

# Rotary Club of Santa Monica RotaMonica

Thursday, February 16, 2012



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## **Future Speakers**

#### Feb 17 2012

No Meeting - Northern Trust Open Golf Tournament

#### Feb 24 2012

Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom

#### Mar 2 2012

Four Way Test meeting

#### 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 6 2012

No meeting - Good Friday

#### Apr 20 2012

Support Staff Day

# Apr 27 2012

Dark

"Home Cooking for the Food Festival"

# **Upcoming Events**

OPCC

Mar 16 2012

Healthy Living: Santa Monica Conservancy Walking Mar 24 2012

District Conference Apr 19 2012 - Apr 22 2012

International Food & Song Festival

Apr 29 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 meeting this week, Mayor Richard Bloom next week

Don't forget...we are DARK this Friday for President's Day!! Our next meeting will be February 27<sup>th</sup>, when we will hear from our Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom!!

Image 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.

#### Santa Monica Rotary Club Meeting February 10, 2011

**Public Service Recognition Day**, held on February 10 this year, is a program our Rotary members eagerly anticipate. It gives us a chance to recognize those who help to make our community a better and safer place to live. Traditionally we honor a firefighter, police officer, teacher/administrator, and bus driver. Plaques are ordered for each honoree to receive from his or her supervisor.





Honored this year were Big Blue Bus driver William Alvarenga; Dr. Sally Chou, Santa Monica-Malibu School District Chief Academic Officer; Crime Analyst Debbie Anderson from the Santa Monica Police Department; and Captain Matthew Norris of the Santa Monica Fire Department.





Thanks to generous contributions of fire hats from the Santa Monica Fire Department; buses, pens, and key rings from the Big Blue Bus; whistles, pencils and pens from the Santa Monica Police Department and samples from The Art of Shaving, everyone went home with lots of favors.

The committee that put the popular event together included Joe Metoyer, Jean McNeil Wyner, Susan Potter and Diane Margolin.

# **Puerto Rico District Humanitarian Trip**

February 8th - 13th, 130 Rotarians and friends from District 5280 teamed up with District 7000 Rotarians in Puerto Rico for our annual District Trip where we conducted 13 humanitarian projects.





We had 16 Rotarians and friends from the Rotary Club of Santa Monica and we sponsored two of the projects - kitchen equipment for a deaf children's school and the trip's main project distributing 110 wheelchairs.















We also had some fun while we were there. Several visited Bacardi to do some quality control, went on an ATV tour and even a little zip-lining. Prez David almost got stuck in the old jail....









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