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Upcoming Programs

- Mar 02, 2012
Four Way Test meeting with Cynthia Loo
- Mar 09, 2012
Mark Verge
Perfect Business - the path to entrepreneurship
- Mar 16, 2012
Alexis O'Neill
Literacy and Rotary Reads to Kids
- Mar 23, 2012
Dark - 90th Birthday Celebration
- Mar 30, 2012
Group Study Exchange Team
- Apr 06, 2012
No meeting - Good Friday
- Apr 20, 2012
Support Staff Day
- Apr 27, 2012
Dark
- Home Cooking for the Food Festival
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Upcoming Events

- First Tuesday at El Cholo
11th and Wilshire
Mar 06, 2012 05:00 PM
- OPCC
Mar 16, 2012 04:00 PM
- Santa Monica Rotary 90th Birthday Celebration
Casa del Mar
Mar 23, 2012 06:00 PM
- Healthy Living: Santa Monica Conservancy Walking
Mar 24, 2012
- District Conference
Apr 19, 2012 - Apr 22, 2012
- International Food & Song Festival
Tom & Stephanie Loo's
Apr 29, 2012 01:00 PM
- Rotary International Convention
May 06, 2012 - May 09, 2012

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Riviera Country Club

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Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Stories

This week at Rotary - Four Way Test



"Is it the TRUTH?"

"Is it FAIR to all concerned?"

"Will it bring GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?"

"Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

We will also hear from the Honorable Cynthia Loo who will provide an update on current controversies regarding judicial ethics and how to address it with the 4 way test.

Cynthia Loo has been a jurist with the Los Angeles County Superior Court since 2000. In January 2005 she received the "Outstanding Judicial Officer" award from the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court's Bar Association. On April 26, 2008, the *Los Angeles Times* noted "she earns high marks from attorneys on all sides for her handling of juvenile cases ... Loo is an asset to juvenile court, an assignment that ought to be highly sought but seldom is."



Cynthia is a 1990 graduate of the University of Southern California School of Law. While in law school, Cynthia was a legal intern at AYUDA, a non-profit agency assisting low-income individuals in immigration, domestic violence, and landlord tenant matters. She was an extern and research attorney for U.S. District Court Judge Edward Rafeedie, as well as a law clerk at the ACLU and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Cynthia worked for approximately ten years representing abused and neglected children in juvenile dependency matters for the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles. Prior to her current judicial duties, she also volunteered with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles's Unlawful Detainer Equal Access Project, and the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) Barristers Domestic Violence Project.

Cynthia has been a law professor of criminal procedure and guest lecturer at the People's College of Law (PCL) for the past seven years. PCL is a non-profit law school that trains socially conscious community lawyers and was opened in part to give those historically denied access to legal training, such as working people, women, and people of color, an opportunity to go to law school. Tuition is affordable because PCL's professors volunteer their time and donate their salaries back to the law school.

She has been invited to serve on the governing boards of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary, the State Bar's Council on Access and Fairness, the Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA), as well as to chair the Multicultural Bar Alliance's (MCBA) Diversity on the Bench Program. Previously she was on the governing boards of the California Asian-Pacific American Judges Association and the Women Lawyer Association of Los Angeles' (WLALA). She was the co-chair of WLALA's Westside Mentoring Circle from 2007-2010.

Cynthia has been requested to submit articles to publications such as *Gavel to Gavel*, LA County Superior Court's judicial magazine; *The Bench*, official magazine of the California Judge's Association; *Valley Lawyer*, official publication of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association and *Los Angeles Lawyer*, magazine of the LACBA.

