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4th Annual International Food Festival -- A World Class Event!

On Sunday afternoon April 23rd 2006, at the Malibu home of **Tom** and **Stephanie Loo**, the Club held its Fourth International Food Festival. The Festival featured home-prepared dishes made by members from the approximately two dozen different ethnic groups to which the Club's Rotarians or their spouses claim ancestry. This year's event also emphasized the difference of beverages from around the world. The afternoon event was the highest attended in its history and drew well over 200 members and guests, including District Governor **Ingo Werk**, District Governor-Elect **Scot Clifford**, Past District Governors **Pat Cashin**, and **Rick Mendoza** and their respective spouses or guests. The event also included the Rotary Group Study Exchange Team from Vancouver, British Columbia as well as several Rotarians from Sweden. The Event also included a dozen members of the Santa Monica College Rotaract Club who helped with the logistics and got a chance to see what our Club's all about! One purpose of the family-oriented Food Festival was to celebrate the diversity within the Santa Monica Club and to raise funds to provide assistance to the local and international charitable programs. Another is have an event that family members of all ages could enjoy themselves with the Club's extended family. This year approximately twenty young children partied while their parents and grandparents sampled Pina Coladas and Margaritas.

In addition to the great food and live ethnic music from several bands, the Santa Monica Club held a silent auction which grossed over \$11,000 with dozens of items secured or donated by members.

Many thanks go out to the following for planning and putting on such a fantastic event!

Jillian Alexander, Karim Jaude, Oded Wolf, Barry Bouley

Monika White

Steve Alexis, Nicole Dickerson

Tish Tisherman

Sally Pai, Susan Dawson

June Doy

Ross Harrop

Tom Loo

Raffle and Silent Auction

Music

Food

Rotaract liaison, auction/barmaid

Event organization and Beverages

Shepard of the Rotary Flock

Publicity

Guarantor of Good Weather/Cleanup

Last, the Club extends its thanks to the many donors to the Raffle, Silent Auction and live auction. Their generosity will help our Club make this world a better place. Special thanks to Mike Nichols and Carlson's for their financial assistance in securing the Grand Prize for the Festival.

And a special thanks goes out to **Tom Loo** and his lovely wife **Stephanie** for helping in the planning of this event and allowing us to use their beautiful Malibu residence overlooking the Pacific Ocean!

Our thanks go to Diane Margolin for once again putting together a very special Administrative Assistants Day Program.

It's time for our fourth and last Host / Hostess dinner of the year. Following is the rotation for May - hosts should contact their guests as soon as possible to confirm their schedule. While the suggested date is May 12th, it can be changed by the individual hosts as appropriate. If you have a conflict with the date set by your host, let me know and we will make every effort to schedule you with another host.

Feedback from the March dinners continues to be outstanding and I would like to thank our hosts

David Bohn, Mitchell Kraus, Jim Reidy and Lionel Ruhman.

Spyros Dellaportas	John Lehne	Judy Neveau	Tish Tisherman
Monika White	Jim Reidy	Steve Eorio	Bob Moore
Bill Crookston	Mitchell Kraus	Paul Leoni	Steve Litvack
Jack Gregory	David Bohn	Lionel Ruhman	Jim Dyer

Thanks again for your support, please let me know if you have any questions.

Your Host/Hostess program committee.

Jim Dyer, David Bohn, Jack Gregory and Mitchell Kraus

Rotary International, District 5280 - District Directory:

One of the main forms of communication with the Rotarians of District 5280.

1. Why don't you consider placing an ad in the new DISTRICT DIRECTORY? The ads accomplish two objectives:

- Rotarian businesses and services are seen by other Rotarians for a reasonable cost, and
- The ads help to make the Directory self-supporting.

Advertising may be business or acknowledgements.

Business Card only \$ 75.00

Half Page 150.00

Full Page 300.00

For prices of the Back Cover and Inside Pages, please contact Julia.

Thank you for your support of the District Directory. With your help the Directory will be a successful way to communicate in Rotary District 5280. Please email Directory information to: Directory Chair Julia Abreu-Mason, jabreu@elsegundo.org.

Mail to: Julia Abreu-Mason, c/o City of El Segundo,
350 Main Street, El Segundo 90245.

Fax to: 310.322.7137

Call: 310.524.2302

2. "Couples in Rotary" -- "Family of Rotary" -- Deadline for Photo Submissions is May 15th.

The Directory Committee is also working on the creation of a "Couples in Rotary" and "Family of Rotary" pages. The pages will appear throughout the directory with photo collages of Rotarian couples and families of Rotarians.

- a. **Couples in Rotary:** Rotarians who are a couple, spouses or otherwise;
- b. **Family of Rotary:** Other Rotarians who are related, i.e. brother/sister; father/son/daughter; or a Rotarian and his/her immediate family.

