



## 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?



### ANNOUNCEMENTS



Walter Neil and Don Groth (right).

We received word that former Rotarians **Bob Jones** and **Don Groth** passed away on April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Bob was 85 and had been suffering from cancer. Don was 83 and was ill with an abdominal virus and pneumonia. Both were wonderful men and great members of our club who lived the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". Bob and Don gave so much of themselves to

Rotary and its causes and they will forever be remembered for their generosity and support. There will be a memorial service for Don the weekend of May 14-15 (with more information to follow). We extend our deepest sympathy to their families. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this very difficult time.

Due to Brandon Carrillo's very busy schedule, Kelly Stebbins will begin assisting Brandon with matters pertaining to **The Rotary Foundation**. An immediate goal Kelly has in mind – and in recognition of Jeremy Brown's service this year as President – is to have 100% participation by the club in the Benefactor program. A Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation is anyone who informs the Foundation in writing that he or she has made provisions in his or her will, or other estate plan, naming the Foundation's Permanent Fund as a beneficiary; or anyone who makes an outright gift of \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund. Currently, participation by our club in the Benefactor program is at 30%. Please commit to being a benefactor because your legacy will make a lasting difference in the world!

Christopher Childers issued a last call for the **Rotary Grand Prix** on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Go Kart World in Carson, 5:00 PM. Six teams have signed up and we have room for six more. Also, please sign up to volunteer at the event and to donate raffle prizes. The club needs your participation to make this event a success. This is one of the most fun events of the year so don't miss out!

The **Rotary Club of Culver City** cordially invites you to Moonlight Merlot & Monet to be held at The American Legion Hall in Culver City on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The State of Art will present a prize art collection including lithographs, engravings, etchings, watercolors, silk screens, giclee, cartoon cells, original oils, and carious mixed media all magnificently framed. Culver City High art students will also be selling their ware at the auction. Cost is advance \$12 and \$15 at the door. Every Rotarian who brings a non-Rotarian with them will receive a \$10 art voucher. For information, please contact Janet Chabola at [janetchobola@yahoo.com](mailto:janetchobola@yahoo.com).

Glenn Mitchell announced that the **Gardena Valley Lions Club** is holding their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual CrabFest Fundraiser at Junipero Serra High School on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-4:00 PM. There will be a buffet of Dungeness crab, shrimp, carne asada, chicken and much more. An auction will be conducted to benefit Japan Disaster Relief, Serra High Scholarships, and community and senior activities. Sponsorships are available from \$200. Tickets are \$35 per

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Thursday, April 21

Rotary Grand Prix @ Go Kart World, 21830 Recreation Road, Carson, 5:00 PM.

#### Wednesday, April 27

Carson Chamber – Employee Appreciation Day Fashion Show & Luncheon @ CCC, 11:30 AM.

Rotary Club of Culver City – Moonlight Merlot & Monet @ The American Legion Hall, 5309 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, 6:00 PM.

#### Saturday, April 30

Rotary Club of Latinos Unidos – Health Fair 2011 @ Volunteers of America, 240 N. Breed Street, Los Angeles, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Polio Plus Dodger Game @ Dodger Stadium, 1000 Elysian Park Ave., Los Angeles, 7:10 PM.

person; kids under 10 years are half price, and under 5 years is free! For more information, call Sheila Doerschel at (310) 327-1000.

As an awareness and fundraising effort for **PolioPlus**, District 5280 will sponsor a Saturday night ballgame between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the San Diego Padres on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Dodger Stadium, 7:10 PM. Seats are Infield Reserve, behind the press boxes. Event fee is \$32 per person and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis (for paid reservations only). Opportunity drawing tickets are also available for \$10 each for the chance to visit on field with the Dodgers during warm-up and batting practice. Other memorabilia will be raffled off too. Net profits will be credited to clubs for PolioPlus. When PolioPlus was conceived in 1985, there were 5,000 new polio cases every day. Now there are less than 1,000 polio cases worldwide. Only with your help will Rotary be able to eradicate this debilitating disease. So Rotarians, gather your family and friends together and let's cheer for the Dodgers and PolioPlus. Due to the limited number of tickets available, please RSVP to Leon Bodnar at [l\\_bodnar@earthlink.net](mailto:l_bodnar@earthlink.net) ASAP so we can reserve as a club and sit together.

Don't miss out on the most fun night of the year! **"The Wild, Wild West Desert Hoedown" – Hospitality Night**, will take place on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort. Event will be held indoors in a banquet room. Clubs will have the opportunity to compete for the Golden Spatula and Silver Shaker Trophy Awards. There is no charge for clubs to participate if their hospitality table is reserved by April 13<sup>th</sup>. You need to be registered for the District Conference to participate. Don't forget your Western attire! For more information, contact Veronica Martinez at (323) 376-3458 or [vmartinez@crlu.org](mailto:vmartinez@crlu.org).

