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*Welcome to the 23rd meeting of our 85th year
AKA [also known as]:
Our very first meeting in 2007,
4 weeks 'till our HUGE 85th BIRTHDAY PARTY
and, our President ... I mean Jim 'our' Dyer
added it's ... "a short 26 weeks until our accounting
review."*

*[HMMMMM, wonder why Jim mentioned that?]
Alonzo, you might have to make a few calls ... ya know
what I mean?
Only kidding ...
the accounting review in 26 weeks is our President
Elect, Jim Westbrook.*

And now a message from our Sponsor:

T'was the month after Christmas, and all through the house,
nothing would fit me, not even a blouse;
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I had to taste,
at the holiday parties had gone to my waist;
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber),
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared,
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared;
The wine and the rum balls; the bread and the cheese,
and the way I'd never said,
"No thank you, please."
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt,
and prepared once again to do battle with dirt,
I said to myself, as only I can,
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
So, away with the last of the sour cream dip. Get rid of
the fruit cake, every cracker and chip. Every last bit of
food that I like must be banished,
'til all the additional ounces have vanished. I won't have
a cookie--not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore,
But isn't that what January is for? Unable to giggle, no
longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

Back to our regularly scheduled program ...

"IMPORTANT THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND" cont'd:

135. Thank go to our head-table'rs today: invocator
John Miller, Mike "thanks for listening" Nichols, Harmon

Sieff who jogged our memory and is guest-introducer
extraordinaire, song leader, Pat Bofird; La Maestro,
Carol Jackson; and Prez Jim.

136. Our book donation and auction rose over \$450 for
Santa Monica School libraries. Thanks to all the efforts
of Susan, Kris, Paul and all the Literacy Committee.

137. As you do your New Year closet cleaning, please col-
lect those old/new shoes for the District Shoe drive.
Bring them to our meeting next week and we will get
them to the District.

138. January is Rotary awareness month - and to help us
promote awareness of Rotary in the community, Rotary
International just awarded us a matching PR Grant. As
they say, details to follow ...

139. Hey, did you know it is not too late to send your
check to our Santa Monica Rotary Club Foundation to
honor and acknowledge our upcoming anniversary?

140. Saturday, February 3rd, 2007 MAKE SURE U DO
NOT MISS our 85th anniversary celebration.

141. GSE, GSE, GSE - Group Study Exchange. A great
experience for young professionals. If you want to rec-
ommend anyone give David Bohn a call.

142. Our speaker next Friday, January 12th is Cornelius
Schnauber author of Hollywood Haven: Homes and
Haunts of the European Emigres and Exiles in Los
Angeles among several other books.

Cornelius is a veteran of the international performing
arts scene, directs the USC Max Kade Institute for
Austrian-German-Swiss Studies. When this German pro-
fessor, playwright and novelist isn't teaching class, he
can be found training students and professionals how to
infuse German culture into their performances. Here's
what this Dresden native, who has won awards from the
Los Angeles City Council and the presidents of Germany
and Austria, has been up to lately.

Since 1992, he has been the German diction coach of
the Los Angeles Opera, where he helps singers in
German-language operas to understand the proper rela-
tionship between text and music.

Harmon Sieff helped us remember well, those we lost
last year. Frank Blenkhorn, Phil Whiting, Clarence Davis,
Bill Aspinwall and Dan Kanan. At its heart,
"Remembering Well" is not so much about death and
dying as it is about ... how we carry forward those who
have passed away in our own lives. ... These fine men will
always be with us.

It is Recognition time AKA "you've got mail" - this is because one of your very best friends emails or calls Jim to let him know what you have been up to and, basically, whether you've been naughty or nice. This is not about a bucket of coal ... it's about cold hard cash ... and the fine that you need to pay, Perhaps you can just consider it a tax donation or karma.

For example: How can building a house possibly take 22 months ... I dunno but you need to check with Jim Haljun who just went through it ... and I think he feels "all's well that ends well," despite his \$220 fine. Thank you Jim!

