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HEAD TABLE WEEKLY

Invocation	Alonzo Hill
Presiding	Jack Gregory
Speaker Introductions	Barbara Bishop
President's Pick	Tom Larmore
Speaker	Olympia LePoint
Guest Introductions	David Price
Song/Pledge Leader	Carol Jackson/Pat Bofird



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY ROTARIANS!

Ray Briem, Christina Chan, Holly Gustlin, Alonzo Hill, Mitchell Kraus, Tom Larmore, John Lehne, Connie Maguire, Larry Maher, John McIntire, Klaus Mennekes, David Outcalt, Judy Neveau, Con Oyler, Sally Pai.

Thank you to Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopedic Hospital for the birthday gifts.

Holding down the right side of the head table today were Prez Jack, Tom Larmore and Alonzo Hill. Alonzo led our invocation while Tom updated us on our Community and Youth Scholarship Committee Awards scheduled for June 5th.



Balancing out the other side of the dais were guest introductions by David Price, our speaker Olivia LePoint, and Barbara Bishop who introduced the program.



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Brian Linnekens announced the next Rotary Around LA Feb 28th at Hollywood's Scary Premiere Murder Mystery Dinner in Marina Del Rey.

Marv Levin discussed the new points (dollar for dollar) program to help the 34 members who haven't become Paul Harris Fellows become one. Please see any member of the board for ways to earn your points.

VALENTINE'S TABLE TALK...

What is the ideal gift you would like to receive for Valentine's Day?

What is the most interesting/fun gift you have received for Valentine's Day?

At the Superbowl... Do you know who's playing and where? Do you prefer the games or commercials?

Do we need/want a pro football team in Los Angeles? Widely responded with WE HAVE ONE... The Big question... USC or UCLA???



Former rocket scientist and math teacher Olivia LePoint presents her "The 5-Prong Approach To Changing Our Current Economy Through Math and Science." Through her experiences, Olympia realized that in order to help the U.S. economy in 20 years, we must inspire U.S. people to pursue innovation now. First however, we must eliminate their individual road blocks to success.

Founder OL Consulting, Olympia LePoint travels nationally to train organizations in The Art of Creative Problem-Solving, "Beating The Odds", and The Ace Math 1-2-3™ System - A Math Phobia Elimination Program.

Olympia LePoint reveals ways for your experiences and strategies to add together, so 1+1 can be more than 2. Invite Olympia to your next function.

A Relection on the Election

I did not vote for Mr. Obama, but it is clear that our country took a major step forward by "judging a man by the quality of his character rather than the color of his skin" in this recent election. How did this happen? Certainly much credit must be given Dr. King and certainly the energetic, articulate and charismatic Mr. Obama was a major factor. Interestingly the election was won not because of, but more likely in spite of such self proclaimed leaders as Jesse Jackson, Mr. Farrakan, and Rev. Wright. I believe that this election victory was built on years of quiet citizenship by untold numbers of "persons of color". Men and women who quietly dedicated their lives to their families, their churches, their jobs and their communities. Examples exist in our own Rotary Club: the late Clyde Smith, Alonzo Hill, and Pastor Joe Metoyer. But no one exemplifies the title of citizen, in the Greek sense, than does Nat Trives. No man in Santa Monica has done more to show the worth and dignity of a good human being who happens to be "of color". He exhibits every quality we could want in a leader. He does not shout or rant, he leads by the force of his character and his willingness to work hard to do the right thing. I suggest that Mr. Obama won because persons like Nat gave their white brethren the confidence to vote for one like them in every way but one

- Bill Fritzsche

Thanks to John Miller for adapting our song for last Friday to fit Rotary:

Lunch at the Riviera (theme of On Top of Old Smokey)

On top of spaghetti,
All covered with cheese,
I lost my poor meatball,
When somebody sneezed.

It rolled off the table,
And on to the floor,
And then my poor meatball,
Rolled out of the door.

It bounced down the fairway,
And onto the green,
And then my poor meatball,
Was no longer seen.

I borrowed a golf cart,
and followed it's roll,
And finally found it,
down inside the hole!

I had here at Rotary,
my first hole-in-one;
'Twas due to a meatball,
cooked very well done.
I never complain now,

Of our club's cuisine,
There are uses for this food,
That you've never seen.

INTO THE FUTURE

Call for peace by SOFIA GHORI SALEEM - Sunday, Jan 04, 2009

The Hindu - Online edition of India's National Newspaper

For once, this year, let's play the game a little differently. Instead of predicting the future, let's be proactive and see if we can shape it.

We need to leverage the largest virtual "democracy" in the world — the Internet, to achieve world peace.

