

Carson-Gardena-Dominguez Rotary Club

Mini Wheel Bulletin



Chris Mark MIA

Chris Mark, the fabulous editor of the official club newsletter La Rueda was on hiatus this week.

President Cara agreed to pen the Mini Wheel newsletter to capture this week's program.

Its not the same, please come back soon, we miss and need you.



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Aug 31, 2011 District Trips
- ◆ Sept 7, 2011 Club Assembly
- ◆ Sept 28, 2011 District Governor Brad Robinson Visit
- ◆ Sept 29, 2011 YMCA Golf Tournament

Popular Ethical Questions Inspires Fun & Thought Provoking Discussion

On August 24, 2011, the Carson-Gardena-Dominguez Rotary Club in conjunction with students from Cal State University, Dominguez Hills enjoyed a spirited discussion on popular ethical dilemmas.

Chet Craft, the Club Service Director, standing in for Larry Ybarra Director of Vocational Service who was on vacation, started the session off by offering an excerpt from the Rotary International website on Ethics.

"The **Four-Way Test** is the public face of Rotary's commitment to business ethics."¹ As owner of a small business, utilizing the four way test principles is practiced daily in building my business and serving as a Rotarian.

I would like to share an interesting comment from H. Woods Bowman, Ph.D., a former Illinois state

representative, and an associate professor of public services management at DePaul University in Chicago. Dr. Woods stated that:

"Every generation faces its own ethical challenges. We could look back at the founding fathers of the United States and conclude, what a remarkably ethical group of people.

Their self-sacrifice and commitment to duty and honor were invaluable for establishing this country. But, at the same time that Thomas Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence, he OWNED slaves."² Is this an ethical dilemma?

Today, we invited Dr. Salhi and students from CSUDH to help us explore ethical questions. In the Rotary spirit, let's start the fun.

What is Ethics?

Quoted from the seventh edition of West's Business Law, "Ethics can be defined as the study of what constitutes right or wrong behavior. It is the branch of philosophy that focuses on morality and the way in which moral principles are derived or the way in which a given set of moral principles apply to one's conduct in daily life.

Ethics has to do with the questions relating to the fairness, justness, rightness or wrongness of an action. What is fair? What is just? What is the right thing to do in this situation? These

are essentially ethical questions."

The biggest ethical dilemma is conflict of interest. "People tend to lose perspective when they have a personal stake in the outcome, and that's when they begin to make bad decisions."³



Discussion Questions

Excerpts from "The Book of Questions" by Gregory Stock, PhD | Workman Publishing

Should cash strapped students be allowed to sell body parts to pay for their college tuition?

Would you pull the wings off a rare butterfly in order to get a FREE vacation anywhere in the world for a week? A month? How about a year?

Would you authorize the killing of an innocent person if it meant feeding the hungry for a month?

Would you add one more year to your life, if it meant taking the life of someone in the world selected at random?

Would you be willing to commit perjury for a loved one?

Do you think that the Three Strikes Law should be repealed?

Walking along an empty street, you find a wallet that contains \$5,000 in cash with no name or address, do you keep the money?

For a million dollars, would you be willing to never see or talk to your best friend again?

Should government charge (pay for view) to see public executions as a means to raise revenues?

CSUDH Students are Award Winners

Under the tutelage and direction of Dr. Hamoud Salhi, members of the CSUDH Political Science department won top honors at the 2009 WestMUN (Western Collegiate Model United Nations) conference, April 2-4, at Santa Barbara City College.



Left to right CSUDH Senior Herberito "Eddie" Bautista, Chardae Jenkins, Rotary President Cara Rice, Dr. Hamoud Salhi, Senior Alvin Gutierrez and Senior Youself Abu-Ghazaleh



Left to right Parks & Recreation Commissioner Alene Harris, NAACP Secretary Edolia Austin, Rotarian Chet Craft, CSUDH Senior Chardae Jenkins, Rotarian Councilman Dan Medina and Rotarian OJ Paney



Left to right Visitor Gary Sakaguchi (blue), CSUDH Senior Alvin Gutierrez, Rotarian Chris Childers, Rotarian Leon Bodnar, Rotary Immediate Past President Jeremy Brown and Rotarian Sheri Repp-Loadsman

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