



# The Rotagram

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## The Rotary Club of Whittier Presents

Today's Program

***Malinda Wheeler***

***SART- Sexual Assault Response Team at PIH***

***Annual Combined Meeting with The Soroptimists***

January 30, 2009

***Larry Wilde, Humorist***

***"The Value of Laughter"***

*Meetings are Fridays at 12:10 pm*

*Radisson Hotel, 7320 South Greenleaf in Whittier, California*

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## **Rotary Club Meeting #25**

**January 23, 2009**

Whittier, California, USA

**Opening:** **President RD** rang the bell at 12:20 and the annual combined meeting of the Rotary Club of Whittier and the Whittier Soroptimists was called to order

**Pledge:** **Melanie Bickely, President of the Soroptimists** led the members in the pledge to our flag and our country

**Invocation:** **Father Jim Bradley** shared a devotional about God's presence in our lives and in the world around us.

**Song:** The combined clubs sang all 4 verses of "America the Beautiful", led by **Soroptimist Cynthia Nickell**.

**Four Way Test:** **Owen Newcomer** 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:** *None today*

**Guests of Rotarians:** *14 Soroptimists joined in our annual combined meeting.*

### **Rotarian Milestones**

**Birthdays:** *None this week*

**Anniversaries:** *Jim and Marjorie Howard celebrate 55 years of marriage on January 30<sup>th</sup>!!*

**Rotary Anniversaries:** *None this week.*

## **Announcements**

**Annual YMCA Open House** is coming Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Both branches, uptown and East Whittier will be open to the public for a day filled with special activities.

The **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Silver Shield Awards Banquet** honoring our local police officers will be held at the Pacific Palms Resort on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. RSVP to Maria Segovia to sit at the Rotary Club's table.

**District 5320 Annual Conference** is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **Recognitions**

**Happy New Year!** A reprieve was given in deference to our combined meeting.

## Program for Today

*Malinda Wheeler*

### *SART Center-Sexual Assault Response Team at PIH*

**Soroptimist Maggie Bernal** introduced **Malinda Wheeler**, a Forensic Nurse who led the establishment of a SART Center at our own Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital. Malinda is the owner and director of Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc. Forensic Nurse Specialists is a private practice/business, which provides forensic evidentiary examinations 24 hours per day to law enforcement for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

#### Whittier Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital – SART Center

- Opened after community leaders, SIW and the new Chief of Police –Dave Singer –organized a task force
- Convinced PIH that Whittier needed their own SART Center
- Community partners through the Soroptimists – ASK (Assault Survivor Kits)
- Opened August 2004

#### Whittier SART Stats

- Total Exams to date = 420
- Age range infant to 86 years old
  - 0-12 years old = 94 (22%)
  - 13-18 years old = 158 (38%)
  - 19-29 years old = 101 (24%)
  - 30's = 39 (9%)
  - 40's = 17 (4%)
  - Over 50 = 11 (2.5%)



There are 10 SART Centers in the LA area, which are staffed by “Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners”. The SART Center is an intervention model, which brings nurses, police and counselors together to care for people who have called the police because they have been sexual assaulted. Without a SART Center, a victim must wait her/his turn in an emergency room at a local hospital.

In a SART Center, victims receive immediate personal, private care and support while they are examined and interviewed. As long as the victim calls the police, the 2-3 hour exam and counseling are free of charge. From this exam the forensic nurse, forensic labs and the police assemble the evidence to give to the District Attorney who then determines if charges will be filed.

The SART Center at PIH has seen 420 victims since it opened in 2004. Statistics show that 98% of these are female victims assaulted by males, and 70-75% of the assaults are by a family member or an acquaintance. The Center is funded by contracts with local police and sheriffs. PIH donates the space and the medicines needed.



The SART Center at PIH has been a keystone project of the Soroptimists Club since the Center opened in 2004. Their current project is putting together clothing and personal care kits, called “ASK Kits”. These are needed because the victims clothing is often needed as evidence in the investigation.

**Thank You's:** This week thank yous were extended to both Malinda Wheeler and Melanie Bickley and in their honor books will be placed in a local Whittier school. Certificates were given to both of them. Thanks were extended to those involved in the program and to both clubs for an enjoyable and informative combined meeting.

**A Closing Thought for the Week: President RD** offered this quote in closing: "Duty is a very personal thing. It is what comes from knowing the need to take actions, and not just the need to urge others to do something."

Mother Teresa

**Next Week's Program:** Larry Wilde, a humorist who will speak on the topic, "The Value of Laughter".

**Closing Bell:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:40. It was great to have the Soroptimists with us today!

# The Secretary's Corner


## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### January

30 Larry Wilde – The Value of Laughter

### February

06 Bob Ihlen - Whittier P.D. Chaplains Program  
 13 Brenda Wiewel – Whittier Area Recovery Network  
 20 Vanessa Ivic – PIH Community Benefit Program  
 27 Jeff Nickell – President's Elect Club Assembly

<b>MAKEUP LOCATIONS</b>			
<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>Anaheim</b> – 12 noon Diamond Club, Edison Field 2000 Gene Autry Way 714-940-2000	<b>Cerritos</b> – 12 noon Hometown Buffet 11471 South Street 562-402-8307	<b>Norwalk</b> – 12 noon Norwalk Marriott Hotel 1311 Sycamore Drive 562-863-5555
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>East Los Angeles</b> – 12:10 PM Tamayo Restaurant 5300 E. Olympic Blvd. 323-260-4700	<b>Whittier Sunrise</b> - 7:15AM Friendly Hills Country Club 8500 S. Villa Verde 562-698-0331	<b>Santa Fe Springs</b> – 12 noon Candlewood Country Club 14000 E. Telegraph Rd. 562-941-1228
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>La Mirada</b> - 12:10 PM Candlewood Country Club 14000 E. Telegraph Rd. 562-941-1228	<b>Fullerton</b> – 12 noon Terrace Room, Hope Intn'l Univ. 2555 E. Chapman 714-879-3901	<b>Montebello</b> - 12:10 PM Montebello Country Club 901 Via Clemente 323-724-4500
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>La Habra</b> – 12:10 PM Hacienda Golf Club East Rd., La Habra 562-694-1081	<b>Pico Rivera</b> -12:10 PM Dal Rae Restaurant 9023 E. Washington Blvd. 562-949-2444	<b>South El Monte</b> – 12 Noon Pepe's 11740 Valley Blvd 626-401-1599
<b>RECENT MAKE-UPS BY MEMBERS</b>			
<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>			
<b>Rotary's Four-Way Test:</b>		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?	