



# Rotary Club of Santa Monica

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### This week at Rotary - Brandon Lewis and the Mayan Calendar 2012



#### Future Speakers

##### Dec 2 2011

Brandon Lewis - Mayan Calendar 2012

##### Dec 9 2011

Perry Jansen

*"Hope Clinic / Partners in Malawi  
\*\* Club Assembly and Election of Officers & Directors"*

##### Dec 16 2011

Holiday Program and the Carlthorp Singers

##### Jan 20 2012

Jerry West

*"Northern Trust Open"*

##### Jan 27 2012

Craft Talks

### 2012 Officers & Directors Nominees

#### Candidates for Officers & Directors for the 2012-13 Rotary Year

#### Upcoming Events

**Healthy Living - Introductory Iyengar Yoga Class**

Dec 3 2011

**Red Kettle Day**

Dec 9 2011

**Holiday Party**

Dec 17 2011

**Healthy Living: Camp Josepho Hike**

Dec 19 2011

**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



**President Elect Designate Nat Trives (2013-14)**

Vice President Candidates (2 to be elected)



**Avo Guerboian - Joe Metoyer - Con Oyler - George Pickell**

Secretary Candidates (1 to be elected)



**Grace Cheng Braun**

**Glenn Ricard**

Treasurer Candidates (1 to be elected)

#### News

Wine & Jazz Festival Supports Community and International Projects

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**Bret Carter**

**Ron Davis**

Director Candidates (4 to be elected)



**Lisa Alexander - Scott Ferguson - Janie Yuguchi Gates - Sharon Perlmutter Gavin - Len Lanzi - Julia Miele - David Price - Laurel Rosen**

Election will be held on Friday, December 9th. Absentee ballots are available from Savi.

**November 18 @ Rotary with Westwood Village Club - USC ~ UCLA**

**Meeting Cast**



Paul Leoni



Ed Jackson

We enjoyed sharing the meeting with the Westwood Village club, which we helped establish years ago. Chicago native and 30-year Rotarian, Paul Leoni, offered the invocation. Rochelle LeBlanc, who originally hails from Louisiana, introduced our guests. Westwood Village President Ed Jackson, a Rotarian since 1983, joined President David on the dais, and



Jim Collins



Tom Loo

Westwood Village member Jim Collins, a Rotarian for 58 years, introduced our Bruin speaker, Donn Moomaw. Tom Loo, whose Rotary service started in 1975, introduced our Trojan speaker, Willie Brown.

**Visitors**

In addition to Westwood Village Rotary Club members, Ada Kahn from Evanston, Illinois, was another visiting Rotarian. As for guests, Jean McNeil Wyner welcomed back her husband, Dr. Norton Wyner. Mitch introduced former member Sally Pai, who is co-chairing the Red Tie Affair event for the American Red Cross. Tom Loo hosted fellow attorneys Norman Lane and Sean McMillan and USC Track and Field Coach Ron Allice. Mario Gallo was Karim Jaude's guest.



Rochelle LeBlanc, Dr. Norton Wyner & Savi



Sally Pai

Connie DeGroot hosted Adrian Fulle, who produced our fabulous wine festival video. (Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upHO1ZWDMoY> to see what all the buzz is about!) Donna Byrd hosted Roy Houghton; Alan Glick's guest was Chuck Husting; Avo Guerboian hosted Christine Cassiano; and Jamie Menzies accompanied Dee and Jim.



Adrian Fulle & Connie DeGroot



Jim Parr & Bill Dawson

Frank Lavac hosted CPA Jim Parr, who will be sponsoring the buffet for the Red Kettle Day's counting party. John Pacheco introduced us to Marcia Caldirola and Kelsey Howard, both American Red Cross staff members.

**Announcements**

- Frank Lavac reminded us that Red Kettle Day is Friday, Dec. 9. The Counting Party will be at the YMCA's second floor assembly room, courtesy of Jean McNeil Wyner. Parking is free in the underground garage; enter from 6<sup>th</sup> Street, just north of Santa Monica Boulevard. Myles Pritchard will be coordinating signups for the bell ringing.
- The Santa Monica Jaycees are having a canned food drive over the next month. We'll have a box set up at the check-in table during the next few meetings. Please bring canned and packaged goods to support the Jaycees, and their incoming President, our own Savi Labensart.