She has spoken to numerous community groups such as the Asian Pacific Women's Center, Antelope Valley Coalition Against Injustice, Western Justice Center Foundation, Asian Youth Center, St. Peter Armenian Church Youth Ministries and the In His Shoes Mission, the Bellflower, Pomona, Paramount Rotary Clubs, Los Angeles Family and Community Empowerment Services and Power of Love Christian Fellowship, Optimist Club, East LA Parent Project, Los Angeles Chinese-American Sheriff Advisory Committee, Los Angeles County Department of Probation, and the Mexican American Correctional Officer's Association regarding gang violence, "Three Strikes" Law, juvenile justice, domestic violence, human rights, career planning, and diversity in the legal profession.

Cynthia was assigned to the Compton courthouse from 2002 to 2005 where she heard both juvenile delinquency and family law matters. A judicial profile that appeared about her in the *Daily Journal* on April 13, 2006, noted "[H]er sensitivity to the community's needs slowly won people over, lawyers said. They embraced her for her compassion and judicial nature ... She wasn't just a person who comes out of the back room and disappears and is not responsive to the community."

For the past six years she has presided over juvenile delinquency cases in the Eastlake Juvenile Courthouse in East Los Angeles. In an article in which she was profiled in *LA Youth*, it concluded, "One day in one court isn't enough for me to understand the whole court system, but by the time we left, I had learned a lot about the mercy a judge can have. Judge Loo wasn't only fair; she was respectful, and she wanted to help teenagers live meaningful lives."

[Rotary Club Meeting February 24, 2012 - Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom](#)

Posted by Scott Kunitz

Meeting Cast

At the head table, Far Stage Right we had Invocator Rick Mateus; Next to Rick we have Jillian Alexander. Stage left of the podium and here to introduce our speaker for today, we have Past President Dorothy Menzies. Far stage left of the Podium and here to introduce our visiting Rotarians and guests we have Laurel Rosen. Our song leader was Tom with Ken Waltzer on piano, and our Greeters were Julia Miele & Rosemary Regalbuto.



Visitors



We had 1 visiting Rotarian, Soapy Mulholand from Downtown Visalia. Lorraine Edwards was a guest of Rochelle LeBlanc. McKinley Williams was a guest of Connie Maguire. Jamie Menzies was a guest of Dee Menzies. John Germanske was a guest of Tom Loo. Nancy Gale and Rosalina Ross were guests of Barbara Bishop. Jose Morales was a guest of Lynette Shishido. Matt Williams was a guest of Lisa Alexander and Ric Schnieder was a guest of Petra Haffter.

Announcements

- Our committee received a thank you note for the unit we decorated at Upward Bound House. We would like to thank Suzan and the Upward Bound House committee for their good work.
- Jerod asked us to please sign up for the Read To Kids program, they will be giving away a Kindle Fire.
- Barbara Bishop told us about the International Food and Song Festival coming up on 4/29/2012.
- Susan Annett wanted to let us know about the Community Reading Program going on right now through 3/31/2012, it is a city wide reading to kids program.
- George Collins told us about the plans for our club's 90th Birthday party being held on 3/29/2012 at Casa Del Mar.
- A very special thank you to David Price, the Chairman of the Board of the Museum of Flying. Your talk on aviation history and the airport was appreciated by all. It was thanks to you, David, that we were able to be the first official meeting held at the new museum. As a token of the Club's gratitude, we are presenting a Paul Harris Fellowship in your name.
- Our club had sixteen people on the District Humanitarian trip to Puerto Rico. Our club participated in many of the twelve projects the District funded, and I want to give a special thank you to Jillian Alexander for the incredible work she did managing the delivery of 110 wheelchairs. Jillian was presented with a bottle of Puerto Rican Rum. (followed by a slide presentation of the trip.)



