



Rota-Monica

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Hello RotaMonica! This email has been generated just for you from our club. We hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter!

Newest Members

Congratulations go out to these three amazing people who are the newest members of our Rotary Club!

Linda Teixeira
Kathleen Benjamin
Pam Brady

We bid a fond farewell to...

The Following Rotary Memebers who have recently resigned;

Roxana Janka

Upcoming Events

Rotary Networking Hour 1st Century Bank
Nov 14, 2012 08:00 AM - 09:00 AM

International Food and Song Festival Tom and Stephanie

Stories

GRAND BAHAMA EMERGENCY WATER RELIEF PROJECT PUT TO WORK AFTER HURRICANE SANDY

Posted by Scott Kunitz

November is Rotary Foundation Month; the time to focus on our support of The Rotary Foundation and how it benefits many throughout the world. You will likely recall our Club was the lead International Sponsor of the Grand Bahamas Emergency Water Relief project **GRAND BAHAMA EMERGENCY WATER RELIEF PROJECT**. This project exemplifies leveraging The Rotary Foundation grants to develop sustainable projects. Without your support and Bahamian Rotarians' tenacity, it is likely the project which provided water to hundreds during and after Hurricane Sandy and will benefit thousands in the future would have never come to fruition.

FREEPORT, Grand Bahama -- Rotarians on Grand Bahama came together during Hurricane Sandy with the activation of the emergency Rotary Water Plant from October 24-28, 2012. Commissioned after the devastating hurricanes of Frances and Jeanne in 2004, the plant provides potable drinking water to residents during times when serious weather impacts the local supply.

Rotarians activated the plant's Reverse-Osmosis machine in advance of Hurricane Sandy, putting about 5,000 gallons of water in the tank. Sandy impacted Grand Bahama for much of Friday and into the evening and early hours of Saturday.

The plant was re-activated early Saturday morning and Rotary volunteers began to assemble to help. They were put to work sanitizing and filling the nearly 500 one-gallon jugs which had been collected and stored in the plant throughout the year.

On Saturday, between the hours of 10:00am and 7:00pm, Rotarians estimate they gave away approximately 3,600 gallons of water to persons who came to the plant either with their own jugs or took those which they had to give them. In addition, they sent two tank

Apr 28, 2013 12:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Club Banners



Club of Patan South
(Lalitpur, Nepal)
October 19, 2012



Club of Plainview
(Plainview, Texas)

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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

trailers (275 gallons each) with Rotarian Peter Turnquest to be taken to East End Grand Bahama once the water subsided. The Grand Bahama Fire Brigade also made two trips with 55 gallon drums to flush toilets at some of the old folks homes on the island.

By Sunday morning most of Freeport had city water trickling through the pipes, however certain pockets did not, including East End, from the old missile base the entire settlement of Eight Mile Rock, and West End. Parts of East End are still without water mid-week post-Sandy.

Rotarians met again at the plant on Sunday and gave away an additional estimated 1,500 to 2,000 gallons of water.

The Rotary water plant crew would like to credit ZNS northern service radio for broadcasting their announcements about the water plant being open and for the station's continuous storm coverage. All the Rotary volunteers who assisted with the emergency water plant project were pleased the plant performed flawlessly and that they were able to continue Rotary's motto - Service Above Self - and help many persons in the community in a meaningful way.



Kids of Rotarians learning early about service to others.

Need to make up
a Meeting?
Check out one of
these local meetings;

Rotary Club of Pacific Palisades

Club Meetings, Thursdays at 7:15 AM
ALDRSGATE RETREAT
925 Haverford Ave
Pacific Palisades CA 90272

Rotary Club of Westwood

Meeting Thursday noon at the
UCLA Faculty Center
480 Charles E. Young Drive East
Los Angeles, California 90095

Online makeup:

E-makeup,
www.rotaryclubone.org
(three per year)

Special Santa Monica Makeups:

Rotary First Tuesday
(one per year)

Rotary Third Thursday

(one per year)

Rotary Club of Santa Monica

Service Since 1922

Meets Noon Most Fridays

Riviera Country Club

**1250 Capri Drive
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272**



Never far from service to others, Rotary Club of Freeport's Betty Van Lew.



Rotarians fill jugs as Rotary Exchange student from Thailand looks on.

(Photos courtesy Mike Stafford)

The Grand Bahama Emergency Water Relief Foundation (The Rotary Water Plant) was envisioned by the TK Foundation who saw Rotary as the perfect partner and commissioned a joint project involving Rotary Districts 5280 - Los Angeles, CA; 7020 - Nassau and the Caribbean; and 6990 - Grand Bahama and South Florida; with assistance from the Rotary Foundation, and numerous corporate sponsors.

