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PROGRAM OF THE DAY – JANUARY 31, 2012

ALHAMBRA FIRE DEPARTMENT,

Bill Walker, Fire Chief

Chief Walker will discuss how the Alhambra Fire Department responds to major incidents, i.e., the recent windstorm that practically shut-down the San Gabriel Valley

Chief Walker came to Alhambra early last year from Fountain Valley where he served as Fire Chief – and as President of the Orange County Fire Chiefs Association. No stranger to the S.G Valley (he graduated from Arcadia High School), Chief Walker graduated from USC with a BA in Communication. Other graduations – Daniel Freeman Paramedic School and Rio Hondo Fire Academy – led to his recognition as Certified Chief Officer, Certified Fire Officer, and Certified Paramedic.

Don’t miss this meeting to learn more about this important city service from one of our own – these are often the best-of-the-best meetings we have!

President’s Quick Note

As I announced at the January 24 meeting, the Rotary International theme for 2012/13 will be “PEACE THROUGH SERVICE.”

With this in mind, and building on PP Walter Tang’s announcement of the District 5300 Annual Peace Conference – the 17th annual (!!) on Saturday, March 24 – I urge all Alhambra Rotarians to consider attending this important conference, the theme of which is “Opportunities for World Peace – In Rotary and Beyond Rotary.”

Hope to see you there!

President Raymond Poon

ROTARY CLUB OF ALHAMBRA – LAST WEEK ...

...by *Donna Perez*

... from Wahib's Middle East Restaurant last week, back to Almansor Court for lunch with the friendliest Rotary Club in the world.



After the flag salute, the Star Spangled Banner and guests being introduced, President Raymond Poon introduced and thanked the Easter Basket committee that will be preparing food for needy families: Kerry Blosten, PP Sharon Gibbs, and Joe Paxon. Joe was presented a plaque for his extra hard work and the time he lovingly devoted to the Turkey Basket deliveries in November.

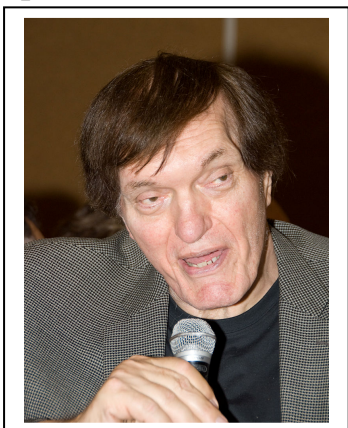
Valarie Gomez announced that it is the YMCA's 100th birthday this year and urged Rotarians to join the Ycelebration on February 17 for their celebration dinner.

The Rotary Foundation Project in Ensenada is a project to supply obstetrics equipment for the newly expanded Maternity Wing at the Ensenada General Hospital. PP Walter Tang reported that on March 30 there will be a donation ceremony when Rotarians gather to present the equipment to the hospital along with a ceremonial check for \$35,000. Additionally, Rotary's Peace Conference is coming up on March 24. This conference promotes human understanding among different ethnicities and religions.

PP Peppy Sciarra went over his "allowed two minutes" to thank everyone for supporting The Rotary Foundation's White Elephant event and to promote the Heart Walk. The Walk this year is April 21 and Alhambra Rotary is sponsoring this event for the 14th year. The Heart Walk committee includes PP Bill Kinman, PP Frances Moore and, or course Peppy.

The Teacher Mini-Grant committee was recognized by PP Dr. David Snyder. There were 69 grant participants and money was granted to 47 recipients. The teachers will receive their grant money at the Alhambra Unified School District Board Meeting on Feb. 21 beginning at 6 p.m. Come if you can!

President Elect Carmen Hernandez reported that the Valentine Social is February 12th starting with a fabulous lunch at 38 Degrees followed by *Hemingway* at the Mosaic Lizard Theater. Please sign up to attend. Fun will be had by all.



It was a true treat to have PP Stan Yonemoto introduce a very special guest, Richard Kiel. Most of us recognized him immediately, as he has starred in numerous motion pictures such as *James Bond*, *The Longest Yard* and *The Silver Streak*. Richard grew up in South San Gabriel and went to YMCA camp as a boy. He shared several of his life experiences with Rotarians and took time to answer questions.

A “Rotary Moment” was shared by Laura Tellez-Gagliano who reminded Rotarians to visit the Rotary website where “everything you wanted to know about Rotary” is available to the viewer. Visit the website – www.rotary.org.



The speaker of the day was Jassica Go, a New Generation Rotarian, speaking for the American Cancer Society, specifically on breast cancer. There were 232,640 new cases of breast cancer in 2011. Early detection, especially through a mammogram, is of utmost importance in treating breast cancer. Good practices include limiting alcohol, physical activities and eating healthy. The American Cancer Society provides sources of information and support for cancer patients and many of the supports are free. There is a cancer walk on June 10 at East LA College, “Making Strides to End Breast Cancer.” Come and participate as a walker or a volunteer to support this very important cause.

Dr. David Snyder spun the Wheel of Fortune, trying to beat the odds to win the \$65 jackpot. He donated his \$6 winnings back to Rotary!

Rotary's Challenge reaches US\$200 million

Rotary's Challenge for polio eradication has reached the US\$200 million milestone. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded The Rotary Foundation an additional \$50 million grant, which is not a challenge grant, in recognition of Rotary's early achievement of this milestone.



Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (left), shakes hands with Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ during the fourth plenary session of the International Assembly. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*

PolioPlus Program

Rotary's financial contributions to the global polio eradication effort will reach nearly US\$1.2 billion by the time the world is certified polio-free;

Rotary's leadership, beginning in 1985, inspired the World Health Assembly to pass a resolution to eradicate polio, which paved the way for the formation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988;

Thousands of Rotarians around the world have volunteered during National Immunization Days to immunize children;

The PolioPlus program helps Rotary fund operational costs, such as transportation, vaccine delivery, social mobilization, and training of health workers, and support surveillance activities;

Rotarians work to encourage both donor and polio-affected governments to commit the political and financial resources needed to eradicate polio.

SAVE THE DATE!

April 21, 2012

HEART WALK
Almansor Court

May 6-9, 2012

R.I. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Bangkok, Thailand

May 31 - June 3

DISTRICT 5300 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Lake Arrowhead Resort
Plan to attend - Support President Raymond!

Remember to bring
canned goods for
Pastor Lee's Pantry



Team Assignments

Team: 1

Team Captain: Valarie Gomez

Task:	Member:
Room Set-Up	Bart
Room Tear-Down	Bart
Cash Box	Oriana
50/50 Raffle	Greg
Backtalk	Frances
Photos	Bill Kiman
Flag Salute	TP
Invocation	Mishelle
Introductions	Gary
Greeter	Mitchell Stan
Chair of the Day	

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