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The Rotary Club of Whittier Presents

November 14, 2008
Medical Services in Ecuador
Dennis Sargent, M.D.

November 21, 2008
Joint with Whittier Host Lions Club

Meetings are Fridays at 12:10 pm
Radisson Hotel, 7320 South Greenleaf in Whittier, California

2007-2008 OFFICERS: R. D. McDonnell, President; Jeff Nickell, Vice President; Rob Settlege, Past President; Ted Zwemer, Secretary; Jim Howard, Secretary-Computer Records; Gary Pirnat, Treasurer		
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	GOVERNOR, DISTRICT 5320 Roger McGonegal	INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT Dong Kurn Lee



Rotary Club Meeting #17
November 7, 2008
Whittier, California, USA

Opening: The 17th weekly meeting of President **RD McDonnell** was opened with a ring of the bell at 12:20.

Pledge: **Jeff Nickell** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: **Joe Baima**

Song: **RD McDonnell** led the club in singing something not very memorable (anyone remember?)

Four Way Test: The club recited Rotary's Four-way Test.

Introductions of Guests and Visiting Rotarians:

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests of Rotarians:

None

Rotarian Milestones

Birthdays: *None*

Anniversaries: **RD & Kathleen McDonnell** celebrate 21 years of marriage on 11/09.

Rotary Anniversaries:

Mike Blackmore celebrates 9 years of Rotary membership on 11/05

Bill Gruenholz celebrates 29 years of Rotary membership on 11/09

David Harris celebrates 34 years of Rotary membership on 11/12

Announcements

District 5320 Foundation Dinner is being held at the Norwalk Marriott on Saturday, November 15th starting at 6pm. Please see RD or Mike Blackmore for more details or register on-line at: <http://www.rotary5320.org/> .

The Rio Hondo Good Scout Award Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 13th at the Radisson. Our club sponsors a table and members can sign up with **Maria Segovia** or **Mike Blackmore**.

The **YMCA 29th Annual Christmas Prayer Breakfast** will be held on Friday, December 5th at 7 AM at the Radisson. Please contact **Mike Blackmore** if you would like to sit with other Rotarians at this event.

Our own club's **Holiday Party** will be held on Sunday, December 21st at Friendly Hills Country Club. Please make note of the date, more details will follow. The Holiday Party will take the place of the meeting which would have been held on Friday, December 26.

Recognitions

In absentia, **Vic Williams**, a former member of this club, was recognized for having been elected to the State Legislature of Arizona. Check out Vic's campaign website at: <http://www.vic08.com/> for more details.

RD McDonnell noted that **Chuck Hanson** is at home recovering from some medical issues. Give him a call and wish him well.

Humera Dadabhoj revealed that her car and her assistant's car were both heavily damaged as a result of a car that lost control on Whittier Blvd and crashed into a light post which then fell onto Humera's car. Fortunately neither Humera nor her assistant had any injuries.

Jim Blaylock confessed that his former investment partner raced a horse in the recent Breeder's Cup races at Santa Anita. The horse finished 3rd, winning significant money. Jim confessed that he had turned down the opportunity to be a 5% owner of the horse a few years ago. On top of that, at the race, Jim bet win/place/show so he lost about 50% of his bet. However, as consolation, and only to be polite, Jim accepted his former partner's invitation for an all-expenses paid trip by private aircraft to Las Vegas. Jim was recognized accordingly.



Henri Pellisier – Henri informed the club that he and Dianne had recently traveled to Fort Benning in celebration of a grandson who finished boot camp. Henri also had another grandson who was recently married in Portland, a good excuse for more travel. Finally Henri discussed his summer trip aboard the Delta Queen on the Ohio River. Built in 1926, Delta Queen is registered as a National Historic Landmark and is the last operational over-night steam-powered sternwheeler in the United States. Unfortunately, 2008 will be her final season on the Mississippi. For

more details on the Delta Queen check <http://www.majesticamericaline.com/products/ourships.aspx> .