Frank Lavac



Dee Menzies



Charlie Follette

- Show your appreciation for our public safety employees who are working on Thanksgiving Day by helping us serve lunch to our on-duty officers and civilian employees at the Public Safety Facility (333 Olympic Drive). We'll need volunteers on Thursday from 10:00 am until 7:30 pm. Check with June Doy at Carlthorp School ([jdoy@carlthorp.org](mailto:jdoy@carlthorp.org), 310-922-6274) if you're interested. A **BIG THANK YOU** to **Klaus Mennekes** and Casa Del Mar for donating the food.
- Charlie Follette will be donating funds to the "Parks as Classrooms" program that brings inner city children to the Santa Monica Mountains. Come by his nursery, The Rose Garden, on Stewart Street, just south of Olympic Boulevard, and buy a rose bush. Talk about a gift that keeps on giving!
- Santa Claus and his precious elves are planning their annual visit to our holiday luncheon on Friday, December 16. Please let Savi know if you are bringing children that day so Santa will know how many gifts to bring.

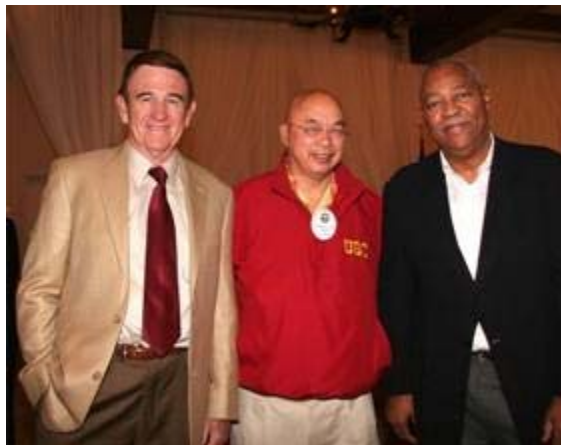
### Club Elections



Past President Carol Jackson announces candidates for Club Elections which will be held at our meeting on Dec. 9. See separate story for more information on the nominees.

### Presentations

**Willie Brown** is a former USC varsity athlete in football and baseball. Mr. Brown was a member of the 1962 USC National Championship Football team and captained the 1963 National Championship baseball team. He was an assistant coach during OJ Simpson's senior year in 1968 and coached for the National Championship baseball team in 1968. He was also a member of the coaching staff for the National championship football teams of 1972 and 1974. He coached with two Hall of Fame coaches — Rod Dedeaux (baseball) and John McKay (football). He coached our very own Bob Klein!



Ron Alice, Tom Loo and Willie Brown

In 2004, Mr. Brown was inducted into the USC Hall of Fame. After earning his Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from USC, Willie joined the USC football and baseball coaching staffs from 1968-1975. He reflected on the spirited, good-hearted rivalry between UCLA and USC. Nowhere else are there two such outstanding football programs in the same city where the strong qualities of both help strengthen each other.

**Donn Moomaw** represented UCLA. Donn played center and linebacker from 1950-1952 and went on to play professional football before retiring to join the Presbyterian ministry. Each year, UCLA gives out the Donn Moomaw Award for Outstanding Defensive Player against USC.



Jack Gregory, Donn Moomaw and Gabby Schkud

He spoke of his decision to attend UCLA despite USC being viewed as more of a football school at the time. He shared impressions of his days training with UCLA football coach Bo Sanders, of his prayer day before an Oregon game, and of serving as pastor to President Reagan (he gave the invocation and benediction at Reagan's 1981 presidential inauguration). Rev. Moomaw is thankful to live in a community with two wonderful universities with outstanding football programs.



Julia Miele welcomes Rotarians to the November 18th Healthy Living Step Aerobics class at the YWCA.

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