

Rotary Voice

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Highs & Lows from Jan. 12th

It took President **Greg Franklin** a couple of tries to get everyone's attention on January 12th. He was successful (once again), and after welcoming all those who had gathered he asked **Marco Navarro** to provide an Invocation. **Fred Woods** followed with the Pledge of Allegiance, and then **Dean Grose** helped people remember the Four Way Test. **Dick Ramseyer** led folks in song.

There were more guests at the beginning of the meeting than at the end, because two of the seven guests became members. Along with the day's Speaker, John Barnes & three students from Los Al High School, and Mrs. John Mount, the Club welcomed as guests (for the last time): **Pat Bushman** and **John Mount**. It wasn't very long, though, before both Pat and John were welcomed as the Club's two newest members. Pat recently retired from work in the San Gabriel Valley, and John comes to the Club as a transfer from Reno, Nevada.

Four individuals contributed HAPPY DOLLARS, and three of the donations had to do with a large trade show that is going to be held for musicians. **Joe Partise** is going to attend, and described the event as a musician's "Disneyland." Going with him will be **Gary Frankenstein** (who expressed his happiness with a dollar). Also planning to attend is **Susan Rehman**. When she gave her dollar she expressed the hope of being photographed with some celebrities. The fourth person who contributed was **Greg Franklin**. He gave two dollars and a sincere note of appreciation for the fine job that John Barnes does as the coach of the Los Alamitos High School football team.

Notes 'bout Folks

....**Greg Pericich** is starting a new job at the JFTB next week.

....**Allen McLean** has received good news from recent medical tests.

....**Newt & Carol Hart** are enjoying Hawaii.

....**Peter Jax** has been granted a "Leave of Absence" through April 30th.

Dues Structure on the Table

The Board of Directors is discussing the possibility of changing the monthly dues for Rotarians who are under the "85 Rule," or who have been granted a "Leave of Absence." If the change takes place persons in both categories would be expected to contribute forty dollars per quarter (which would cover the cost of International/District dues, etc.). When 85-Rule Members, or those on Leave of Absence attend a weekly luncheon – he/she would pay twenty-five dollars (which represents no change from current policy).

Rotarians with questions and/or concerns about this change are welcome to speak with President Greg Franklin.

Note of Thanks

I just wanted to say "thank you" for your luncheon, recognition, and gracious check. It really inspired me to be part of your organization. Again, thank you for your dedication to our school and community.

--Sincerely, Mitchell Prencavage
Rotary Student of the Month

News from Italy

Hi Mr. Payne:

Thank you for the holiday greetings.... I'm just getting back into the swing of things with school, and am busily preparing for my Rotary presentation to my host club which will take place in two weeks. I decided to try and be creative and, as part of my presentation, will conduct a small wine tasting opportunity of some excellent California wines. Italians (especially from this area of Rome) are proud of their wine and might not be quite familiar with the excellent reputation that California wines have garnered in recent years.... Hope all is well on your side of the ocean – look forward to hearing from you again soon!

--Sincerely, Diana Valentini

Calendar

- January 15 (Friday)
Marco Navarro & Blair Pietrini joined Club
- January 19 (Tues): **Luncheon @ 12:15**
Program: Ben Gifford/Gold Star Families
- January 22 (Friday)
Los Al Chamber Installation/Eagles Nest
- January 27 (Wednesday): 5:30pm
New Member **"Mixer"** at Old Ranch
- February 2 (Tues): **Luncheon @ 12:15**
Program: High School Speech Contest
- February 8 (Monday): 7:30 am
Board Mtg / Upstairs @ Ganahl Lumber
- February 9 (Tuesday) – 12:15pm
Sweetheart Luncheon @ Old Ranch
- February 16 19 (Tues): **Luncheon @ 12:15**
Program: Singing Contest
- February 23 (Tues): **Luncheon @ 12:15**
Program: World Understanding & Peace
- February 27 (Saturday): **Race on the Base**
Registration deadline: 4pm, Feb. 19
- March 1 (Monday)
50th Anniversary of Los Al Incorporation
- March 21 (Sunday)
Target date for Payne's third daughter
- March 27 (Saturday)
Los Alamitos Parade & Celebration

15 Maintain Perfect Attendance

Congratulations go out to the following Rotarians for their perfect attendance record through December 31st: Pat Eskanazi, Gary Frankenstein, Greg Franklin, Dean Grose, Ron Grunzweig, Carol & Newt Hart, Russ Lightcap, Allen McLean, Theresa Murphy, Marco Navarro, Jim Oliver, Joe Partise, and Sean Payne.

District/International Meetings

- International Conventions
2010: June 20-23/Montreal, Canada
2010: June 19-22/New Orleans, USA
- District Assembly
March 13/Chapman University

Rotary Club Meetings

- Mondays** at Noon: Cerritos
HomeTown/11471 South St., Cerritos
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays** at 5:00pm: Cypress
Marriott/5865 Katella Avenue, Cypress
- Wednesdays** at Noon: Long Beach
Queen Mary/Long Beach
- Thursdays** at 7:30 am: Signal Hill
Curley's/1999 E. Willow St, Signal Hill

Need a Make-Up?

Make up a missed meeting on-line at:
www.rotaryclubswest.org/mission.html
To have the Rotary E-Club of the Southwest USA notify Los Al/Seal Beach of a make-up request that information be sent to:
James F. Oliver at archbishop1@juno.com

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