



COME ON DOWN



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Holiday Community Investment

This past holiday season Point West Rotarians opened their arms and their wallets to help our community.



We again participated in the Salvation Army Food Distribution event at Cal Expo on 12/21/2022. Todd Mur-



ray thinks it has been our 44th year of participation, even before PWR was PWR. It was another great event. The same day, many of us helped distribute food at Greer Elementary school for the River City Food Bank. That program is ongoing every 4th Wednesday through the school year. Salvation Army Bell ringing was at Bel Air Market on 12/16 helping raise several hundred dollars for that organization.



Our donations to our club and RI were fantastic this year totaling \$144,354. We are to be well situated for further community involvement for the rest of our Rotary year and with jumpstart to the funds for our next term in 2023-24. The generosity of Point West Rotarians is amazing.



Rotary at the Rose Parade

Beginning in 1890, the tradition of the Tournament of Roses Parade brings the new year to Pasadena and the rest of the country. With the



75th anniversary of Rotary international, the Rotary clubs in

southern California entered a float into the Rose Parade in 1980. Each year since then the parade has been graced with a float entry created by Rotary International. This New Year's Day, our District 5180 Governor Karen Cendro participated in the event and rode on the float "in the bucket." This year's Rotary float won the Princess award for the best float under 35 feet. PWR Rotarian and spouse of the district governor, Mike Cendro was able to attend the event reporting the amazing time he and Karen had at all the festivities.



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Fireside chats are coming up. This is your chance to comment and give feedback about our club fundraising, charitable giving, governance or other issue you may have in mind.

Meeting 23 Recap

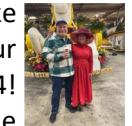
Our first meeting of 2023. The pledge was led by Russ Fujii. Mary Lyn Kagan led the 4 Way Test. Our song of the meeting was "God Bless America." Beth Leonard does the thought for the day. Bell ringers are Randy Burton, Tom Harvey and Mike Cendro. We recount our Holiday giving of \$144,354! Todd Murray recounts us the



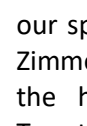
Salvation Army Food distribution. Bob Berger recounts the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Bel Air Market. Roger Gaskin and Mike Bede mention the Greer Elementary Food Distribution event that will be on going.



Don Levin bested Jim Hare playing News Years Trivia and spun the wheel to win fuzzy dice. Paul Cunha introduced our speaker, Diane Power Zimmerman discussing the history of the Nut Tree that was started and run by her family. Bruce Levering spun the wheel, winning a jar of dough, Play-Doh.



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PWR Meetings—

- Fridays, 7:30 AM at DPCC* (+ Zoom)
- Jan. 13—Lyndsay Burch, B St. Theater.
- Jan. 20—Brian Grubbs, USNA Grad.
- Jan. 27—Edgar Allen Poe (Sean O'Brian).

*(unless indicated)