For those interested, please have them submit their photo, *preferably via email*, with name of the Rotarian(s), names of all persons in photos and name of Rotary Club.

Mail photo, description and check for \$50 payable to Rotary District 5280 to:

Gay Swaine, 2002 Dufour Avenue, Redondo Beach CA 90278.

Email photo (300 DPI resolution .jpg file) to: swainestudio@aol.com.

For additional information you may contact Gay @ 310-374-3533.

The information about the District Assembly, Saturday, May 20, 2006

In addition to the traditional programs a *New Member Orientation*, the *Urban Task Force*, *Filling Out Grants* type of programs are offered. Learn about the special focus programs of Rotary International: **Family of Rotary, Health and Hunger, Literacy and Water**. Hear about special Humanitarian Projects and join with other clubs to provide service to those in need.

Two new programs from Rotary International are **Legal Responsibilities of a Rotary Club** and the **Club Leadership Plan**. Both of these will be important for the future of our clubs.

Proclaim Rotary as we Lead the Way, Carmela Raack -

(see June for all the particulars!)

Steve Litvack presented a grant to "Circle of Friends."

There is always time to FINE and Paul rose to the occasion once more He got a number of our members and managed to raise quite a bit of cash. Those that were caught were: Pat Barrett, Alan Young, Steve Litvack, Susan Dawson, Nat Trives, Hiroka Ikeda, Iao Katagiri, Diane Margolin, Bob Gabriel, John "Blarney Stone kisser" Lehne, Don Dickerson and Lionel Ruhman. Thank you to our very fine fine-ees, we appreciate your support.

Student Art Contest -- Entries will be accepted up to May 14th

Entries are being sought from: Any Secondary School (High School) student **anywhere in the World** other than New Zealand. (There is a separate division for NZ students).

For art that is selected as semi-finalists, for display and judging at the Festival in New Zealand, the artist will nominate his/her selling price for the artwork. Rotary will retain a 25% commission for Rotary supported child and youth related charitable projects. Initial digital entries need not be priced.

Entry is not restricted to pupils studying art, but as this is a High School Student Art Award, it is restricted to students currently attending school full time, and under the age of 18 years on July 14, 2006. (Home schooled, hospitalized, physically and mentally challenged students may enter).

Students leaving school at the end of the Northern Hemisphere School Year in May 2006, will be

eligible to enter this contest, provided they will be available for overseas travel should they win the contest.

Choice of candidates is open without restrictions and all entries submitted to a local Rotary Club will be considered by the Art Jury. Every entry submitted will go forward as digital images to the International Art Jury.

Digital images will be sent to our Art Jury **after May 14, 2006**. The Jury will select the best 100 entries from around the world. The entries chosen for exhibition will be couriered to New Zealand for final judging, and will be on sale during the Festival July 14th - 27th. The sale proceeds, less 25% commission, will be paid directly to artists by the Rotary Club of Otorohanga in New Zealand. Work that is selected for exhibition will attract a further entry fee. The cost to courier the art work, Country to Country, will be covered by the Rotary Club of Otorohanga.

First Prize is \$750, plus the travel award, and there will be two merit awards of \$350 and \$175, prizes will be paid in US Dollars, Euro, or any other internationally traded currency that the artist nominees. Framed award certificates in "gold", "silver" and "bronze" will be presented.

The overseas travel destination for the New Zealand contest winners will be based on the home district of the international division winner. The nominating Rotary Club for the international winner will agree to host the New Zealand winner for a three week vacation.

Go to: <http://oto-rotary.org/index.asp?pageID=2145833950>, for all the facts.

Calendar of Events . . .

May 4th - 7th

HERE COMES THE SUN!

	Rotary District Conference	
	Mandalay Beach Resort - Oxnard	
Fri. May 05	Cinco de Mayo	
	Janet Salomonson, M.D.	
Fri. May 12	Paul Moyer- BRING A GUEST DAY	
	Defining Moments, over 40 years of daily news: A Personal Look.	
	(Ya better let June know how many you're bringing 'cuz we will have a very full house).	
	<Pssst> remember, guests will be half price	
Fri. May 26	DARK - HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY	
June 11 - 14	RI Convention in Copenhagen	see Jim Dyer
Fri. June 23	De-Throw-ning Party	Shutters - Jim Westbrook

Paul's thought: "It's easier to have the vigor of youth when you're old than the wisdom of age when you're young."

In the language of Rotary ... Med vänlig rotaryhälsning, Obrigado, Cordiali saluti rotariani. Best Rotary Regards, Cordialement, Atentamente, Mit besten rotarischen Grüßen, RoseMary Regalbuto

This is a true account recorded in the Police Log of Sarasota, Florida. An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream-at-the-top-of-her-voice, **"I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!"**

The four men didn't wait for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then it dawned on her why. For the same reason she did not understand why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12 packs in the front seat. A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake. The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly-white hair, and carrying a large handgun. **No charges were filed**