



LA ROTACIÓN

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If You Missed Us On March 13

TERRENEA: EIGHTY DAYS AND COUNTING

—by Jim Hartman

Derald Sidler and **Debbie Deitch**, with support from Sergeant-At-Arms **Phyllis Pellazare**, greeted wandering Rotarians and their guests at our gorgeous Palos Verdes Country Club venue. It was Friday the thirteenth, but everyone there did not seem to notice, and no black cats appeared. **President Bruce Attig** convened our weekly session and welcomed members and visitors. The invocation by **Charlie Elias** was delivered with compassion, and **Chris Stillians** with his predictable smooth deftness,

gave the pledge to our flag. **Dian Ashley** led the group in song, accompanied by only the singing and spoon-banging Rotarians.

Julia Parton introduced two Rotarian guests from the Long Beach Rotary Club, Devan Dougherty and Tom Poole. **Carolyn Lehr** introduced her guest, Art Yoon from Cox Communications, and **Charlie Elias** introduced his guest, Haseo Nakanishi. Also in attendance was Suzy Zimmerman, **Shawn Nejad's** special guest. **Greg** (continues, next page)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MARCH 20: Jay Lederman, weight-loss cookies

MARCH 27: Susan Liberati, update on PVPUSD

CLUB CALENDAR

MARCH 27! Dictionary give-away. Barton Hill Elementary School, San Pedro. Immediately following our lunch.

PICTURED ABOVE: **David Rowe** was the wine-affle winner.



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Speaker Terri Haack was an impressive representative of the soon-to-open Terrenea hotel and resort.

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Sparkman then literally jumped into the Welcome Song and the meeting was in full swing.

President Bruce recommended as many Rotarians as possible attend the Barton Hill dictionary give-away on the 27th of the month. It will take place immediately after our meeting. I always like to go to schools on Friday afternoon, because the anticipated weekend gets the kids revved up . . . and I mean real revved up. **Bruce** then congratulated **Debbie Deitch** and **Liz Fitzgerald** on their role in planning the club outing to the Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo. Rotarians were allowed to drive vintage cars around El Segundo, but apparently there was supervision. **Bruce** also reminded members about the new monthly billing opportunity, not-

ing that our sergeant-of-arms, **Phyllis Pelezzare**, is willing to take the money and get it to our off-site treasurer. And then **Inga Liden** got her blue badge. And then the raffle began . . . all this on Friday the thirteenth. **David Rowe** walked off with the vino, and **Julia Parton** got a mug.

And then, a very special guest—Terri Haack, the executive vice president and managing director of Terrenea. Terri's son is a senior at USC, and when the Terrenea opportunity faced her, she quickly opted to move with her husband from South Carolina to be near her son. In addition, she did, indeed, like the peninsula location and the relative lack of humidity compared to Charleston.

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CLUB NEWS

AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP . . .

has been received from Suzanne "Suzy" Zimmerman. She is sponsored by Shawn Nejad with a proposed classification TBA. Her application has been approved by the club's Board of Directors. If you have any objection to Suzy's induction into our club, please state the reason(s) in writing and had to any Director within 10 days. ●

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 or hand deliver to her at one of our Friday meetings. ASAP in March is appreciated. ●

RESIGNED

Our favorite Brazilian, **Gustavo Demoner**, is a victim of the economic times and so has resigned from our club. If you hear of an opportunity that might be a fit for him, please let him know at gustavodemoner@hotmail.com or 310.541.0282.

Also resigned is **Lynn Cardarelli**. ●

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Inga Liden received her blue badge and certificate of membership from Bruce Attig.

Terri exemplifies the kind of intelligent, perceptive and responsive professional that the Lowe Destination Development Group has selected for their leadership team. She reeled off the resort stars she and they have attracted to work here, and it was impressive, like her. She was emphatic about her interest in the community and in using local vendors and local artwork throughout the resort. Terri talked about the 582 rooms, suites, casitas, villas and bungalows. She talked about the 60,000 square feet of meeting space, the 25,000 square foot oceanfront spa, the three swimming pools, the nine hole golf course, the incredible array of dining experiences and the secluded coves for snorkeling and kayaking. They even have a yoga and palates facility. They have public ocean trails adjacent to their facilities where joggers and trail people are welcome, even dogs. They have concessions on the trails. Wow. Many of their venues are open to the public, with varying charges, of course. They even have a special newcomer rate and a special TerreNeighbor rate, for neighbors. That would be you and me. The list of restaurants was exciting: the Mar'sel, Nelson's, Catalina Kitchen, The Grill, Vista Lounge, the Spa Café, The Coffee Shop and the Pacifica Pool bar. They have a special program for children. Did I mention the golf course? And what about the tax revenue for RPV, and the hundreds of jobs that have been created.

The Lowe Group is the fourth largest independent hotel operator in the United States. They open Terrenea in 80 days. For 33 years we had Marineland, and then for the next 20 years we had a site waiting to be developed. Now in 80 days, we have a world-class resort right in our own community. Terri impressed the club members with her professionalism, her interest in our needs and in our community. The room names at the resort were recommended by locals and include such references as Marineland, Catalina, Pointe Vicente, Rocky Point, Inspiration Point, White's Point, Crystal Cove, Golden Cove, Abalone Cove and so on. Her hospitality and excitement rubbed off on everyone. I am right now making my reservation for the June opening and that Pacific Terrenea experience.

Bruce Attig concluded the meeting with a shipwreck story. As I left the meeting, I overheard limping Rotarian **John LaBella** inquiring about the physical therapy services at Terrenea. Apparently, in a recent roundball matchup, his scoop shot got blocked by defender and local shooting ace **Jim Hartman** (reportedly the best three-point shooter in his age group west of the Mississippi) and **John** was so frustrated that he fell to the floor and injured his sacroiliac. His prognosis is unclear; he has been placed on the senior league disabled list, and his contract and perks are under review. The Rotary Sunshine Committee and Senior Hotline have been activated. Could be curtains for that scoop shot, sports fans. Stay tuned or maybe not. ●