The November & December editions of the Santa Monica Star continue to provide great exposure for Rotary. Front page for December has Kris Andresen at the Rotary Thanksgiving Dinner, and also plugs Spyros for launching the tradition. We also see John Pacheco honoring students of the month. Page 3 highlights some of our speakers and programs... and Spyros again. The back page features Sally Pai - but no reference to Rotary. We have all the usual suspects: Spyros at the Chili Cook-off, RoseMary's Rotary article accompanied with a picture of our new Paul Harris fellows, OctoberFair pictures with Bob Sullivan, Allan and Sally Young, Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson and Spyros (again), a promotion for the Club sponsored by Quigley and Miron, Frank Lavac, John Pacheco, great write up for Carlthorp and Dee, Pat Bofird, Fisher Hardware & Lumber but no mention of Erik Jorgensborg, Bob Gabriel... and Diane promoting my favorite Dentist: Bill Werner. <ya know in this case a little nepotism is fine.>

Len Lanzi did you really take a vacation in Maui without inviting all of us. NOW YOU ARE REALLY IN TROUBLE The fine is gonna seem like a Xmas present.

Dick Hart is a totally another story. Are we going to tell anyone that his new granddaughter Tatem Elizabeth is 25 days old, not 10 days? Hmmmm, for a price we will be quiet ... just make your check out to the SM Rotary Foundation.

Alan Glick brought his sons to Rotary today, just after celebrating one's graduation from Purdue, and Alan, the President-Elect of SMC Associates. Hmmmm, that is worth an exceptional fine/recognition. Monte Herring was out and about flying and ended up in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. His excuse was that he went there to pick up a donation for the Foundation. I will accept that ... as long as those donations keep coming in. My very favorite fine of the day was to Bob Gabriel who just celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary. Definitely fine-able event!

Now I would like you to sit back and enjoy today's cRaFt

tAlKeRs - David Outcalt and Danae Thomas

David Outcalt, University Chancellor Emeritus was born in Los Angeles and now lives in Pacific Palisades. It was during David's craft talk that he uttered a phrase that we all enjoyed. "Only in politics are facts negotiable." Guess that was true in Alaska and Wisconsin, too.

Our other cRaFtY tAlKeR was Danae Thomas, new to Rotary this year, She is a vice President with UBS Financial Services since 2004 dealing with wealth management - what a problem to bear - She was born in Hollywood, and her online persona is: nyselady@aol.com That tells you a lot, doesn't it?

"JUST - A - SHOE - IN"

A benefit for those in need. Please donate your new or used shoes (No holes, please) Any style or size, paired and banded together. Drop your shoes off at our next meeting.

Heart Surgeons in NJ Help Iraqi Girl



Three-year-old Sara Hadi sits in her room at Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J., picture taken Friday, Jan. 5, 2007. Hadi, an Iraqi, was

brought to the U.S. by the Gift of Life Foundation for life-saving open heart surgery at the hospital which was performed on Dec. 26. Hadi is expected to recuperate for another month before returning to Iraq with her father to reunite with their family. (AP Photo/Mike Derer)

By Angela Delli Santi, Associated Press Writer - NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey

Sara Hadi sometimes starts to cry when a stranger walks into her hospital room. But the pediatric cardiologist who is overseeing her care says the 3-year-old Iraqi girl dressed in Tigger pajamas certainly would have died had she not had open-heart surgery made possible by lots of people she doesn't know.

Sara was resting Friday at Robert Wood Johnson's children's hospital, 10 days after undergoing a lifesaving operation she received with a charitable group's help. Her doctors say the wide-eyed youngster could be released by Monday and strong enough to fly back to Baghdad with her father next month.

"Thank God she's well," said her father, who speaks only Arabic, said through an interpreter. "She was very tired and blue before the surgery. After the surgery, she looks a lot better and a lot healthier." (He would not give his name, citing concerns for his safety when he returns to his war-ravaged country.)

Sara's surgery was performed Dec. 26 with help from

Gift of Life, a Rotary International program that has raised money to help thousands of children around the world get lifesaving heart surgery. Under its agreement with the program, the hospital does the surgeries for a fraction of the actual cost and the surgical team donates its time.

When Sara arrived in New Jersey with her father in early December, she was lethargic and blue, the result of serious heart defects that deprived her body of needed oxygen.

Sara was born with the two main arteries to her heart transposed, sending oxygen-rich blood back to the lungs and depriving the body and organs of oxygen. She also had a hole in her heart, which doctors repaired during the three-hour surgery, Gaffney said.

