



Rotary Club of Santa Monica
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Future Speakers

Jan 6 2012
Jessica Limpert and Ramon Medeiros
"Season 12 The Biggest Loser"

Jan 20 2012
Jerry West
"Northern Trust Open"

Jan 27 2012
Craft Talks

Upcoming Events

Healthy Living: Topanga Canyon Hike
Jan 21 2012

Healthy Living: Santa Monica Conservancy Walking
Mar 24 2012

District Conference
Apr 19 2012 - Apr 22 2012

Rotary International Convention
May 6 2012 - May 9 2012

News

Wine & Jazz Festival Supports Community and International Projects

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This week at Rotary - No more meetings this year, celebrating the New Year

We're dark for the rest of the year celebrating Christmas, Chanukah and New Year's. Our next meeting will be January 6th!



At our December 16th meeting, the Carlthorp Chorus entertained us with holiday songs, followed by a visit from Santa!

When we return on January 6th, our program will be Jessica Limpert and Ramon Medeiros, season 12 contestants from The Biggest Loser. To start the new year, they will discuss how they first gained weight and their journey losing a combined 200+ pounds and their new commitment to help others become all they can be.

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 Oyler



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 9th @ Rotary with Dr. Perry Jansen

Meeting Cast

Timur Berberoglu gave the invocation, new member Rick Mateus sat next to President David Bohn. Russ Warner introduced our speaker, Dr. Perry Jansen, and Jim Menzies introduced our visiting Rotarians and our guests. Julia Miele Avo Guerboian, and Jillian Alexander greeted us as we arrived. Ken Waltzer accompanied our song leader, Pat Bofird.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Our visitors today included Mai Hoang of our Rotaract group at Santa Monica College. Pam Douglas was the guest of our speaker. Other guests were Marc Schkud, Gaby's son; Jamie Menzies, Dee and Jim's son, Matt Williams, who is not Lisa Alexander's son; and former Santa Monica Rotarian, Tish Tisherman, who was hosted by John Bohn.



Announcements

- John Lehne – Legacy Project

• An anonymous Rotarian donated \$5,000 as a match challenge to our members. Total amount donated by club members and matched by this challenge grant will be distributed by the Community and Youth Grants Committee

December Birthdays



2011/12 Board of Directors Elections and Treasurer's Report

Elections were held today. Carol Jackson announced the slate of candidates, former club presidents counted during the meeting, and Carol announced the results (shown above). Congratulations to our new directors and officers! And thank you to all of you who were willing to serve.



Jim Menzies gave a State of the Rotary Treasury. The short summary is that we are on target and that a new policy will be put in place regarding delinquent dues.

Presentation

Perry A. Jansen, M.D.: A Southern California native, Dr. Jansen received his medical degree from Penn State University, and his residency training in Family Practice at UCLA/Santa Monica Hospital. After several years in private practice in Washington State, Dr. Jansen felt compelled to take the opportunity to become a physician in a clinic in the small southeastern African country of Malawi. Known as "the warm heart of Africa," Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and has one of the highest rates of HIV/AIDS.



Soon after beginning his work in Malawi in 2000, it was clear to Dr. Jansen that caring for HIV/AIDS patients was his calling. At that time, there was no treatment available for HIV and most patients died within a year of their diagnosis. Nevertheless, Dr. Jansen and his Malawian colleagues used what resources they had to begin programs to care for AIDS patients and their families as well as youth programs to help prevent the spread of HIV to the next generation.

In 2002, Dr. Jansen was among the first in Malawi to offer the lifesaving antiretroviral (ARVs) therapy by obtaining generic drugs through India. Their **Partners in Hope (PIH)** program was one of only two in the country offering the treatment free of charge, thanks to donations from Southern California supporters. These valuable supporters subsequently founded the California-based charity, **Partners in Malawi**, a 501 (c)(3) dedicated to expanding Dr. Jansen's work. Death rates have dropped to only 6 – 8%.

Malawi & HIV



- 13 Million People
- 1 million are infected with HIV
- 800,000 orphans
- 1 doctor for every 54,000 people



Malawi- "The Warm Heart of Africa"



- 13 Million People
- 57% under 20 yrs
- 85% live in rural villages
- 65% live on less than \$1/day



With the support of partners in Malawi, PIH was able to expand into a much larger facility. Opening in 2005, it has since become a center of excellence in HIV/AIDS care, as well as general medicine. With 6,000 HIV patients in treatment, it is one of the largest providers in the country, and is a critical part of Malawi's national program. In 2009, PIH was awarded a grant from the US Government (USAID) to provide training, mentoring and facility improvement to hospitals and clinics throughout central and northern Malawi.

Rotary has had an integral part in the expansion of PIH's work, through the Redwood City (California) Club. This club has provided laboratory equipment, an x-ray unit and a vehicle. The need is nearly unlimited, but Dr. Jansen is grateful for the many partners who have made PIH what it is today...a center of excellence and compassion.

Thought for the Day

"A rich man without charity is a rogue; and perhaps it would be no difficult matter to prove that he is also a fool."
Henry Fielding

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 donated 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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