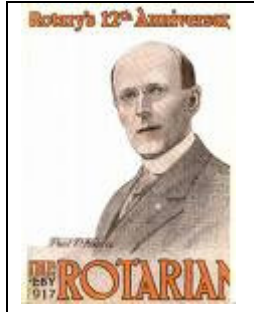


#### FINE TIME

We enjoyed a 96% attendance last week so there wasn't much money to be made by Fine Master **Walter Neil!** **Audrie Echnoz** received a \$5 credit for being called absent last week in error. The Secret Greeter today was (a very surprised) **Christopher Childers** who identified latecomer **Vickie Wippel** as the only person who did not greet him. Vickie helped the club out by offering her sister as a driver in the upcoming Grand Prix instead of paying a fine for being late.



#### APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH



The month of April is annually designated as "Rotary's Magazine Month," an occasion to recognize and promote the reading and use of the official RI magazine, *The Rotarian*, and the regional magazines.

*The Rotarian* has been around since 1911 as the medium to communicate with Rotarians and to advance the program and Object of Rotary. A primary goal of the magazine is to support the annual theme and philo-

sophy of the RI president and to disseminate information about new and special programs, major meetings and the emphasis of the several official "months" of Rotary.

*The Rotarian* provides a forum in which both Rotary-related and general interest topics may be explored. The magazine serves as an excellent source of information and ideas for programs at Rotary club meetings and district conferences. Many articles promote international fellowship, goodwill and understanding. Regular readers usually have superior knowledge of the activities of Rotary and how each Rotarian may be more fully involved in the Four Avenues of Service around the world.

In addition to *The Rotarian* there are 31 regional magazines printed in over 20 languages. Although each regional publication has its own unique style and content, they all provide Rotarians with up-to-date information and good reading in April and all through the year.

And when you're done reading *The Rotarian*, pass on the magazine to a Rotaract or Interact club for their information and enjoyment.



#### WOMEN'S PEACE CAMPAIGN



La Ronda Bradley (left) and Jeremy Brown.

Our program speaker today was Pastor La Ronda Bradley, representing the Women's Peace Campaign (WPC). The WPC is a program of the International Empowerment Education Foundation (IEEF), a non-profit organization. Their goal is to educate, motivate and empower individuals so they will share their inner resources to empower their families and community. The WPC helps women find peace within and share it with others.

La Ronda spoke of her experiences as a domestic violence victim and as a substance abuser. As a result of her life's difficulties, she is resolved to help individuals and their families to see their souls prosper and reconciled back to God, back to themselves, back to their families and back to the community. La Ronda wants people to know that no matter how they started in life, they can determine their finish, because God gives each of us a choice every day to either chose life or death.

La Ronda briefly touched on SMILE, a project of the WPC that empowers single moms to leadership in their family, their community, nationwide and internationally through education and mentoring provided by successful single moms and other professionals.

An ongoing project of WPC is helping women in transition feel better about themselves by gifting them with gift bags containing toiletries and a self-help book. Many women in crisis are grateful for being remembered with these gift bags.

If you are interested in learning about the WPC, volunteering or donating, please visit [www.womenspeace.com](http://www.womenspeace.com).



#### OLD FRIZZLE RAFFLE

There was \$427 in the pot today. Tom Willoughby won the raffle and drew the Six of Diamonds. The pot will carry over to next week when it is expected to exceed \$475.



#### JEOPARDY

**Trivia Question:** Who is the first black man to win Oscar for best actor?

#### April 13<sup>th</sup> history...

**1861** – After 34 hours of bombardment, Fort Sumter surrenders to Confederates.

**1870** - Metropolitan Museum of Art forms in NYC.

**1920** – First woman US Civil Service Commissioner, Helen Hamilton appointed.

**1965** – First US Senate black page, Lawrence W. Bradford Jr., 16, appointed by New York Senator Jacob Javits.

**Trivia Answer:** Sir Sidney Poitier, KBE (born February 20, 1927) is a Bahamian American actor, film director, author, and diplomat. In 1963, Poitier became the first black person to win an Academy Award for Best Actor for his role in *Lilies of the Field*.

In 2002, 38 years after receiving the Best Actor Award, Poitier was chosen by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to receive an Honorary Award in recognition of his remarkable accomplishments as an artist and as a human being. Since 1997 he has been the Bahamian ambassador to Japan. On August 12, 2009, Sidney Poitier was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States of America's highest civilian honor.

