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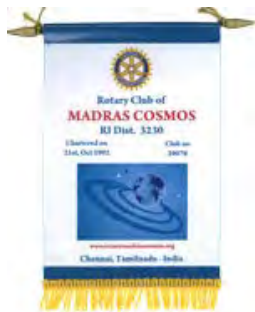
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Stories

This week at Rotary - We are dark for Memorial Day

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Rotary Club Meeting May 11, 2012 - Anita L. DeFrantz, an attorney and member of the International Olympic Committee and 1976 and 1980 Olympic teams.

Posted by Scott Kunitz on May 11, 2012



Anita L. DeFrantz, an attorney and member of the International Olympic Committee and 1976 and 1980 Olympic teams, is the president and member of the Board of Directors of the LA84 Foundation, which is managing Southern California's endowment from the 1984 Olympic Games.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, DeFrantz grew up in Indianapolis, IN and began her formal involvement with sports at the age of 18 when she was introduced to rowing at Connecticut College. After graduating from Connecticut College with honors in 1974, she studied for her law degree at the University of Pennsylvania Law School while training at the prestigious Vesper Boat Club. She was admitted to the Pennsylvania State Bar in 1977. She competed on every national team from 1975 to 1980. During that period, DeFrantz served as a director of the Vesper Boat Club and as a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Olympic Committee and U.S. Rowing Association. She was a trustee of Connecticut College from 1974 to 1988 and from 1990 to 2000. She now serves as trustee emeritus of the College.

DeFrantz was elected to the IOC on October 17, 1986. On September 4, 1997, she became the first woman in the 103-year history of the IOC to be elected vice president. She was first elected to the IOC's Executive Board on July 23, 1992 and re-elected to a full four-year term in September 1993. DeFrantz is the chair of the IOC's Women and Sport Commission and the IOC Athletes' Commission Election Committee. She is a member of the IOC's Juridical Commission, the Finance Commission, the Coordination Commission for London 2012 Olympic Games and the Sport and Law Commission.

In addition to her Olympic bronze medal performance in the 1976 Games, DeFrantz won a silver medal in the 1978 World Championships in rowing, was a finalist in the World Championships four times and won six National Championships. The IOC awarded her the Bronze Medal of the Olympic Order for her leadership role in fighting the U.S. government-led boycott of the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

As a vice president for the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOOC), she organized and managed the Olympic Village at the University of Southern California.

DeFrantz is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee Board of Directors. She is president and member of the Board of Directors of Kids In Sports, Los Angeles. She has served as president of Southern California Olympians.

DeFrantz has received numerous honors and awards.

She is the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Mills College (May 1998), Mount Holyoke College (May 1998), Haverford College (May 1997), California State University, Dominguez Hills (May 1996), Pomona College (May 1995) and the University of Rhode Island (May 1989). She received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Mt. St. Mary's College (May 2008), The College of Wooster (May 2006), Connecticut College (May 2004) and Illinois Wesleyan University (September 1996) and an honorary Doctor of Philanthropy degree from Pepperdine University (January 1992).



Joan Behrens - April 13, 2012



Alan Monroe - March 30, 2012

Club Videos

Video - 2012 Annual International Food & Song Festival

Santa Monica Rotary Club's 90th Anniversary Slide Show

Santa Monica Rotary Club's home makeover effort at Upward Bound House

Puerto Rico District Humanitarian Trip's main project distributing 110 wheelchairs

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In October 2011, Los Angeles Magazine named DeFrantz as one of "10 Women Making a Difference in Los Angeles." In March 2011, Newsweek named DeFrantz as one of the "150 Women Who Shake the World." She is the recipient of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund's Black Woman of Achievement Award, the NAACP Jackie Robinson Sports Achievement Award and the Essence magazine Award for Sports.



Anita DeFrantz related a story of walking from the Olympic Village towards the stadium for the opening ceremonies. First there were only a few people out on the streets there to see the athletes. But the number grew as they neared the complex. By the time they arrived they were everywhere.

The 84 Olympic Games in Los Angeles are considered the games that saved the Olympics. The LA84 Foundation is a direct legacy of the highly successful 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. The 1984 Games defied expectations, featuring stirring ceremonies, memorable sports performances, teams from a record-number 140 nations, innovative designs, thousands of dedicated volunteers and smooth-running logistics. The Games also produced a surplus of \$232.5 million. The United States Olympic Committee received 60 percent of the surplus to fund athlete development programs. The remaining 40 percent provided the endowment for the LA84 Foundation, which to date has invested more than \$185 million in youth sports in Southern California.



