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The Rotary Club of Whittier Presents

September 5, 2008

Jim Remington, Former Presidential Advance Man
“Life as an Advance Man”

September 12, 2008

Michael Tye, Advance Benefits Center
“The Future of Healthcare”

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

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Rotary Club Meeting #8

September 5, 2008

Whittier, California, USA

Opening: **R.D.** The weekly meeting of the Whittier Rotary Club with a ring of the bell at 12:20.

Pledge: **Maria Segovia** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: In the absence of **Father Jim Bradley**, **Mike Blackmore** gave a brief devotional on “passing the baton” using the example from the USA Men’s Relay in team from the Beijing Olympics . In life and in Rotary, failure is often not because we are not talented or swift, but because we fail to make the hand-off just like our Men’s Relay team who lost in the finals because of a failed hand-off.

Song: Exercising his creativity, **RD** found another old-time song in his Rotary Songbook. “My Darling Clementine” was his selection for today.

Four Way Test: Back from his wonderful vacation, **Bob Haendiges** led us in reciting the 4-Way Test as we seek to remember this vital commitment we make as Rotarians. Let us continue to reach to this goal: not only memorize it, but apply in “all that we think, say and do...”

Introductions of Guests and Visiting Rotarians:

Visiting Rotarians:

Bill Zastro from the Bellflower Club was with us today

Guests of Rotarians:

Chris Magdosku of City of Whittier City Public Works Dept.

Rotarian Milestones

Birthdays: *James Blaylock, 09/05 and Maria Segovia, 09/07*

Anniversaries: *Rett Rasmussen, 09/08 – 18 years*

Rotary Anniversaries: *None this week*

Announcements

Commitment Forms: Your annual Club Commitment Forms are due. President RD reports that we are only up to 73% of members responding. This money provides much of our annual budget. Please submit yours ASAP.

Once again our Rotary Club is sponsoring the **Michelle Thaller Astronomy Assemblies** scheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd. There are 3 separate assemblies for all the 3rd grade students in town. Michelle is a great role model of women in science. We need a handful of members to help be host-ushers for the day. Please see **Rob Settlage**.

The new **2008-2009 District 5320 Directory** are available, please pick up your copy at the registration table.

German Group Study Exchange (GSE) team will be here March 21, thru April 18, 2009 (common vocation will be media); need Rotarians to host 1 Rotarian and 4 young professionals.

Our Rotary Club has generously received contributions in honor of **Past President Chuck Coffeen**.

Recognitions: **Herb Sussman's** surprise birthday trip to Princeton NJ was recognized as “fine worthy”. **Jeff Muller** was graciously fined for nothing exciting at all. **Owen Newcomer** recommended that former member **Vic Williams** be fined for his recent win in the primary elections of the Arizona House of Reps. Maybe by fining former members, we will create an incentive to never leave!



Program for Today
Jim Remington, Former Presidential Advance Man
“Life as an Advance Man”

Club member Gary Pirnat introduced long-time Whittier resident **Jim Remington** who shared about his years of service to the White House as an “Advance Man”. As an advance man Jim would go in advance to make arrangements and coordinate security with the Secret Service for upcoming visits by the USA President or Vice President. Jim told many humorous anecdotes about Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and George H. Bush. He often saw the presidents and their wives in many casual moments that the general public would never see. In this service, Jim was

able to visit many foreign countries such as Korea, Japan, Norway, Finland, Romania and Yugoslavia

Based on 3 scrapbooks and a detailed chronology kept by his wife, Jim wrote a book titled “Advance to History” sharing his personal stories of his advance work for Ford, Reagan and Bush. If you would like to hear more you can buy this book at Amazon.com. All the profits from this book go to cancer research, in honor of his wife who passed away from cancer a few years



ago.

Book Dedication: A dedication certificate was presented to Jim, as is our custom to donate a children's book to a Whittier Area school in honor of his presentation to the club.

Thank Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Thank you, Chris Magdosku from the Public Works Dept.

A Closing Thought for the Week: "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we may always be free. *—President Ronald Reagan*

Next Week's Program: Michael Tye Advanced Benefits Center on "The future of Healthcare".

Closing Bell: The bell rang on time and the meeting was dismissed.

The Secretary's Corner


UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September

12th – Michael Tye - Health Care Legislation

19th – Sandy Thorstensen & Leighton Anderson – “School Bond Issue”

26th – RD and “Rotary Jeopardy”

| MAKEUP LOCATIONS | | | |
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| 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: | | <p>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?</p> | |