

La Rotación

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Programs & Events

JULY 10: L.A. City Councilwoman Janice Hahn (pg 3)

JULY 17: Caryn West, author of *The Trouble with the Alphabet*. A creative look at global issues.

Pictured below: New Club President John Polen.

DON'T MISS ROTARY THIS FRIDAY, JULY 10

It's a New Club Year With John Polen Conducting Our Ride on the Rotary Express

All aboard for a new Rotary year! Passengers and crew gathering in the PV Golf and County Club dining car this Friday will depart on the Rotary Express promptly at 12:15 p.m. under the leadership of conductor **John Polen**.

Perhaps you're aware that John

is a choo-choo aficionado. His fabulous collection of model trains, acquired over many years, is beautifully and prominently displayed in his home. So, lacking a feature article about our most recent meeting on June 26, this author thought it might be interesting to review the

job description of train conductors. You'll find a striking similarity between their responsibilities and those of Rotary club presidents.

Internet research indicates that railroad conductors manage the train and supervise and coordinate all activities of the crew, who may include a brakeman, flagman, ticket collector, assistant conductor, and all on-board service personnel who assist the conductor in the safe movement of the train, share the workload, and accept delegated re-

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Gary Tossell brought his current and only wife, Sherrie, to our meeting on June 26.

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sponsibility. On freight trains, conductors review schedules, switching orders, waybills, and shipping records of cargo; on passenger trains, they also ensure passenger safety and comfort as they collect tickets and fares, make announcements, and coordinate the activities of the crew.

A list of conductors responsibilities additional include:

- Coordinating with others the train’s movement authority, and verifying this authority is not exceeded.

- Communicating and coordinating with yardmasters, trainmasters, dispatchers, etc.
- Being alert to wayside signals, position of switches, and other conditions affecting the safe movement of the train.
- Signaling when to start moving and when and where to stop.
- Keeping a record or log of the journey.
- Checking tickets and collecting fares.

- Attending to passengers’ needs.
- Directing, coordinating, and usually manually performing, any switching of track the train needs to perform.

With the obvious talents of conductor **John Polen** in the cab of our Rotary train, an outstanding crew, and enthusiastic passengers, the 2009–2010 year will be a fun and exciting ride full of fellowship and service. The E-ticket ride begins this Friday week.

All aboard! ♦

ROTARIANS CELEBRATING IN JULY

INDUCTIONS

Allen Bond _____ July 1, 1991
David C. Rowe _____ July 1, 1994
Greg O'Brien _____ July 20, 2007

BIRTHDAYS

Susan Seamans _____ July 5
Harry Kitter _____ July 7
Ethel Gross _____ July 8
Shawn Nejad _____ July 23
Joan Behrens _____ July 27

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None this month.

Congratulations to all!

OFF-SITE MEETING INVITATIONS

On June 25, two invitations for off-site meetings were sent via e-mail to every club member. Check your inbox and PLEASE RSVP for both the July 24 meeting at the Salvation Army site in RPV, and the lunch and train ride on August 7 in Wilson Park. ♦



L.A. City Councilwoman Janice Hahn

HAHN HAS CHAMPIONED GANG-PREVENTION PROGRAMS, IMPROVED THE PORTS, AND FOUGHT TO ENHANCE EMPLOYEES' WORKING ENVIRONMENTS

PRESENTING THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Janice Hahn, L.A. City Councilwoman

Thanks to **Charlie Elias**, our club is honored to have L.A. City Councilwoman Janice Hahn as our featured program this Friday. She represents the 15th District, which includes Watts, Wilmington, Harbor Gateway, Harbor City, Athens on the Hill, and San Pedro. She was elected in 2001 and reelected in 2005 and 2009.

As a councilwoman, Hahn is a champion of gang-prevention programs. She initiated the Watts Gang Task Force, which meets weekly and has, for the time being, ended homicides in the Watts community. She also implemented the Gang Alternatives Program in the 15th District.

Hahn has also worked to improve operations at the Port of Los

Angeles and to clean up surrounding port communities. She oversees the redevelopment projects in San Pedro and Wilmington that are transforming the waterway. Working with Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, she secured passage of the historic Clean Air Action Plan, which is removing dirty trucks from the ports and will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Hahn has additionally fought for the rights of nurses, court interpreters, port workers, and other constituencies in the city, including workers at the hotels along the Century Boulevard corridor bordering Los Angeles International Airport.

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Speech Contest Chair Joan Behrens presented a certificate to Tristan Nieto, who took third place in our club's annual contest.





Pictured above: Wine winner Mel Schrier, right, and stand-in president Greg Sparkman.

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Prior to her service as councilwoman, Hahn was elected in 1997 to represent the 15th District on the Charter Reform Commission, which resulted in area planning commissions, neighborhood councils, and broader mayoral powers, among other new policies.

Earlier, Hahn was a businesswoman and community volunteer. Professionally, she served as public affairs region manager at Southern California Edison; as vice president

for Prudential Securities in public finance; as director of community outreach for Western Waste Industries; and as director of marketing for the Alexander Haagen Company. Hahn's community activism included serving as president of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, president of the Board of Directors of the Harbor Area Gang Alternative Program, chairwoman of the South Bay School to Career Alliance, member of the Board of Directors of the Watts/Willowbrook Boys & Girls Club, member of the Board of Directors of the South Bay Private Industry Council, member of the Gardena Economic Development Committee, and member of the Harbor Area Advisory Board with Habitat for Humanity. ♦



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