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The Rotary Club of Whittier Presents

Today's Program
District Governor Bret Gerdes

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

2009-2010 OFFICERS: Jeff Nickell, President; Dennis Sargent, Vice President; R.D. McDonnell, Past President; Mike Ely, Secretary; Jim Howard, Secretary-Computer Records; Humera Dadabhoy Treasurer		
DIRECTORS:	<u>2009/2011</u> Herb Sussman Jack Marino Fr. Jim Bradley Brenda Torres Jeff Muller	<u>2008/2010</u> Joe Baima Mark Villalobos Mike Ely. Owen Newcomer Dave Pickard, Jr.
	GOVERNOR, DISTRICT 5320 Bret Gerdes	INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT John Kenny



Rotary Club Meeting #7
August 21, 2009
Whittier, California, USA

Opening: **President Jeff Nickell** rang the bell at 12:30 and the weekly meeting of the Whittier Rotary club was called to order.

Pledge: **Ron Ridout** led the members in the pledge to our flag and our country.

Invocation: **Ted Knoll** (filling in for the still travelling Fr. Bradley).

Rob Settlege: Led the club to the “Governor’s Welcome Song”

Four Way Test: **Mike Blackmore** was kind enough to step away from his leadership conference at WACC to lead 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: (No visiting Rotarians this week.)

Guests of Rotarians: **Mark** from Comfort Keepers.

Rotarian Milestones:

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: **Dennis and Kathy Sargent** – 35 years - 1974

Rotary Anniversaries: **Henri Pellissier** – 46 years – 1963

Ret Rasmussen – 21 years - 1988

Announcements

Mike Ely – District On-Line Directory Update on our website is almost complete go online and check it out!

Chamber Mixer at Rose Hills – August 27 – 5pm to 7pm at the Sky Rose Chapel – Check with **Maria Segovia** for more information.

Board of Directors Actions

Approved budget

Approved Dave Pickard to replace Gary Pirnat on Board

Approved purchase of laptop projector

Approved wine & cheese membership event at Mission Court

Approved experiment to move one Friday meeting to Thursday night

Program & Events – The program and events are listed and posted on our website under “Events” page. Visit www.WhittierRotary.org

Program: District Governor Bret Gerdes – Our special guest today is Bret Gerdes who spoke about Rotary’s history and it’s future. Some of the things they are doing at the district office is helping clubs with their networking and social events on how to increase membership. Every second Tuesday of every month there is a half hour training then dinner event. Check with **Jeff** if you would like to know more information. Bret mentioned that the urgency of increasing membership is crucial. Over the last 10 years membership has stayed the same it has not increase at all. Bret talked a little bit about his family and how he grew up in Whittier. He thanked everyone and said he would be back to visit us soon.

Jeff & Bret Gerdes



Owen Newcomer




Jeff Nickell – Presented Bret with the rotary book certificate that every speaker receives from our Whittier rotary club.

Jeff thanked the visiting Rotarians and those that helped with the meeting.

Program for next week: “An Officer and a Lady M.H.A. Menondji

Thought for the Week: What it’s like to be a District Governor. President Clinton once said running a country is a lot like running a cemetery; you’ve got a lot of people under you and nobody’s listening. – In a speech at Galesburg, IL

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

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			
<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>	