



ROTARY CLUB OF WHITTIER No. 859 Founded 1922

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The Rotary Club of Whittier Presents

Today's Program

Club Member – Dr. Ted Zwemer
“Growing up in India”

February 27, 2009

Jeff Ball, Friendly Hills Bank
“The State of the Economy”

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

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Rotary Club Meeting #29
February 20, 2009
Whittier, California, USA

Opening: President RD rang the bell at 12:20 and the weekly meeting of the Whittier Rotary club was called to order.

Pledge: Jack McFerran, long-time club member led the members in the pledge to our flag and our country.

Invocation: Father Jim Bradley shared a devotional about “truth” and “untruth”; and the abundance of the latter rather than the former.

Song: Ron Ridout led the club in singing verses 3 and 4 of “America the Beautiful”.

Four Way Test: Mike Ely 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, our regular visitor from the SFS club*

Guests of Rotarians:

- *Gwen, Nancy and Diane Zwemer. Ted's wife and 2 daughters again.*
- *Chris Magdosku from the Whittier City Public Works Dept.*

Rotarian Milestones

Birthdays: *Mark Villalobos and Owen Newcomer both on February 13th*

Anniversaries: *None*

Rotary Anniversaries: *Dave Hasle, 22-years on 02/21/1986; and Jeff Nickell, 4-years on 02/25/2005*

Announcements

Annual Rotary **YMCA Easter Camp Arbolado**, April 6th through April 9th, 2009. Bob Haendiges is coordinating this event. Last year the club contributed over 50 camp sponsorships of \$200 each.

District 5320 Annual Conference is scheduled for March 26th through March 29th. We will be co-hosting a hospitality suite with the Buena Park club on Friday night. Any member who attends Saturday's events can get meeting make-up.

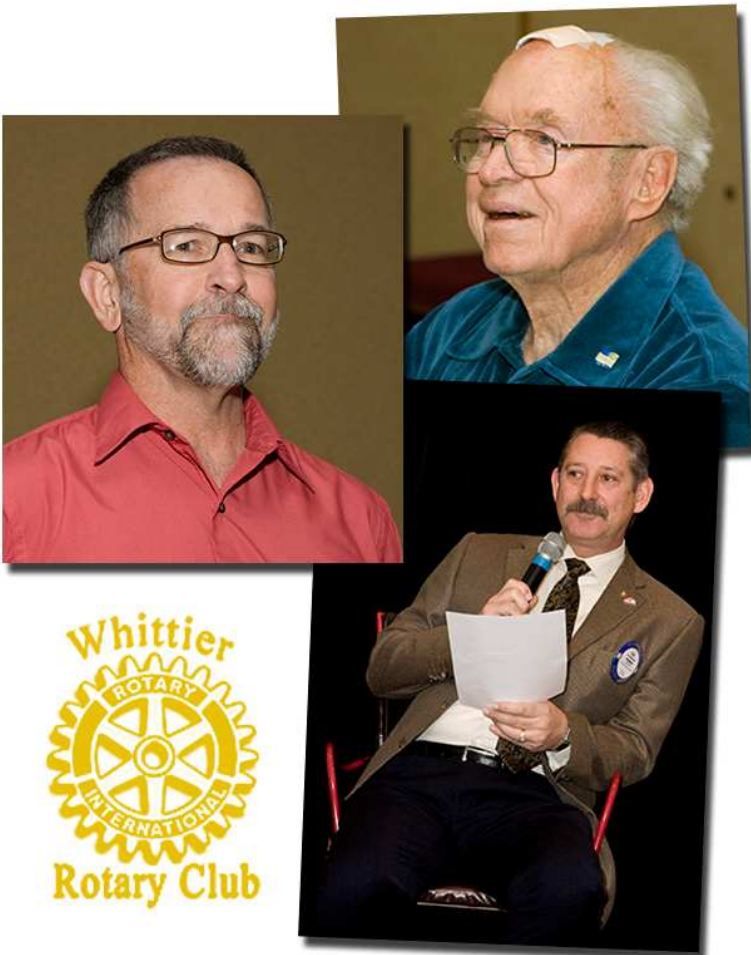
YMCA's Annual Fund Campaign is now in progress. Many Rotarians have given to this campaign and the **YMCA** is counting our support once again. These funds help offset scholarships and memberships for those members who are in financial need. **Mike Ely** and his team will be looking for you.

Whittier Sunrise Fundraiser – “Battle of the Bands”. Area high school jazz bands will be competing on March 3rd at Whittier High School. The cost is \$10 per person. Come hear some great music, support the Sunrise Club and their fundraising for local high schools.

Recognitions

President RD invited club member **Owen Newcomer** to share about the celebration of his 61st birthday and Valentine's. His wife spared no expense and they stopped in the mega-resort area of Selma for lunch on their way to visit the in-laws.

Chuck Hanson was recognized a resident of Honolulu Terrace and could be neighbor of the famous octo-mom



Program for Today

Club Member – Dr. Ted Zwemer “Growing up in India”

In honor of Rotary International's “World Understanding Month”, our own Dr. Ted Zwemer shared about his life as a missionary child growing up in India. Ted's mother was a Dutch Reformed missionary, so Ted was born and raised in India during from 1925-1940, when India was still part of the British empire. Ted's father died of typhoid while his month was pregnant with him, and she continued on at the mission serving as a teacher and head of the Sherman Girls Boarding School.

