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The Rotary Club of Whittier Presents

Today's Program

Lori Eshilian (principal) – Whittier High School Update

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
	GOVERNOR, DISTRICT 5320 Bret Gerdes	INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT John Kenny



Rotary Club Meeting #4
July 31, 2009
Whittier, California, USA

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

Pledge: **Bob Haendiges**, long-time club member led the members in the pledge to our flag and our country.

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

Song: **Roll On Rotarians.**

Four Way Test: **Brenda Torres** 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: (We had a visiting Rotarian from the Pico Rivera club.)

Guests of Rotarians: **None**

Rotarian Milestones:

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: **Mike & Teresa Blackmore (07/30/88, 21 years)**

Rotary Anniversaries: **Ted Zwemer, 08/01 -1999 – 10 years.**

Announcements

Tour de France update - Lance Armstrong tied – huge mountain stage today!

Brenda Torres – End Polio Now – Angeles vs. Oakland August 29th. If you are interested in joining other Rotarians attend this event please see or call **Brenda**.

Ted Zwemer – **Ted** has made it home from the hospital on Saturday. He is very happy to be home. We wish him well and hope to see him at our meetings soon.

Al Hermo is recovering from recent eye surgery.

Car Show Fundraiser – The Rotary club will have a food booth at this years car show. Please contact **Mark Villalobos** to help and volunteer with this year's car show.

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

Jeff's Joke of the day – A man brings in his limp dog to a local vet. He says doctor my dog is not moving. The doctor looks at the dog and says “I’m sorry to say your dog is dead.” The man says oh no are you sure? Maybe I should get a second opinion? The vet goes back and brings in a cat the cat sniffs around the limp dog and then walks over to the vet. The vet says “nope, I’m sorry your dog is dead.” The man can’t believe it. I want a third opinion doc. So the vet goes out brings back a black Labrador retriever the Labrador walks around the limp dog sniffs him and then walks back to the vet. The vet says, I’m sorry your dog is dead.” So the man can’t believe it. This was his best friend he is devastated. He looks at the doctor and says “well, I guess he’s dead? What do I owe you doc?” The vet says “650 dollars. “What!” The man is shocked. The vet says, “its 50 dollars for my first diagnosis but the 600 dollars for the cat scan and the lab tests.”

Recognitions: - Joe Baima – Fine Master



Joe recognized **Brenda Torres** for recent vacation in Lake Havasu. **Jim Blaylock** was recognized for his horse racing, golf and simply for showing up. Jeff ensured that both Jim and Brenda made appropriate contributions to the club treasury. In addition to those pictured above, **Owen Newcomer** was recognized for his two week trip to Alaska and **Jack Marino** for his trips to San Diego and a recent family graduate from Berkeley.

Finally, later in the meeting after a remark from President **Jeff Nickell** about the improved quality of today’s Whittier High School graduates as compared to those older alums in our club, the Past Presidents let Jeff know who really runs the club and recognized him for a substantial contribution to the club’s treasury.

Program: Whittier High School Update – Lori Eshilian. Lori a graduate of Whittier high school and now its principal talked about the improvements that have occurred since the big earthquake. Practically every building had to be retrofitted to meet new safety codes. The school has a new cafeteria and they have improved greatly their library. Their students are happy to see their school looking like a rich kids school. The grounds are all new. The test scores are improving every year and this year they have added Chinese to their language electives. Whittier high school is one of better schools in the area. The school is comprised of 85% Latino students and 10% white students. The other 5% must be other. She thanked the rotary for all its past and present help.




Jeff Nickell – Presented Lori Eshilian 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: Frank Adamo will be speaking to us next week.

Thought for the Week: “Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.” – George Washington Carver

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 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:		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?	