Rotary Club of Santa Monica's Rotary Networking Hour

Posted by Scott Kunitz

ROTARY NETWORKING HOUR



Join us for Rotary Club of Santa Monica's Rotary Networking Hour

On Wednesday November 14th, at 8 am

1st Century Bank
1148 4th Street, Suite 100
Santa Monica, CA 90403

The Santa Monica Rotary Club now has a new monthly event called the Rotary Networking Hour. It takes place the second Tuesday morning of every month from 8am to 9am, and is currently hosted by Scott Kunitz at the 1st Century Bank located on 4th and Wilshire in Santa Monica. The purpose of the event is to allow our fellow Rotarian Club members an opportunity to talk about their respective businesses, to give others a better understanding of what they do, and to share important business topics and information that affect Santa Monica and the surrounding communities. Please join us this Wednesday for an hour.

See you there!

Training the next generation of leaders

Posted by Scott Kunitz on Oct 26, 2012

NEW ROTARY PROJECT

Training the next generation of leaders

If you look around non profits in the United States, there is an aging of the volunteer population. You can see this in all sorts of organizations, and even in most Rotary Clubs. A few of the members of this club got together and talked about the problem and what we could do about it here in Santa Monica. We asked what we could do to help create and train the next generation of leaders to help our community get better.

After several months of meetings and calls we came to a tentative agreement with the Riordan Leadership Institute to have our club be the title sponsor for a Santa Monica based pilot program. Founded by former Mayor Richard Riordan the Institute has spent the last 20+ years training the next generation of leaders, specializing in training business professionals between 21 and 45.

Their program is a 10 month class teaching skills such as Board Governance, Fund Raising and Strategic Planning and includes and internship on a non-profit board that is designed to lead to placement on that board.

The operating cost of the class is over \$3,000 per student. Because of sponsorships that they have from some of the biggest companies in Los Angeles, the cost for each student is \$1295.

The formation committee believes that offering this class locally, we can make a huge

First, we need students. We hope all of you, no matter your age, consider taking the class and/or sponsoring someone you know who could benefit from this sort of leadership training.

Second, we need a place to hold the class. The location needs to be able to hold about 25 people and be available after hours once per month and on a couple of Saturdays. Since it is right after work, we need to have some food served there.

Finally we need a couple of sponsors. The Leadership Institute already has sponsors that cover much of the cost, but we need to raise a few thousand dollars more. All sponsors will be promoted on both our website and their website and will get further recognition through various outreach efforts that are part of the class.

If you want more information, please talk to [Mitchell Kraus](#) or [Connie Maguire](#).

Rotary Club Meeting October 19, 2012 - Craft Talks, Irene Passos and Matt Williams

Posted by Nicholas Goehner on Oct 19, 2012



Craft Talks with Irene Passos and Matt Williams

Another meeting where we have the opportunity to meet our fellow Rotarians

It can be agreed upon by all of our Rotarians that Craft Talks are the best program we have within our club. Here's why...

Irene Passos:

Irene's sponsor is **John Bohn** and she joined our club with the classification of jeweler. She's been with us since the Spring of 2011.

Irene was born in the early 50s near Guadalajara Jalisco, in a very small town. So small in fact that the only foreigners she ever saw were the traveling gypsies that would roll through towns to perform. As children had to stay indoors because they were told that gypsies would kidnap children. Not until she was 10 years old did she meet any foreigners at all. She had no television growing up but they did have a radio. So all she knew were stories and music.

She eventually made it to the United States because of her father who in the late 40s / early 50s came to the US through the Braceros program as a laborer. He worked hard until finally one of his bosses decided to sponsor him and make him a permanent resident. In 1960 they boarded a train and settled in Tijuana. They stayed there until their paperwork was finished and in 1963 and they settled in Long Beach, California.

Her very first job was a book keeper, and eventually she got into residential real estate. She commented on how much more different it was when there was no internet and all

In 1977 she was married. She's been married for about 15 years and has 2 children. She considers her kids to be her biggest accomplishment. This made it important to give them the best education she could. This caused a lot of struggle, but she put them through catholic school because she believed it would give them a strong foundation for their lives, and contribute to society. Her daughter is now married and living in Scottsdale, Arizona and she now has a baby who's almost 2 years old. Her son, Phillip, is living in San Jose and is in the technology field. He's a very hard worker and she couldn't be more proud of them both.

In 1995 she was hired by Ben Bridge Jewelers, and because they give back to the community she knew it was the right place for her. The company expects its employees to join service clubs and give to the community outside of work. In fact, 95% of all the managers are rotarians. They travel the world working to gather the best jewelry made at the best price. She's very proud of where she works.

She is so excited and humbled to be a part of our Rotary club. In closing she stated how fortunate she feels. She has always been surrounded with love. She has never experienced violence or hunger or war. She considers herself very blessed. All of this makes her want to give back in any way she can. In the last few years she has contributed to boys orphanage in Tijuana. She is looking forward to continuing to give back through Rotary and showing her kids how to be good citizens and give back as well.