The LA84 Foundation operates the largest sports research library in North America, the Paul Ziffren Sports Resource Center. It is a state-of-the-art research facility and learning center dedicated to the advancement of sports knowledge and scholarship. The Foundation also maintains a sizable collection of historic sport art and artifacts much of which was inherited from the former Helms Athletic Foundation Sports Halls of Fame.

Meeting Cast:



At the head table, seated at far stage right of the podium, moving stage right from her spot last week, we have our Invocator for today: **Sharon Perlmutter Gavin**. Next to Sharon we have **Mario Ruiz**. Stage left of the podium and here to introduce our Speaker for today, we have **Myles Henry Asa Pritchard**. Next to Myles is our speaker for today, **Anita DeFrantz**, who is here to tell us about The Olympic Games in London and the Olympic Legacy. Moving from far stage right last week as our invocator to far stage left of the Podium to introduce our visiting Rotarians and guests,

we have **David Snow**.

Our song leader was **Savi Labensart** with **Ken Waltzer** on piano, and our greeters were **Julia Miele** & **Moira Doherty**.

Visitors:

We had 4 visiting Rotarians; **Noel Develter**, from Menen



Belgium, **Barbara** from Westminster London, **Sean McMillan** and **Ron Lyster** from the Westwood Club.



Brad Torgan was a guest of **Len Lanzi**. **Bob Grycan** was a guest of **Michael Cates**. **Franck** and **Caroline Meredech** were guests of **Tom Loo**. **Edward Rouze** was a guest of **Eric Schmitter**. **Chip Potts** was a guest of **Judy Neveau**. **Claudia Ruiz** was a guest of **Mario Ruiz**. **Bryan Briem** was a guest of **Ray Briem**. **June Day** was a guest of **Dee Menzies**. **Paul Fuller** was a guest of **Allan Glick**. **Drew Hargrave** was a guest of **Greg Hargrave**. **Wendy Jacobs** was a guest of **John Pacheco**.

Guests





Announcements:

- I want to remind everyone that the Memorial Service for past-President **Don Shelby** is tomorrow at 11 am at First United Methodist Church, 11th and Washington. There is parking across from the church in the parking garage.
- literacy committee is conducting its second Senior Book Drive. Please donate any new or unused books you may not need and place them in the bin by the door. The books will be distributed to the Senior Recreation Center and Berkeley West Convalescent Center in Santa Monica. The deadline is June eighth, so the box will be out for our next few meetings.
- **Ken Waltzer**- they are beginning to look for **sponsorship** for the **Wine and Food Festival**.
- **Bret Carter** - still able to become a **Paul Harris Fellow** for only **\$250**.
- **Dick Lawrence** - inducts new members
 - Barbara Bishop Public Relations Owns Business
 - Christine Cassiano Public Relations Health Care
 - La Vonne Lawson Tax Law
 - Irene Passos Jewelry Store Manager
 - David Rosenfeld Real Estate Loans
 - Mario Ruiz Salvation Army Captain
 - John Rucci
 - Steven Senft Hotel Acquisition and Financing
 - Matt Williams R.E. Property Management
 - Thomas Woods General Contractor

New Members



Barbara Bishop



Christine Cassiano



La Vonne Lawson



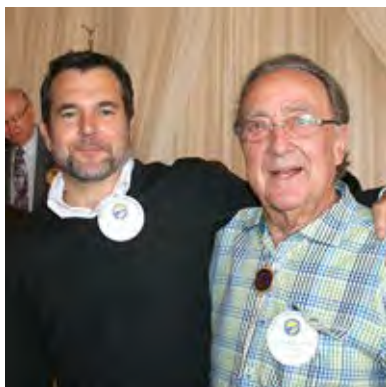
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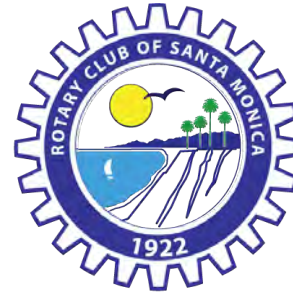


Thomas Woods

Thought for the Day

“In Hollywood you can see things at night that are fast enough to be in the Olympics in the day time. “

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