



Rotary Club of Santa Monica

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This week at Rotary - Holiday Lunch with Santa and the Carlthorp Choir

The Carlthorp Choir will entertain us at our annual holiday lunch meeting this Friday followed by a visit from Santa. Let Savi know if you plan to your young children to meet with Santa.... Also, mark your calendar for our Holiday Party Saturday evening at Joe and RoseMary Regalbuto's home (see separate event announcement).

Last Friday Rotary rang the bell for Red Kettle Day



Former Santa Monica Rotarian Jim Butts joins Frank Lavac and Jim Menzies in the count off...

2012 Officers & Directors

Congratulations to our Officers & Directors for the 2012-13 Rotary Year



President Elect Judy Neveau (2012-13)

President Elect Designate Nat Trives (2013-14)



Vice Presidents Avo Guerboian and Con Oylar



Secretary Grace Cheng Braun

Treasurer Bret Carter



Directors Lisa Alexander and Len Lanzi (Two Year)

Scott Ferguson and Laurel Rosen



Suzan Allbritton and Russ Warner (Carry over from 2010)

December 2nd ~ Dr. Brandon Lewis speaking about the Mayan Calendar

Meeting Cast

Alonzo Hill provided the invocation, TJ Montemer sat next to President David Bohn, Judy Neveau introduced our speaker, Dr. Brandon Lewis, and Rosemary Regalbuto introduced our guests. Bob Klein was our song leader, accompanied by Ken Waltzer on piano.



Visitors

Visiting Rotarians included Marty Steckdaub from the Temecula Club and Sean McMillan from the Westwood club. Guests on hand included Dr. Norton Wyner guest of Jean McNeil Wyner, Klaus Brandt hosted his son Carl Brandt, Suzan hosted Linda Teixeira, Frank Lavac brought Thomas and Troy from Salvation Army, and Monika White hosted her husband, Roger Goodman



We also welcomed new members **Christina Cassiano** and **LaVonne Lawson**.

Announcements


- Thank you to everyone who served a wonderful meal on Thanksgiving Day to Santa Monica Law Enforcement. A thank you to Klaus Mennekes who provided the food from Shutters and Casa Del Mar.
- John Lehne told us about the Legacy Project he is heading up.
- Jillian also reported that 19 Santa Monica Rotarians are going on the District Trip to Puerto Rico February 8 - 13, 2012 and that we can still take sign ups. Update: the trip to Puerto Rico has been sold out according to John Ramey, chair of the activity. However, stand-by reservations will be accepted.
- Russ Warner was acknowledged for obtaining a District Simplified Grant to furnish two Upward Bound apartments.
- The Holiday Party at Rosemary's house at a \$45 per person. Let Savi know if you are planning on attending.
- Charlie Follette – SM Mountain Parks fundraiser – buy a rose bush and he will donate to the Parks.
- A big thank you to Donna Byrd for the UCLA & the USC swag
- Laurel Rosen reminds us that one of the wonderful things about Rotary is the opportunity for fellowship and creating good will between each other. Each month we celebrate members on their birthdays. We give them the attention they so deserve and hand them a little birthday "goody" bag. So that is where you come in. In order to continue this great tradition we need you to donate small items for the birthday bags. Promotional items with your logo will work or other small items. Most of the time the items are donated by a very small group of people which becomes a financial burden. Please support the birthday team to carry on this tradition. Please contact Laurel with your donations

Presentation

Dr. Brandon Lewis - Mayan Calendar



Dr. Brandon Lewis gave an exciting and information filled talk on the Mayan calendar – and even taught us to count in Mayan! Mayan time is cyclical with a calendar system that is infinitely more complex than ours. They actually use multiple calendars: a solar calendar and a personal calendar and combine them both. Their solar calendar was very accurate -- within 8 seconds of our current calendar. Every 52 years the variables of the combined calendars would be repeated and this was considered a day of learning. This cycle was also viewed as a new beginning. They would not do any work for a day to see if in fact the world would continue. December 2012 is the end of the great cycle. The Mayans disappeared at the end of the last cycle and it was a magnitude below this great cycle. Remember next December is the end of time for Mayans. Will the world begin anew?

System	Numerals
Arabic	1984
Roman	MCMLXXXIV
Mayan	4.9.4 

Dr. Lewis received his undergraduate education at the University of Indiana and his Master's and Ph.D. degrees from UCLA in Anthropology. His career-long specialty is in the Mayan culture, and his doctoral dissertation on "The Role of Specialization in the Development of Sociopolitical Complexity: A Test Case from the Late Classic Maya" earned him recognition from the Society for American Archeology for an outstanding dissertation.



Dr. Lewis is currently on the faculty of the Earth Sciences Department at Santa Monica College where he teaches anthropology. He is a popular and energetic faculty member who actively gives his time to the college community as a Director of the Latin American Education Center, the Global Citizenship Task Force, Advisor to the SMC Anthropology Club, a much-requested member of the college's Speaker's Bureau, while also engaged as a Research Associate of the Cotsen Institute of Archeology at UCLA. He has been a Director on archeological projects in the American Southwest as well as in Belize, Ecuador, Guatemala, and has found time to lead student study-abroad groups. Dr. Lewis also frequently writes and presents in his field.

Thought for the Day

"When a person cannot deceive himself, the chances are against his being able to deceive other people." Mark Twain

Rotary Serves Thanksgiving Dinner to Santa Monica Police

by Menzies, Dorothy

A special thank you to all the Rotarians and their families who helped honor the police officers and personnel who were on duty on Thanksgiving Day. We fed over 60 people and provided each with a \$5.00 Starbucks gift card. The food, provided by Casa del Mar and Shuttters, was amazing. Thank you Klaus for making this possible.



A giant Thank You to our **VOLUNTEERS:**

Charles Follette and his son, Jimmy
Monte Herring
Alonzo Hill and daughters Autumn & Hayden and wife September
Iao Katagiri
Rochelle LeBlanc and her partner Margaret Paul
Len Lanzi's friend-Darren and his son Eli
Dick Lawrence
Paul Leoni
Jean McNeil Wyner
Dee, Jim, and Jamie Menzies
Brendan Murray and his daughter Elise
Irene Passos
Myles Pritchard
Glen Ricard and his sons Matthew & Brandon and their friend Jen
Lionel Ruhman
David Snow and his son Sam
Jim Westbrook
Alonzo Hill and daughters Autumn & Hayden and wife September

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