Birthdays

- January**
- Briem, Ray Jan 19
 - Dawson, William Jan 10
 - Hill, Alonzo Jan 29
 - Kraus, Mitchell Jan 31
 - Larmore, Thomas Jan 06
 - Lehne, John Jan 18
 - Maguire, Constance Jan 31
 - Maher, Larry Jan 2
 - McIntire, John Jan 05
 - Mennekes, Klaus Jan 29
 - Miele, Julia Jan 23
 - Neveau, Judy Jan 14
 - Outcalt, David Jan 30
 - Oyler, Connolly Jan 15
 - Rayman, Bill Jan 01

- February**
- Bennett, Daniel Feb 19
 - Berberoglu, Timur Feb 13
 - DeGroot, Connie Feb 18
 - Kennedy, Richard Feb 02
 - Waltzer, Kenneth Feb 10

Presentation



Richard Bloom was elected to the Santa Monica City Council in April 1999. He is currently serving a two-year term as Mayor, and has previously led the community as Mayor from December 2002 - December 2004 & December 2006 -December 2007.

On the City Council, Richard provides leadership on critical issues such as sustainability and the environment, mobility and public transit and affordable housing. In addition, Richard has spearheaded many important initiatives, including a regional agenda to end homelessness, dramatically increasing the city's support for Santa Monica's public schools, and banning smoking.

Richard is Chair of the 30-member Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission www.santamonicabay.org. The Commission is charged with facilitating and overseeing plans to restore the health of the 266 square mile Santa Monica Bay and its 400 square mile watershed.

Mayor Bloom told us it is a busy time for Santa Monica; **Phase 1** of the Expo Lite Rail Line is nearing completion in the next few months. **Phase 2**, Culver City to Santa Monica, broke ground and should be completed by 2016. This new line will terminate at Colorado & 4th the Colorado Esplanad, a newly designed promenade created to connect the Expo Light Rail station to Ocean Avenue, the Pier, and the future Palisades Garden Walk park. The reconfigured roadway will expand bicycle and pedestrian facilities and increase landscaping and public art to create a visual and functional focal point between the Downtown and Civic Center. The renowned landscape architecture firm Peter Walker Partners will lead the design team. This will be one of the busiest times in the country.

Mayor Bloom spoke of the major projects that are underway or just beginning. **The Village**, The Village at Santa Monica is an exciting mixed-use, mixed-income community that is under construction in heart of Santa Monica's Civic Center area. The three acre site is an urban mix of 160 affordable rental residences and 158 luxury condominiums, 20,000 square feet of retail and restaurants, and walkable plazas and gardens. A walk street was created as a central spine through the site, providing pedestrians with a connection from Main Street to Ocean Avenue through landscaped gardens lined with retail, restaurants and outdoor dining, and public art. Additionally, Olympic Drive will be extended to Ocean Avenue, creating another important link in the Civic Center area. Environmentally sustainable features include anticipated LEED Silver Certified design, alternative energy programs, bicycle stalls, shared parking and financial contributions to the City's transit programs.

The Civic Auditorium will be renovated and expanded with overall upgrades and public-private partnership for use and programming to better serve the public in the future.

Parking Lot 6 is badly in need of seismic upgrades and will be out of commission for 2 years while it is rebuilt.

Many of you have already seen the new meters that are in use in the streets of Santa Monica. These new meters allow you to pay by credit card and in the future they will be able to send you a text message when your meter is running out.

Santa Monica has always been lucky with their high quality public employees, 2 of which have recently announced their retirement; Barbara Stinchfield Director of Community and Cultural Services and Police Chief Tim Jackman. Both will be missed.

Santa Monica is known across the World. In this current economy with 11-12% state unemployment Santa Monica stands out as a job producer. This is not an accident, it involves planning and infrastructure. Last year we had 6.5 million visitors to Santa Monica, which brought 1.2 billion dollars of economic activity and 10,000 jobs. The real news is in the crown of the **Tech Sector** and this is an area that we did not see coming. City was planned for Arts and Entertainment.

Lastly Mayor Bloom spoke on how Santa Monica is a leader in ending homelessness. But we need everyone in this fight.

Thought for the Day

From Plato, who wrote in *The Republic*: "Mankind will never see an end of trouble until... lovers of wisdom come to hold political power, or the holders of power... become lovers of wisdom."

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