



The Rotagram

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The Rotary Club of Whittier Presents

October 3, 2008
Services for Parents of Deaf
Sophia Aguirre

October 10, 2008
Tri-Cities ROP
Norm Kirschenbaum

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

2007-2008 OFFICERS: R. D. McDonnell, President; Jeff Nickell, Vice President; Rob Settlege, Past President; Ted Zwemer, Secretary; Jim Howard, Secretary-Computer Records; Gary Pirnat, Treasurer		
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Rotary Club Meeting #12

October 3, 2008

Whittier, California, USA

Opening: The twelfth weekly meeting of President **RD McDonnell** was opened with a ring of the bell at 12:20.

Pledge: **Bill Gruenholz** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: **Joe Baima** – Joe asked everyone to look up the word “grateful” and keep it in mind.

Song: **RD McDonnell** led the club in a single verse of “99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall” (this seemed to be prompted by the 0-2 record of the Angels in the playoffs)

Four Way Test: **Rob Settlege** 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:

Jerry Kress from the Norwalk club

Guests of Rotarians:

*Cesar Cartel, an agent from New York Life was with us for his third visit.
Ashley Pickard, daughter of Dave Pickard, III.*

Rotarian Milestones

Birthdays: *Ted Knoll, 10/03 (in celebration of Ted's birthday being on the meeting date, RD led the club in singing Happy Birthday).*

Anniversaries: *Bruce and Christy Lindsay celebrate 28 years of marriage on 10/04.*

Rotary Anniversaries: *Dennis Sargent celebrates 17 years of Rotary membership on 10/09*

Announcements

Commitment Forms: Slowly but surely our forms are coming. Lack of commitment on club members, does not excuse the club from the obligations of its budget. If you have not turned in your forms, please do so now and join the ranks of the committed.

District 5320 Directories are available now, please pick up your copy at the registration table.

District 5320 Foundation Dinner is being held at the Norwalk Marriott on Saturday, November 15th starting at 6pm. Please see RD or Mike Blackmore for more details or register on-line at: <http://www.rotary5320.org/>.

The Rio Hondo Good Scout Award Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 13th at the Radisson. Our club sponsors a table and members can sign up with **Maria Segovia** or **Mike Blackmore**.

Recognitions: What a surprise! **Fr. Jim Bradley** served as the Fine-master and did a great job interviewing **Jack Marino**. A member of this club since 1986, but seldom seen in the last twelve months, Jack made a surprise appearance at our meeting to pump up the club for participation in the Good Scout dinner. Apparently, Jack was the scoutmaster of **Dave Pickard III**, an Eagle Scout. Jack challenged Dave to recite the Boy Scout Oath. With a little help from other members in the club, the words came flooding back. Jack mentioned that he would be retiring at the end of this year from the metals business after 59 years and so we should expect to see more of him in 2009. **RD McDonnell** mentioned how pleased he was to see Jack and immediately “recognized” him.



Program for Today
Sophia Aguirre
Parents of the Deaf Agency, Inc.

Sophia told the club about her passion for working with the deaf, which resulted from growing up with a deaf mother. She has spent 17 years working with the deaf. During these years, it has come to her attention that there are very limited resources for the parents of deaf children. She is starting a new agency to provide services to these parents. Her brief presentation prompted many questions from the club from which we learned the following:

- Sign languages vary by region and by country. New York is different than Los Angeles. The United States is different than Canada. English is different than Spanish.
- Deaf people are often quite good at reading “body language” to get more clues about the real meaning of someone’s statements.
- Some groups are opposed to teaching sign language, but Sophia made the point that not all families have the resources to pursue speech therapies and other alternatives.
- There are seven levels of deafness ranging from “hard of hearing” to “profound hearing loss”
- There is new technology to test infants for hearing loss. The technology measures brain-wave activity in response to sounds and can identify hearing loss very early in a child’s development.



A Closing Thought for the Week: “An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn’t happen today.”

–Lawrence J. Peter

Next Week’s Program: TBA


Closing Bell: The meeting dismissed with a ring of the bell, and members ventured out into the community to enjoy their weekend.

The Secretary's Corner

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October:

10: Norm Kirschenbaum, Tri-Cities ROP
17: to be determined

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 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>	