

Rotary Voice

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Notes from March 30th

There were almost two dozen Rotarians gathered at Old Ranch on the fifth Tuesday of March for President **Greg Franklin's** Call to Order. Unfortunately not all Rotarians arrived in time to hear his opening remarks. According to **Dean Grose** (who provided this week's meeting notes), Carol Hart arrived a little late.

Among those who contributed HAPPY DOLLARS were: **Fred Woods** (Birthday), **Judy Klabouch** (Enjoyed the Dunk Tank at the Carnival), **Marco Navarro** (Recent trip), **Bill Poe** (Son's sixth birthday), and **Sean Payne**.

Rotary Polo Shirts

John Mount is taking orders for while Rotary Polo Shirts (\$26/each). Let John know ASAP if you are interested.

Dugan Sentenced

According to the "Orange County Register", Patrick David Dugan, a former certified public accountant, and treasurer of the Los Alamitos Rotary Club was sentenced to 90 days in jail Tuesday after pleading guilty to embezzling \$49,000 from the club. Dugan accepted a plea offer from Superior Court Judge Thomas Goethals, rather than risk four years in prison if convicted at trial. Dugan will serve at least forty-five days of his sentence, and is not eligible to serve it on weekends.

Dugan, a one-time Los Alamitos Citizen of the Year, has paid back the money. The Board of Directors has instituted a number of safe guards in order to avoid this type of thing from happening again. For example, two signatures are now required on all checks, and the Club's accounts are being reviewed regularly by a non-member.

For additional information about this situation, contact Dean Grose.

Former Egyptian Slave Girl Has New Life

(Editor's Note: Thanks goes out to Todd Mattern for sharing this article from the March 31st edition of the OC Register)

....Seven years ago, (Shyima) Hall was a frightened, confused and miserable 13-year-old plucked by federal authorities from a life of slavery and squalor in the unlikeliest of places: Irvine. Sold by her parents when she was 11, the Egyptian-born Hall spent nearly two years living on a bare, dirty mattress in a windowless garage on a tree-lined street of opulent, Mediterranean-style homes.

There, under the noses of her neighbors on Pacific Grove in Northpark, Shyima worked 20-hour days as a domestic servant to an Egyptian couple and their five children. She was denied schooling and trips to the doctor and dentist. She was not allowed to sit down to meals with the family. She was forced to wash her own clothes by hand in a bucket....

Trafficking in children and adults for commercial sex and forced labor is a growing problem in Orange County. Since 2004, the Public Law Center, a founding partner of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force, has handled 89 trafficking cases. Right now, there are 29 open cases of forced servitude, many of which include adults or children who are much like Hall, who couldn't speak English when she was rescued.

Among the upper classes in some parts of Africa and the Middle East, domestic servitude is an illegal but common practice.

....After her rescue, Shyima faced many challenges... She was behind in school, she had a lot of pent-up anger about her ordeal, (and) she was fearful of the people trying to help her....

Shyima is (now) in her third year at Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa, studying business. But, after college, her plan isn't to get into business - it's to become an ICE agent....

Calendar

April 1 (Thursday)

Don Gibbs joined Rotary in 1963

April 2 (Friday)

World Autism Awareness Day

April 4 (Sunday) – Easter

April 6 (Tuesday)

11:15am – Fundraising Committee

12:15pm -- Luncheon at Old Ranch

Prgm: Seth Eaker, Seal Bch Chamber

April 9 (Friday): 10:00am

Seal Beach Walk/Run Set-up

For information contact Pat Eskanazi

April 10 (Saturday)

Seal Beach Annual Surf, Sun & Run

For information contact Anita Spinell

April 12 (Monday): 7:30 am

Board Mtg / Upstairs, Ganahl Lumber

April 13 (Tuesday): 12:15 pm

Rotary Luncheon at Old Ranch

Prgm: American Waterway Watch

April 19 (Monday): 8:30 am

Los Al High School Golf Tournament

Birthday: Paul Harris born in 1868

April 20 (Tuesday): 12:15 pm

Rotary Luncheon at Old Ranch

Prgm: P. Shapiro, Dist. Membership

April 21 (Wed) – Admin. Professional Day

May 6 (Thurs) – National Day of Prayer

May 9 (Sunday) – Mother's Day

May 10 (Monday): 7:30 am

Board Mtg / Upstairs, Ganahl Lumber

June 14 (Monday)

Los Al Chamber Golf Tournament

August 28 (Saturday)

Fishing Derby / Seal Beach Pier

International Conventions

2010: June 20-23/Montreal, Canada

2011: May 21-25/New Orleans, USA

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

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request that information be sent to:

James F. Oliver at archbishop1@juno.com

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