Program for Today



David Christof
Blue Planet Run 2007
 The club was delighted to host David Christof who spoke of his participation in an around the world run in 2007 to increase awareness for the lack of safe drinking water throughout many parts of the world. Currently, David works at Whittier College as the Assistant Director of Residential Life. Dave provided an outstanding presentation on the adventures experienced and the sights seen by his team as they literally ran around the world. David also educated the club on facts and figures about fresh water around the world. The

following facts come from the website of www.blueplanetrun.org :

The Facts About The Global Drinking Water Crisis

*One-in-six people in the world lack safe drinking water.
Water-related illnesses are the leading cause of human sickness and death.*

In many countries, the water problem is the primary reason people are unable to rise out of poverty. Women and children bear the burdens disproportionately, often spending six hours or more each day fetching water for their families and communities. But there is hope. Proven solutions to the water problem currently exist, such as digging wells and rainwater harvesting. Proper funding and a collective will can make universal safe drinking water a reality.

Scope

1.1 billion people in the world do not have access to safe drinking water, roughly **one-sixth of the world's population**.

2.2 million people in developing countries, most of them children, **die every year** from diseases associated with lack of access to safe drinking water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene.

Half of the world's hospital beds are filled with people suffering from water related illnesses.

In the past 10 years, diarrhea has killed more children than all the people lost to armed conflict since World War II.

An estimated 25% of people from cities in developing countries purchase their water from vendors at a significantly higher price than piped water. In some cases, at the cost of more than a quarter of their household incomes.

Women and Children

Some **6,000 children die every day** from disease associated with lack of access to safe drinking water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene - equivalent to 20 jumbo jets crashing every day.

The average distance that women in Africa and Asia walk to collect water is six kilometers.

Water diseases

Waterborne diseases (the consequence of a combination of lack of clean water supply and inadequate sanitation) cost the Indian economy 73 million working days per year.

It is estimated that pneumonia, diarrhea, tuberculosis and malaria, which account for 20% of global disease burden, receive less than one percent of total public and private funds devoted to health research.

Geography

In China, India and Indonesia, **twice as many people are dying from diarrheal diseases as from HIV/AIDS**.

The **average person in the developing world uses 2.64 gallons** of water a day. The average person in the **United Kingdom uses 35.66 gallons** of water per day. The average person in the **United States uses between 100 and 175 gallons** every day at home.

In 1998, 308,000 people died from war in Africa, but more than two million (six times as many) died from diarrheal disease

These statistics are generally accepted by United Nation, World Health Organization and Millennium Development Goals.

A Closing Thought for the Week: “The future has several names. For the weak, it is the impossible. For the faint-hearted, it is the unknown. For the thoughtful and valiant, it is the ideal.”

–Victor Hugo

Next Week’s Program: **Dennis Sargent, MD** – “Summer Trip to Ecuador”


Closing Bell: The meeting dismissed with a ring of the bell, and members ventured out into the community to enjoy their weekend.

The Secretary's Corner

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November:

- 14: Dennis Sarget, MD – Summer Trip to Ecuador
- 21: Joint with Whittier Host Lions

MAKEUP LOCATIONS			
MONDAY:	Anaheim – 12 noon Diamond Club, Edison Field 2000 Gene Autry Way 714-940-2000	Cerritos – 12 noon Hometown Buffet 11471 South Street 562-402-8307	Norwalk – 12 noon Norwalk Marriott Hotel 1311 Sycamore Drive 562-863-5555
TUESDAY:	East Los Angeles – 12:10 PM Tamayo Restaurant 5300 E. Olympic Blvd. 323-260-4700	Whittier Sunrise - 7:15AM Friendly Hills Country Club 8500 S. Villa Verde 562-698-0331	Santa Fe Springs – 12 noon Candlewood Country Club 14000 E. Telegraph Rd. 562-941-1228
WEDNESDAY:	La Mirada - 12:10 PM Candlewood Country Club 14000 E. Telegraph Rd. 562-941-1228	Fullerton – 12 noon Terrace Room, Hope Intr'l Univ. 2555 E. Chapman 714-879-3901	Montebello - 12:10 PM Montebello Country Club 901 Via Clemente 323-724-4500
THURSDAY:	La Habra – 12:10 PM Hacienda Golf Club East Rd., La Habra 562-694-1081	Pico Rivera -12:10 PM Dal Rae Restaurant 9023 E. Washington Blvd. 562-949-2444	South El Monte – 12 Noon Pepe's 11740 Valley Blvd 626-401-1599
RECENT MAKE-UPS BY MEMBERS None Reported			
<p>ROTARY CLUB OF WHITTIER BOX 753, WHITTIER, CA 90608</p>  <p>Meets Friday – 12:10 p.m. Radisson Hotel 7320 So. Greenleaf Whittier, CA</p>			
Rotary's Four-Way Test:		Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?	