



# 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?



### CRAFT TALK – GARY SAKAGUCHI



Gary Sakaguchi and Cara Rice.

Sponsored by Jeremy Brown, Gary Sakaguchi was inducted into our club on September 28, 2011. Gary joined Watson Land Company in 1998 and currently works as a Contract Manager. (Watson Land Company is a developer, owner, and manager of industrial properties throughout Southern California.) In his job capacity, Gary is responsible for ensuring

contractors are executing their work to the terms and conditions of their contracts. Prior to Watson Land Company, he worked as an Auditor and a CPA.

Gary is a Business Administration graduate of CSULA and was recently appointed a member of The CSULA Alumni Association Board of Directors. The Board is comprised of qualified and dedicated volunteers who contribute their time and expertise to advance the mission of the CSULA Alumni Association. Gary is also involved in the Rising Stars Leadership Program, a leadership development program for high school students designed to train leaders and to inspire youth involvement in the Japanese American community.

Gary lives in Torrance with his wife Mari and they have two children – 21-year-old Kristin who is in her final year at Syracuse University in New York and 19-year-old Brett who is attending UCLA. They have a dog name Mochi. (Mochi is a Japanese rice cake made of glutinous rice pounded into paste and molded into shape.) In his spare time, Gary enjoys a variety of sports – volleyball (in which he used to be a champion spiker), golf, skiing and century biking (100+ miles).

Gary is a wonderful addition to our club with his ready smile, quiet humor, and willingness to step up to the plate to do a Craft Talk to help the club observe (October) Vocational Month. Welcome to Rotary, Gary!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Through October 31

RC of Wilshire – Pumpkin Patch @ 568 N. Larchmont Blvd., Los Angeles. Saturday-Sunday 9:00 AM to dusk; Monday-Friday 3:00 PM to dusk.

#### Friday, November 4

RC of Downey – The Arc Charity Golf Tournament @ Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Road, Downey, noon.

#### Saturday, November 5

Last day for District 5280 Food Drive @ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 6323 West 80<sup>th</sup> Street, Westchester.

#### Sunday, November 6

Rotary Foundation Celebration @ Del Amo Fashion Center, 3 Del Amo Fashion Square, Torrance, 11:00 AM.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Observe **World Polio Day** on October 24 by making a contribution to help End Polio Now. During the week of October 24-28, Rotarians will receive 2-for-1 recognition for every contribution of \$100 or more made to PolioPlus at [www.rotary.org/contribute](http://www.rotary.org/contribute). The promotion will end at noon CT on Friday, October 28. We're in the final year of our \$200 Million Challenge. With your help, we have made tremendous progress in the fight to eradicate polio - less than 1% away from the end of polio forever. Please donate and "End Polio Now"!

Also related to World Polio Day, President Cara was pleased to announce that the **Carson City Council** at its October 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting unanimously adopted **Resolution No. 11-124**, commemorating World Polio

Day on October 24 and recognizing RI's contributions to eradicating the disease.

Thanks to Brissa Sotelo of the Rotary Club of Wilmington who donated a table to our club at last week's State of the City Address. Rotarians took this opportunity to issue a Happy Birthday Proclamation to **Walter Neil** and to sing "Happy Birthday" to him.

The **Rotary Club of Wilshire's** Pumpkin Patch is open for business! The patch is located at 568 N. Larchmont Blvd, Los Angeles. Hours are Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 Am to dusk; Monday to Friday, 3:00 PM to dusk. Hand-pick a picture perfect pumpkin from a 20,000-pound selection of the most beautiful gourds in the city! All of the net proceeds go to the Wilshire Rotary Club Foundation and The Rotary Foundation.

The **Rotary Club of Del Amo** invites you to Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive N, Torrance, 6:00-11:00 PM. Tickets are \$100 each, which includes food, prizes, music, casino games, and a 50/50 raffle drawing. Each guest who arrives in costume will be to given 200 in extra gaming chips, and a prize will be awarded for best costume. Proceeds will benefit the Switzer Learning Center.

The **Rotary Club of San Pedro** & TBE Mensch Club presents Hi-Rollers Night on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Temple Beth El, 1435 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$40 each, which includes dinner, 3 drink coupons, and initial gaming chips. An additional \$60 will also buy you into the Texas Hold-em Tournament. Reserve your space at [hirollers@yahoo.com](mailto:hirollers@yahoo.com).

It's time to tee up for The Arc of Los Angeles and Orange Counties, an organization that provides services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Join the **Rotary Club of Downey** for an exciting day of golf, fun and fellowship on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Rio Hondo Golf Club in Downey, noon. Up for grabs is a new car for hold-in-one; \$100 for putting contest; \$100 on all Par 3s for closest to the pin; and many other great prizes. Cost is \$150 per golfer (inclusive of dinner); scramble format. For information and to RSVP, call Lupe at (562) 803-4604 ext 230.