Today, in her hospital room, Sara sat in a chair coloring with an orange crayon. One of her caregivers asked her to smile for the camera, and she broke out in a wide grin. Her 41-year-old father, an oil refinery worker, stood nearby, saying he is thankful he will soon be taking the second youngest of his five children home. "I look forward to taking her back to her mother so she can see Sara healthy too," he said.

Writer's Block:

Hank Walther and Tod Lipka ya just have to start getting here on time ... it is a new year ... and that goes for you too, Eric Schmitter I almost forgot about you. It

was great to see Nicole Dickerson back. It has been a long time. But, the new year has been great for Nicole who just came back from skiing in Whistler with "do not get mad at me Nicole" has a new special person in her life, and I for one think it is won-der-ful, Lionel was here today, it has also been awhile and our adorable little teddy-bear: Fritzsche was here looking very fit I must say.

We totally missed seeing/hugging/kissing so many of you today where were you?

Robert Adams, Henry Alcanter, Jillian Alexander, Steve Alexis, Chris Baker, Pat Barrett, Barbara Bishop, Barry Bouley, Michael Cates, Chris Darrow, Ron Davis, Shirley Dowling, Steve Eorio, Carol & Charlie Follette, Nancy Freedman, Joe Gonzalez, Mark Harding, Ross Harrop, Hiroko Ikeda, Mitchel Kraus, Tom Larmore, Frank Lavac, Harris Levey, Connie Maguire, John McIntire, Gene Miller, Ken Mirch, Sam Muslin, Mike O'Hara, Hal Quigley, Ed Rafeedie, Jim Reidy, Dave Rimer, Dave Rogers, Robert Segal, Gene Shank, Lynette Shishido, Bob Sullivan, Phil Tirone, Lloyd Torgerson, Bob Trimborn, Nat Trives, Anne Whatley, Oded Wolf, and Bill Wood. Well, Consider yourself well hugged and blessed for a very happy new year!

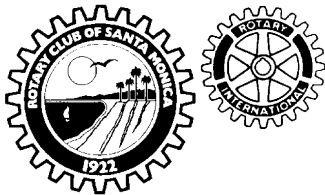
Welcome to our newest member - Frank Uribe. Wait till you see what you have gotten yourself in to.

What's in store for us ...?

Friday	January 12	Cornelius Schnauber author of Hollywood Haven:	Homes and Haunts of the European Emigres and Exiles in Los Angeles among several other books.
Saturday	January 13	Host - Hollywood Rotary Club 9:00-11:00 am	Ethics Forum District 5280
Friday	January 19	???????????? we have a cancellation	Any ideas give Klaus a call!
Friday	January 26	Hal Fishman	Channel Five News
Thursday	February 01	Club's 85th Birthday	A reason to be proud!
Friday	February 02	DARK IN PREPARATION FOR OUR BIG BASH	
Friday	February 02	Tennis & Dinner at the Riviera everyone is welcome.	First Friday of every month
Saturday	February 03	85th Gala Celebration	Party, Party, Party!
Tuesday	April 03	District Breakfast	District Breakfast
Friday	April 06	Tennis & Dinner at the Riviera everyone is welcome.	First Friday of every month
Saturday	April 07	Host - Elyse Beardsley 9:00-11:00 am, El Segundo Rotary Club	Ethics Forum District 5280
Friday - Sunday	April 27 - 29	District Conference	San Diego

Thought for the Day: Gerald Ford - our 38th President: "A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have.

A new year and lots more to come, so please stay tuned ... RoseMary Regalbuto



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LOCAL MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY:	Beverly Hills	12:15 p.m.	Beverly Hills Hotel	9641 West Sunset Blvd.
TUESDAY:	West L.A./Brentwood	12:15 p.m.	Chez Mimi	246 26th Street
	Playa Sunrise	7:15 a.m.	Courtyard by Marriott Hotel	13480 Maxella Ave., MDR
WEDNESDAY:	Century City	12:00 p.m.	The Century Plaza Hotel	5280 Century City
	Malibu	7:30 a.m.	Pepperdine University	24255 Pacific Coast Hwy
	Culver City	12:15 p.m.	Ramada Inn	6333 Bristol Parkway
THURSDAY:	Pacific Palisades	7:15 a.m.	Gladstone's Restaurant	PCH & Sunset
	Venice Marina	12:15 p.m.	Shanghai Reds Restaurant	13813 Fiji Way, MDR
	Westwood Village	12:00 p.m.	Bel Air Hotel	701 Stone Canyon Road

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