay only \$35. (Late for take-off will be \$45 at the door.) To RSVP, contact Ingrid Martin at (562) 413-4001 or i.martin86@yahoo.com.

Sheri Repp came up with the great idea of expanding our efforts in supporting the **"Goodbye Polio" rose fundraiser**. In addition to our initial commitment of 45 bare-root rose bushes (of which 37 have been spoken for), we will order an additional 100 rose bushes to be sold at the South Bay Pavilion on February 12th. Club Chair Kim Richards reports that the SB Pavilion is having a major event on this date and has generously agreed to host us, so sale of the rose bushes should go fairly well. As the date approaches, Kim will

need Rotarians to help with logistics and staffing of our sales booth. (District Chair Shirley Giltzow says we are now her favorite club in the whole District!) More information to follow.

A generous legacy gift from the **Jules Zentner Scholarship Foundation**, an endowment with the California Community Foundation, is providing to District 5280 clubs up to \$14,000 for Interact scholarships. This year, District 5280 is pleased to provide 28 matching scholarships available to graduating high school interactors or graduating seniors in the local community. Each of the 28 scholarships is in the amount of \$500 from the Zentner Foundation and will be matched by \$500 by the awarding Rotary Club for academic excellence, community service and financial need. Last year we donated \$500 to establish a scholarship in Rotaractor Roderick Brown's name, a donation we will repeat this year. Application deadline is March 31st. For information, contact Scholarship Coordinator Alexis Sheehy at (310) 714-2510 or alexisheehy@yahoo.com.



Jeremy Brown and Kat Meredith.

Our program speaker today was Kat Meredith, Partner Services Liaison for the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross. Kat is a local girl and has 25 years of experience working with non-profit organizations and fundraising. She has been volunteering with the American Red Cross for the past 1-1/2 years.

The American Red Cross helps prevent, prepare for and respond to life threatening emergencies by providing the following services:

- disaster response and assistance (e.g. Station Fire, natural gas explosion in San Bruno);
- disaster training classes in individual and group preparedness;
- health and safety education (CPR/first aid);
- services to the Armed Forces and their families;
- international services (e.g. Haiti and Chile earthquakes) and Holocaust and war victims tracing;
- blood collection and distribution;
- youth programs.

No matter how much the American Red Cross develops internal capacity, they cannot be everywhere at once in the event of an emergency. Therefore, before a disaster, they work to build strong partnerships with community and faith-based group, private and public businesses, other non-profit organizations, and government agencies that can help the American Red Cross develop or strengthen a service delivery capacity or capability, help with personnel or expertise, and help communicate information exchange in planning and/or research.

You and your organization can partner with the American Red Cross by:

- providing sheltering facilities/distribution sites
- making in-kind donations
- becoming a vendor (lodging and food)
- donating financial support
- giving blood services
- providing training
- becoming an American Red Cross volunteer

If you or your organization is interested in one or more of the above partnership opportunities, contact Brandy Welch at welchbr@arcla.org or (310) 445-2672.

Kat stressed the importance of individuals and families to be self-sufficient for at least 3 days following a major disaster. This is the average length of time it will take for help to arrive. She also talked about the need to build up American Red Cross relief containers. These containers are 20-foot storage containers filled with enough supplies to shelter, feed and hydrate 300 people for up to 5 days after a major disaster. The American Red Cross of Greater

Los Angeles has 80 containers at sites throughout the Los Angeles County. However, they need help in filling the containers with vital supplies to help us "Prepare LA" for the next big disaster. To learn how to participate in the Adopt-a-Relief Container program, call (310) 445-2685.

Together we can prepare, respond, and recover. For more information about the American Red Cross, visit www.redcross.org.



FINE TIME

Fine Master **Walter Neil** elected to forego Fine Time today due to time constraint; but **President Jeremy** found it necessary to fine **Chet Craft** \$5 for missing last week's Board Meeting due to a computer class he supposedly taught. (Moral: Remember the first edit of the 4-Way Test... "Is it the truth?")

NEIGHBORING ROTARY CLUBS:

Lawndale

Thursday, 12:15 PM, Best Western Hotel

Manhattan Beach

Monday, 7:15 AM, Manhattan Beach Marriott

Paramount

Tuesday, 12:10 PM, Progress Park



OLD FRIZZLE RAFFLE

There was \$196 in the pot today. Audrie Echnoz won the raffle and drew the Five of Clubs. The pot will carry over to the next week when it is expected to exceed \$240.



JEOPARDY

Trivia Question: Who was the first woman governor in the US?

January 12th in history...

1896 - First X-ray photo in US (Dr Henry Smith, Davidson NC).

1946 - NFL champs Cleveland Rams given permission to move to LA.

1971 - "All in the Family" premieres on CBS with first toilet flush on TV.

Trivia Answer: Nellie Taylor Ross (November 29, 1876 - December 19, 1977) was an American politician, the 14th Governor of Wyoming from 1925 to 1927, and director of the United States Mint from 1933-1953. She was the first woman to serve as governor of a U.S. state. To date, she remains the only woman to have served as governor of Wyoming.



COMEDY CENTRAL

An optimist sees the best in the world, while a pessimist sees only the worst. An optimist finds the positive in the negative, and a pessimist can only find the negative in the positive.

For example, an avid duck hunter was in the market for a new bird dog. He search ended when he found a dog that could actually walk on water to retrieve a duck. Shocked by this find, he was sure none of his friends would ever believe him.

He decided to try to break the news to a friend of his, a pessimist by nature, and invited him to hunt with him and his new dog. As they waited by the shore, a flock of ducks flew by. They fired, and a duck fell. The dog responded and jumped into the water. The dog, however, did not sink but instead walked across the water to retrieve the bird, never getting more than his paws wet.

This continued all day long; each time a duck fell, the dog walked across the surface of the water to retrieve it. The pessimist watched carefully, saw everything, but did not say a single word.

On the drive home the hunter asked his friend, "Did you notice anything unusual about my new dog?"

"I sure did," responded the pessimist. "He can't swim."