Team up with New Generations for a **Rotary District 5280 Food Drive** to benefit the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank through November 5<sup>th</sup>. Drop-off location for non-perishable food items is at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 6323 West 80<sup>th</sup> Street, Westchester. Cash donations can also be made to the District Office, 8939 S. Sepulveda, #312, Los Angeles, CA 90045. The Food Drive will culminate with **Rotary's Got Talent** on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at, 6:00-9:00 PM. Youthactors, Interactors, Rotaractors and Rotarians are invited to share your special talents and skills. Sign up at [interact5280@gmail.com](mailto:interact5280@gmail.com) no later than October 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Olivia Patterson at (310) 946-5454.

The **Rotary Club of Pasadena** is offering Rotarians a chance to win New Years in Pasadena! Cost is \$20 each ticket; winner will receive 4 Rose Parade tickets in VIP section, 4 Rose Bowl football game tickets, 3 nights lodging for 4 including breakfast, and an invitation to Float Committee Holiday Party. Proceeds to benefit the community. Drawing is November 16<sup>th</sup>; winner need not be present. To purchase tickets, go to [www.pasadenarotary.com/rose](http://www.pasadenarotary.com/rose).

Mark your calendar... Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> is **Operation Gobble Day** at the Millender-McDonald Community Center, 7:00 AM. Our goal this year is to provide 150-200 Thanksgiving dinner boxes to disadvantaged families in the Carson/Gardena area. Alison Bruesehoff is chairing this project and needs your help in raising funds. Please ask your family, friends and co-worker to donate so this year's Thanksgiving will also have happy memories for those families in need.

We will be taking a vocational tour of **Normandie Casino** on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, noon. The tour will also serve as a membership drive meeting targeting Gardena businesses, so please invite your contacts from Gardena. We want to thank Normandie Casino for their support of our club over the years (by supplying the monthly cakes for local health care centers, water for our various club/district events, and funds to support our Operation Gobble Program). Hats off to you, Normandie Casino!



#### FINE TIME

**Alison Bruesehoff** missed last week's meeting due to illness – no fine. Fine Apprentice **Audrie Echnoz** was not here last week but claimed she made up by attending the Santa Fe Springs Car Show that Fine Master **Walter Neil** was an entry in. Walter said he has a

great time hanging out with Audrie's family and gave her a \$20 credit. **Dan Medina** enjoyed a "fashion moment" with his pumpkin-color shirt and endured a lot of teasing. **Sheri Repp** was with her Russian family last week – no fine. She is schedule to fly back to Russia this Saturday and, if all goes



Dan Medina

well, will return on November 5<sup>th</sup> with her new son Nikolai Igor.

We played a fun round of "Who Am I" - each member was asked to write down an unknown fact about him/herself and other members guess who it is. Out of this, **Kim Richards** was given a \$5 credit for correctly connecting **Audrie Echnoz** to one of the facts, and **Scott Simms** was fined \$5 (only!?!?) for having won \$100,000 in the California lottery... which is now ALL GONE! Top scorers of the game were given Lottery Scratchers by **President Cara**. **Kim Richards** donated her winnings of \$4 back to the club.



#### OLD FRIZZLE FUNDRAISER

There was \$359 in the pot today. OJ Pandey won the raffle and drew the 4 of Clubs. The pot will carry over to next week when it is expected to exceed \$400.



#### JEOPARDY

**Trivia Question:** Who was the first woman in the US Army to be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal?

#### October 26<sup>th</sup> history...

**1825** – Erie Canal opens.

**1886** – Statue of Liberty dedicated.

**1984** – Infant "Baby Fae" receives baboon heart.

**1994** – US prison population exceeds 1 million.

**Trivia Answer:** Oveta Culp Hobby (January 19, 1905 – August 16, 1995) was the first secretary of the US Department of Health, Education and Welfare, first commanding officer of the Women's Army Corps, and chairman of the board of the *Houston Post*.

In 1931 she married William P. Hobby, the former Governor of Texas and the publisher of the *Houston Post*. In ensuing years she became the newspaper's executive vice president, president, ultimately becoming its publisher. During World War II she headed the War Department's Women's Interest Section for a short time and then became the Director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (later the Women's Army Corps), which was created to fill gaps left by a shortage of men. The members of the WAC were the first women other than nurses to be in Army uniform. Hobby achieved the rank of colonel and received the Distinguished Service Medal for efforts during the war. She was the first woman in the Army to receive this award.

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**November 2:** Club Assembly

**November 9:** Veterans Event

**November 16:** Rick Mendoza – RI Foundation

**November 23:** Club is Dark

**November 30:** Vocational Tour of Normandie Casino