



# LA ROTACIÓN

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## If You Missed Us On March 6

### A CHILD'S LIFE IN AN INTERNMENT CAMP

—by *Charlie Elias*

As I drove towards the Palos Verdes Country Club on Via Campesina I was greeted by the striking view of the Santa Monica Bay. It was a beautiful and warm day, especially for the beginning of March. I can't imagine a more beautiful place to live in than Palos Verdes.

**Liz Fitzgerald** served as the official greeter and made everyone feel comfortable. **Phyllis Pelezzare** served as the Rotary sergeant-at-arms.

**Prez Bruce Attig** opened the meeting at 12:15. **Jim Hartman** gave the in-

vocation. **Debbie Deitch** led the pledge of allegiance. **Dian Ashley** led the meeting in the singing of *America the Beautiful*. **Dian** remarked what a beautiful day it was and how appropriate it was to sing *America the Beautiful*.

**Keith Deisenroth** introduced the guests. **Debbie Deitch** introduced Eric Toya, an investment wealth-management manager from Redondo Beach who lives in Marina del Rey. **Shell Hellberg** and **Greg Sparkman** led the meeting in the welcome song.

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#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**MARCH 13:** Terri Haack, with the latest of the Terranea Resort

**MARCH 20:** Jay Lederman, weight-loss cookies

**MARCH 27:** Susan Liberati, update on PVPUSD

#### CLUB CALENDAR

**STAY TUNED!** We have fun events coming up!

*PICTURED ABOVE: Steve Day, right, and his family at the Rotary outing to the Automobile Driving Museum*



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*Speaker Chizuko deQueiroz's presented the moving story of her experiences in a WW II interment camp.*

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**Prez Bruce Attig** next called upon Rotarians to give notice of special upcoming events. These events will be detailed elsewhere in this newsletter (in another issue). **Linda Elliott** offered each Rotarian \$1 per minute if he or she would talk at a future meeting for five minutes about himself or herself. Not only can each Rotarian have his or her five minutes of fame but also additionally he or she can make money from this effort. Contact **Linda** for your five minutes of fame.

**Prez Bruce Attig** forgot the raffle and had to be reminded by a chorus of excited contestants. **Prez Bruce Attig** first drew the number ending with xxx582. No one claimed this number. The next number (xxx534) was claimed by **Dian Ashley**. **Jim Hartman** claimed the last number (xxx564).

In order to make up for his blunder, **Prez Bruce Attig** next told the meeting a war story about true friends. This story was at least as good as most of the stories **Prez Bruce Attig** has told us this year.

**Debbie Deitch** next introduced the speaker for the meeting, Chizuko Judy Sugita de Queiroz. Chizuko is a very talented watercolorist who told us by her paintings about her life in an Arizona interment camp during World War II. She was imprisoned in the camp for three years starting when she was a nine-year old. Chizuko's story was beautifully told through her paintings. The incarceration of American citizens, whose only crime was to be of Japanese ancestry, is a travesty. It made me feel very sad and ashamed to know

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Wine winners were **Dian Ashley** and **Jim Hartman**.

that innocent people were treated so harshly. I hope that in the future all of us will learn to be more tolerant of minorities. ●

## CLUB NEWS

### CALL FOR PHOTOS

**Marcia Haber**, our club historian, requests any digital photos members may have taken since June 2008. Please send them to her at [marciahaber@verizon.net](mailto:marciahaber@verizon.net) or hand deliver to her at one of our Friday meetings. ASAP in March is appreciated. ●

### SEEN IN NASHVILLE LAST WEEKEND WAS . . .

**Julia Parton**, who was on a girls-only birthday trip with her best bud, LadyCop Tami Bouse. Ask **Julia** about the Opry, the array of diverse entertainment and shopping on Broadway Avenue, and that excursion to Lynchburg. ●

# Our Cultural Excursion to the Automobile Driving Museum

Sunday, March 8



*Great cars, excellent docents, unbeatable fellowship!*

*Thanks to **Debbie Deitch** for arranging this wonderful family outing.*

*Pictured from the top are **Hal Lazar**; **Liz Fitzgerald** and **Dan Fitzgerald**; **Lynn Attig**.*