Their first mission school was in Madanapalle where he lived there until about 4th grade. The various missions united to create a school for missionary children in the mountain location known as Kodaikanal. Ted boarded there from second grade to eleventh grade until Ted and his mother came to the USA, so he could finish

high school and go to college.

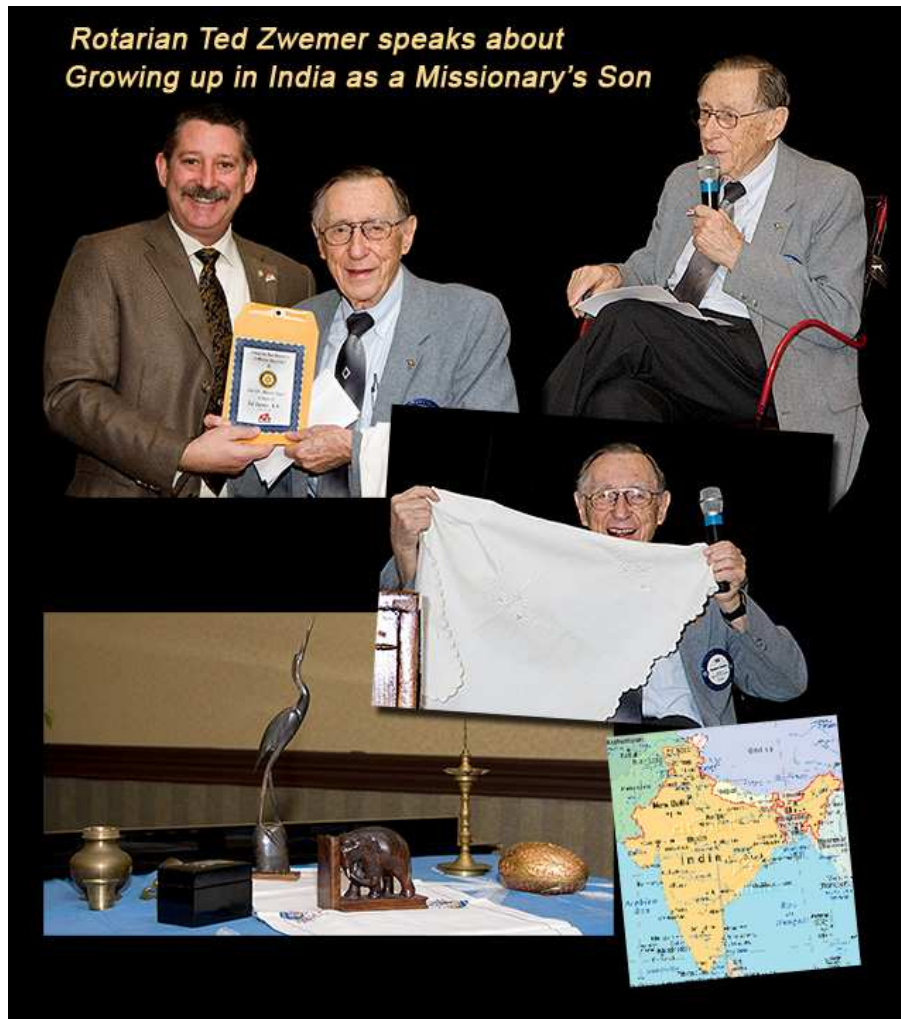
The life of a missionary in India was a “very well-off” life. While there were not a lot of modern amenities, he did have a real house and there were lots of servants to clean, get food, do laundry and even drive your car if you were lucky enough to have one. In India, home milk delivery meant that the vendor actually brought the cow to your house and filled the milk bottles right.

from the source. Food was primarily rice, and curry fruits lamb and occasionally goat. As was the custom everyone sat on the floor around a big mat and ate by “right hand” from banana leaves.

As a boarding student, he remembers fondly

- the 4th of July track meets,
- picnics at thanksgiving
- riding an elephant
- writing letters to his mom during “rest time” on Sunday afternoons;
- taking walks around the lake after Sunday evening vespers
- as a 7th grader, taking a vacation trip (train, bus, houseboat) through India and Pakistan

- the rigorous studies in high school



His final trip to the USA was a long one. They traveled to the coast and waited several days to board a freighter that had room for 6 passengers. Because of WW II, the freighter could not travel through the Mediterranean, but had to round Cape Horn, South Africa on its way to the US east coast. They arrived in the fall and he remembers the wonderful colors of the trees.

Thank You: Thank you Ted, we really enjoyed your stories. As is the custom a book will be donated in Ted’s honor to one of our local public school libraries.

Thanks to everyone who served to make this meeting successful.

A Closing Thought for the Week: “Sometime the road less traveled, is less traveled for a reason.”

-- Jerry Seinfeld

Next Week’s Program: Jeff Ball of Friendly Hills Bank will be with us to share about the state of the economy.


Closing Bell: The meeting was adjourned at 1:30. Have a good weekend everyone!

The
Secretary's
Corner

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February

20 Vanessa Ivic – Dr. Ted Zwemer
27 Jeff Nickell – President's Elect Club Assembly

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 Intn'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			
<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>	