Let peace take flight: The ideal agenda for 2009.

The Year 2009 has rung in. Each new year brings jubilation, anticipation and hope. What's on the World's stage this year? There has been much focus on changing governments and economic downturns. There is a pressing need to believe in a better tomorrow. A hope that the financial crisis will ease, that the housing market will steady and falling currencies will once again prevail.

In the newsrooms and blogs, and out on the streets, there are many stories. Short lived stories, changing stories. Many stories but no lessons. Many, many facts but no interpretation. Much knowledge but very little wisdom.

What we know for certain is that as we keep pace with time, we walk in to that swirling, unknown cloud called the Future. Can we plan for it? How do we prepare for it? Dare anyone predict it? As 2009 unfolds, will we see emerging markets emerge? Will the competition for universal jobs ease? Will our sick all over the world get treated?

Crystal ball

In past generations we had pundits who predicted the future. Leonardo Da Vinci predicted flying machines. Alvin Toffler predicted the paperless office. George Orwell predicted 1984. And we all waited and watched for system shutdowns in Y2K.

Some of these predictions were technological, others were societal. The technological ones have had a higher success rate with many of them happening or just on the brink of happening. To accurately predict the course of a society through the new millenium has been somewhat of a hard thing to do.

Is it even possible to predict the future anymore? Can we play the game a little differently this time — and predict what we want to happen instead of what we think will happen? In this day of polls and quick votes, can we, for once, tell the nation instead of ask the question? Instead of speculating and waiting for things to happen, can we be proactive about our future and help shape it ourselves?

For once, let's not ask but tell the agenda. And let that top spot on our agenda be World Peace. Progress without peace is an impossible notion. So let us step up our universal consciousness of what matters most — global peace. Let's march for it, work for it, pray for it. Let's bring that ache to every home — a need for peace on earth.

We cannot design technology to monitor or control the extent of human infringement of a basic right for each one to live. We need to come up with different tools for achieving this. We need to build understanding and empathy of our global cultures. Become conscious of lives beyond our native lives. Become aware of realities beyond our own realities. A few office bearers at the top of the government chain cannot be harbingers of world peace. This has to be a grassroots movement that builds from ground up, not something that can be achieved only in high diplomatic circles.

The future today

In an age of constant migration, expatriation and repatriation of world citizens, in an age where the Internet brings people together across all borders and barriers, this is possible and in many places is already happening. We need to leverage the largest virtual "democracy" in the world — the Internet, to achieve this. It's been proven that people come together on the Internet. It's also been proven that millions of dollars can be raised from individual donors for a national election. Therefore, it is entirely possible to conceive of an online community movement where we can join hands and organise a virtual walk for global peace. The online global peace initiative must be energised and sustained by ordinary, everyday people from all nations.

I think we can and will reach out to this universal dream — a dream where we are truly a global village and our greatest strength is peace.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 3rd	First Tuesday	South
February 6th	CrAfT tAlKs	
February 13th	President's Holiday	DARK
February 20th	Past President's Meeting	Casa Del Mar
February 23rd	Rotary International Peace Day	

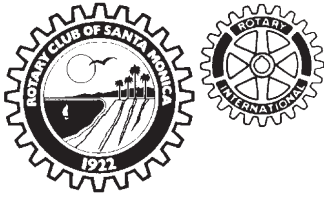
DISTRICT EVENTS

February 7th	Mid-Year Leadership Meeting	Carson Cmty Ctr
February 8th	Chinese New Year's Gala	Empress Pavillion

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Mathematics is made of 50% formulas 50% proofs and 50% imagination. - J.H. Poincare

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LOCAL MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY:	Beverly Hills	12:15 p.m.	Beverly Hills Hotel	9641 West Sunset Blvd.
TUESDAY:	Brentwood (Los Angeles)	12:15 p.m.	Chez Mimi	246 26th Street
	Playa Sunrize	7:15 a.m.	Courtyard by Marriott Hotel	13480 Maxella Ave., MDR
WEDNESDAY:	Century City	12:00 p.m.	La Cchette	10506 Santa Monica Blvd.
	Malibu	7:30 a.m.	Pepperdine University	24255 Pacific Coast Hwy
	Culver City	12:15 p.m.	Radison Hotel	6161 W. Centinela Avenue
THURSDAY:	Pacific Palisades	7:15 a.m.	Gladstone's Restaurant	PCH & Sunset
	Venice Marina	12:15 p.m.	Organic Panificio	4211 Admiralty Way, MDR
	Westwood Village	12:00 p.m.	UCLA Faculty Center	480 Charles Young Dr. (UCLA Campus)

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