Thank you Irene!

Matt Williams

Matt Williams joined our club last spring. His sponsors were **Lisa Alexander** and **Karim Jaude**. His classification is real estate property management. And he's serving on the 3rd Thursday committee.

Born in Montebello, raised in Whittier, he grew up in a multicultural home. He was raised by wonderful and supportive parents. His mother had a lot of Indian history on her side of the family. His father, though he had a speech impediment, was pushed through school by his mother because she refused to hold him back. Matt's Grandmother on his Dad's side worked for Red Cross in the 1950s. She was praised by her peers because she wrote how much she wanted as a raise on a sheet of paper and put it in front of her boss. If that wasn't cause for praise enough, she also got the raise she asked for. He was certainly raised by very progressive parents. His parents met at Pepperdine University, fell in love and were married at 21.

Growing up, Matt went to 2 elementary schools, Mills and Plymouth Christian. This really brought faith into his life and faith is a very important part of his life now. Growing up his Mom used to tell him the story of Samuel, who was called upon by God at 5 years old. So when Matt turned 6 he asked his mother why he hadn't been called yet. We can only imagine how his Mom answered that one. When he was young he was very active and one of the things he enjoyed doing was setting up a "fight club." Basically, at church, he would get all the boys in the room and they would have wrestling competitions. He would love to get people in head locks. This led to Tae Kwon Do, which made his grades better because of the discipline involved.

While he was growing up his parents used to take families into their home. He remembered one of the first people they took in when he was very young was a woman with multiple personalities. This struck him at a very young age as that life wasn't picture perfect, and people had real problems. In junior high there was another family whose husband had OCD. He's seen quite a few psychological disorders growing up but they've taught him to share and to accept people for who they are.

His real traveling began in high school. He attended Whittier Christian High School and was able to travel to 6 different countries. 3 weeks in Northern Ireland, 1 week in Guatemala, and traveled all over mainland Europe for about 2 weeks. He became the Chaplain of his High School and that all culminated into the adventurous and service oriented side of his life.

For college he went to Pepperdine, which was the natural choice because both of his parents went there. He became part of Latin Student Association. They would bring 4th graders to the campus and teach them what it meant to go to college. They would also

kids to teach them life lessons. This was also the beginning of his public speaking. During this time, he was conflicted about being a business major or a math major. He happened upon a class called success 101. After attending the class he felt like it was what he was looking for and the teacher took him under his wing and taught him to network. Math became his minor.

A while later Matt got into real estate, but he didn't know much about finance. He would meet a guy at a networking event who took him under his wing and taught him how to look at things financially. Although he loved work in the financial field he didn't want to do it forever. After looking for yet another job and a step forward he decided he didn't know enough about marketing. He sought out a female broker specifically, and found one who taught him apartment sales and brokerage. Though he loved this job as well, there was still an Entrepreneurial pull at him to do something bigger and better. He felt like he was giving 110% but not getting it back, so it was time to move forward again. He started out on his own doing consulting, which turned into an opportunity and then landed in the property management field. To this day he absolutely loves property management and is his own boss.

These days he and a friend of his, who loves to feed the homeless, go down to skid row and take the homeless people there mcdonalds and try to help and support them and work to get them off the street if they can.

Thank you Matt!

14th meeting of the 91st year of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica





Invocation by **Frank Lavac** Next to **Frank** at the head table was **Irene Passos** who was one of our craft talkers today.



Introducing our craft talkers today is **Charlie Follette** and next to him was seated our second craft talker **Matt Williams**.

Len Lanzi will be introducing our visiting Rotarians and guests

Did You Know



Larry Maher put on a very successful and wonderful trip to Santa Cruz Island for the Healthy Living Committee last Saturday. **David Bohn** and his wife < strong>Lisa then finished the day with a wonderful dinner at their home. They were given a

a wonderful day. Everyone who has ever led a Healthy Living Event was also given a walking stick. Thank you so much!



Money giveaway! **Dee Menzies** awarded a check of \$7,500.00 to **Karen Humphrey** from PAL (Police Activities League). She is the program supervisor at PAL, and she said she would use the check to redo their lounge area where they have a lot of kids and people coming through.

Announcements



Spyros talking about FARF event.

Visiting Rotarians and guests



Visiting Rotarians **Gajendra Bohra** and his wife **Sukmeya** from Nepal, standing with **Len Lanzi**



Guest of **Gaby Schkud** - Ken Wolfson



Guest of **John Bohn** - Sherry Kip



Guest of Sharon Gavin - Nancy Savage



Guests of John Pacheco - Joe Pacheco, and Fran Stewart



Guest of **Scott Kunitz** - **Len Anderson**

Thought for the Day:

It's your attitude, not your aptitude, that creates altitude.

- Anonymous

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