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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

Scott Simms recently cleaned out our storage closets, uncovering several collections from the past. One such miscellany was our **Centennial club banner** for the former Rotary Club of Dominguez-Carson. Here's how it compares to our current club banner...



Cara Rice and Scott Simms holding Centennial banner (top) and current club banner.

A couple of last reminders: 1) The deadline for the **Youth Protection Policy** certification is this Friday – you must be certified to work with New Generations. To get certified, follow the easy steps at www.rotary5280.org. 2) The deadline for contestant applications for the **Art/Music/Speech Contest** is Tuesday, February 21st. Competition is on March 3rd. Event and entrant applications are available at www.rotary5280.org. Winners must be able to attend the District Conference to present their winning original entry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 17

Deadline for Youth Protection Policy Certification.

Tuesday, February 21

Deadline for contestant applications for Art/Music/Speech Contest.

Saturday, February 25

Spelling Bee Competition @ SouthBay Pavilion, 20700 Avalon Blvd., Carson, 1:00-4:00 PM.

Saturday, March 3

Art/Music/Speech Contest @ CSUDH, 1000 E. Victoria Street, Carson, 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

District 5280 Interact – End Polio Now Bowling Tournament @ Del Rios Lanes, 7502 Florence Avenue, Downey, noon to 3:30 PM.



Rev up your engines!

Mark your calendar... our **9th Annual Rotary Grand Prix** will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd, at Go-Kart World in Carson, 5:00-8:00 PM. Event Chair Christopher Childers will once again gather support from clubs in the District. This event is also open to local individuals and businesses who may want to use this as a teambuilding exercise. Each team must have 5-6 drivers who are at least 18 years of

age. In addition to drivers, Christopher is looking for volunteers to work the registration table, set up the dining room, sell raffle tickets and donate raffle prizes. To enter or to volunteer your services, please contact Christopher at (562) 607-5725 or chrdsqn@hotmail.com.



Pole position will be determined by the order of team reservation.



FINE TIME

Fine Master **Walter Neil** opened up Fine Time by recounting his Valentine's Day evening, which he instructed me not to put in print because of the evening's overindulgence nature. His story was topped by **Kim Richards** who told the club how her husband served up an awesome dish! And who says Rotarians are boring?

New members **Catherine Davis** and **Kathleen Guavita** each earned a \$100 credit for attending their first meeting after last week's induction by PDG **John Colville**. However, Catherine was quickly fined \$100 when Walter noticed she wasn't wearing her Rotary lapel pin. John mentioned at last week's meeting that he knows Walter the longest from our club. Walter felt guilty in that he should have corrected John because **Leon Bodnar** has been in the club longer and, therefore, John knows Leon longer. Walter went on to salute Leon as the most famous Rotarian in the world because he attends almost every annual RI Convention where he serves as Sergeant-at-Arm. Walter then surveyed the members to see who wasn't wearing their Rotary lapel pin. This could have been a great fining opportunity except Leon wasn't wearing his lapel pin today, and because the most famous Rotarian wasn't wearing his lapel pin no fines were issued!

Gary Sakaguchi, flying under the radar by being nice and quiet every week, did not escape Walter's eyes today. He was challenged with the Fiction & Fact Question and was allowed the help of his tablemates but gave the wrong answer twice, collecting a \$5 fine. Turns out **Glenn Mitchell** had the right answer but wasn't assertive enough in convincing Gary. This cost Glenn \$5.



OLD FRIZZLE RAFFLE

There was \$758 in the pot today. Jeremy Brown won the draw and drew the 7 of Diamonds. The pot will carry over to next week when it is expected to exceed \$800.



JEOPARDY

Trivia Question: What is the St. Valentine's Day massacre of 1929?

February 15th in history...

- 1764** – St. Louis founded as a French trading post by Pierre Laclade Ligue.
- 1870** – Ground broken for Northern Pacific Railway near Duluth, MN.
- 1936** – Hitler announces building of Volkswagens.

Trivia Answer: The Saint Valentine's Day massacre is the name given to the 1929 murder of 7 mob associates as part of a prohibition era conflict between two powerful criminal gangs in Chicago: the South Side Italian gang led by Al Capone and the North Side Irish gang led by Bugs Moran.

It is believed that the St. Valentine's Day Massacre resulted from a plan devised by members of the Capone gang to eliminate George 'Bugs' Moran due to the rivalry between the two gangs. The plan was to lure Bugs Moran to the SMC Cartage warehouse on North Clark Street. On St. Valentine's Day, most of the Moran gang had already arrived at the warehouse by approximately 10:30 AM. However, Moran himself was not there having left his Parkway Hotel apartment late, and thus escaping death.

Public outrage over The St. Valentine's Day Massacre marked the beginning of the end to Capone's influence in Chicago because it brought the belated attention of the federal government to bear on Capone and his criminal activities.



CRAFT TALK – KATHLEEN GUAVITA



Cara Rice (left) and Kathleen.

Kathleen is a local girl, having grown up in the Moreno Valley/Riverside area. She is an only child and is very close to her parents, all of whom share the love of dance. Kathleen has been dancing since she was 2-1/2 years old, favoring the traditional Mexican folkloric dances. While in the 5th and

6th grades, she had the opportunity to tour with a dance group in Europe, which deepened her love of dance and introduced her to the many sights and pleasures of travel. Having been given the exposure to a bigger world, Kathleen's motto has been "bigger, better, more!"

Kathleen applied to 14 colleges before accepting a scholarship to Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she majored in History and Philosophy. Milwaukee took some getting used to because of the cold winters, but Kathleen grew to love the city. She met her husband Fabian in her junior year and, in keeping with current technology, asked him for a date via Facebook. They have been married for 2 years.



Kathleen and Fabian.

After college, Kathleen spent a year in Chicago working for Farmers Insurance as a representative in their claims department. She says she spent a lot of time climbing roofs and now knows quite a few things about home construction.

After relocating to Southern California, Kathleen joined State Farm as an Agent 8 months ago. Founded in 1922, State Farm is the #1 insurance company in the United States and is ranked #34 on the Fortune 500 list of largest companies. Originally a single line auto insurance company, State Farm now offers over 100 products and services in five different lines of business spanning from savings plans to insurance. Not too many people know this, but State Farm is also in the banking business, specializing in financing and loans. State Farm is heavily involved in and supports communities through sponsorships, safety programs, education leadership, and service-learning.

Kathleen is passionate about her job and wants to serve the community as an individual and an agent. Kathleen's office is located in the Tireco building in Gardena. She invites you to look her up for your insurance needs and to learn about the other products and services they offer.

(As a side note, I recently shopped for a new insurance carrier and found State Farm to be very competitive with their pricing. Not only that, Kathleen offered excellent service by taking the time to patiently explain the difference coverages, options, and policy terms and conditions to me.)

Kathleen's association with Rotary actually began long before she was inducted last week. It turns out she was a member

