

La Rotación

JULY 31, 2009

Programs & Events

JULY 31: Byron Walls, on crime safety. (See page 3.)

AUGUST 7: Off site at Wilson Park for lunch and a train ride.

SEPTEMBER 11-13: Concours weekend of events.

Pictured below: Former club president Julia Parton, who chaired the meeting last week.



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IF WE MISSED YOU ON JULY 24

WE SIGN IN AND LOG ON, THANKS TO PROFESSOR SPARKMAN

—by GARY TOSSELL

For our first offsite meeting of our 2009/10 Rotary Year, it was a sunny day at The Salvation Army Crestmont College for Officers Training Campus overlooking the sparkling Terranea Resort. **Norton Donner** was our official greeter and **Kjell Hellberg**, sergeant-at-arms.

Major Bryan Jones welcomed us to

lunch in the Terrace room, commenting how much The Salvation Army appreciates Rotary's impact in the community.

Jim Hartman spoke an inspirational invocation; **Art Yoon** led the pledge and **Dian Ashley** chose *God Bless America* as our song of the day.

Past President **Julia (yes, I have a "blonde" joke) Parton**, was in charge

as **John Polen** was at a train convention. To date, **John** has presided over one meeting in the first four weeks of his presidency. However, **Julia** assures us that **John** will be at our next offsite meeting at Wilson Park in Torrance on Friday, August 7, where we will have a picnic and ride miniature trains. Bring your kids and/or grandkids to this fun outing.

Paul Rubincam introduced special guest Aryan Seiber. **John Schuricht** played our welcome song as we sang heartily, and tapped our spoons against the china.

—"SIGN IN" CONTINUES, PG 2



Back to the classroom! And what attentive, inquisitive students we were, challenging Professor Sparkman at every opportunity. But he was prepared and up to the challenge. But are we up to the challenge of signing up for events sans the ubiquitous clipboards?

—“SIGN IN” CONTINUES FROM PG 1

After “busing” our own dishes, we moved to Classroom 115 in C Building.

Greg Sparkman donned his professor’s hat, and complete with video projector proceeded to introduce us to Website 101. RotaryPVP.com is based on Club Runner software. It is simple to use once you have logged in and entered your password.

Once on the site, you can change your password, your picture, and update your profile. In addition, you can

access back issues of *La Rotación*, send e-mails to fellow club members, print mailing labels, and RSVP to club events. Essentially, we are seeing the demise of the cherished club clipboards!

Greg did an outstanding job of patiently demonstrating the new website and how to “Log In.” We all owe him a debt of gratitude. However, if you were not in class last Friday, you missed one of the funniest meetings we have enjoyed in a long time. **John Evans** and **Dian Ashley** were the “star pupils” of **Professor Sparkman’s** class!

I do believe, we will all eventually “sign-in”, but not with **John Evans’s** “JEvans2532” password and his log-in, “JEvans”. Try the system using your own initial log-in, which is Yourname2532 and your password, which is YourName (first initial and your surname).

Try it, play with it, you will like it! If you have questions, comments or challenges, **Greg** is available to you at gsparkman@mac.com.

Greg, great job! ♦

CELEBRATING IN AUGUST

INDUCTIONS

Charlie Elias _____ Aug 1, 1979
Mary Jane Schoenheider __ Aug 28, 1987
Keith Deisenroth _____ Aug 2, 2002

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Jane Schoenheider _____ Aug 15
Bob Gulcher _____ Aug 26
Art Yoon _____ Aug 27
Len Danryd _____ Aug 28

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kendra & Steve Day _____ Aug 4
Diane & Jeff Parker _____ Aug 5
Mary Todd & Peter McCormack ___ Aug 9
Donna & Rick Learned _____ Aug 15
Don & Donna Duperon _____ Aug 20
Wendy & Allen Bond _____ Aug 21
Lyn & Bruce Attig _____ Aug 21
Suzanne & Paul Rubincam _____ Aug 25
Cheryl & Kjell Hellberg _____ Aug 30

Congratulations to all!



Byron Wells

COMEDIAN BRYON WELLS PRESENTS A
FAST-PACED, ENTERTAINING AND MEMORABLE
PROGRAM THAT TEACHES THE ESSENTIALS OF
HOW TO SURVIVIE CRIME IN TODAY'S WORLD

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

California Crimefight With Byron Wells

Stand-up comedian Byron Wells has been speaking with wit and humor on the subject of crime safety for 20 years. Prior to founding California Crimefight in 1996, Byron was the director of Citizens Against Crime in Portland, Oregon, where he and a cadre of speakers made presentations to more than 20,000 people annually.

Byron is also a professional songwriter, whose music has been recorded by Andy Williams, Emmy Lou Harris and Ronnie Milsap, among others. He is also an actor. You may have seen him:

- as a member of The New Christy Minstrels, performing during the half-time show of the 1970 Super Bowl;
- as the Arizona police sergeant in the Jeff Bridges movie *Starman*; or
- as a character named Connie in a TV Movie of the Week, *In Country Gold*, starring Linda Hamilton and Lonnie Anderson.

However, it is Byron's talents as a comedian, and it is his unique ability to entertain and make people laugh, that have elevated him to the position of being the most sought-after speaker on the topic of crime safety.

John's topics this Friday may include: workplace/school violence; safety tips at the mall; how to avoid looking like a victim; when and how to fight during a rape; how to avoid car jacking and ATM crimes; and crime prevention in your home, on the street, and while getting to and from your car.

Learn how to better protect yourself and your family this Friday as Byron Wells presents a fast-paced, entertaining and memorable program that teaches the essentials of how to survive crime in today's world. ♦

We lunched in the lovely dining hall on the Salvation Army Crestmont College campus.





Pictured above: Chocolate and strawberries! Dessert last week was yummy.

CLUB NEWS

A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED . . .

from Aryn Sieber. He is sponsored by **Bruce Attig** and **Greg Sparkman**; his proposed classification is TBA. The application has been approved by the Board. If any member has an objection to Aryn being inducted into our club, please state the objection(s) in writing and hand to any Board member within 10 days. ♦

OFF-SITE MEETING ON AUGUST 7: HAVE YOU SENT AN RSVP YET?

On August 7, **John Polen** will demonstrate his prowess as a train engineer/conductor at our lunch, which will be served in Torrance's Wilson Park. Be there for the fun and fellowship. And bring your kids, too.

RVSPing for this event is easy. Open your e-invitation, which you received on June 25; then follow the on-screen directions. Or go to our website; click on "Events" on the top menu; click on "August" on the calendar; click on the August 7 event to get to the page with the event details; finally, click on Attend or Decline to have the RSVP page pop up. Follow the directions and you're done! **Do it today!** ♦



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