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2009 . . . A New Beginning

from President Tory Thomas

Happy New Year, Rotarians! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with their families. The New Year is a special time that allows us to focus on the future. The slate is wiped clean and we are back to day number one. No matter what 2008 meant to you and your family, 2009 represents a new beginning, a time to accomplish new goals in your life, and a time to make new commitments.



The year 2008 will be remembered as a very productive year for our club, but now is the time to prepare for 2009. As your President, I am looking at this New Year as an opportunity to define my hopes for our club in the future. Here are the top 10 things I would like to see our club accomplish in 2009:

- (1) **Have fun** - This has to be the primary goal for any Rotary year. As a Little League coach, before each game, I ask the kids "what's the number one rule?". The response I want to hear back from them is "Have fun!". The kids accomplish much more in the game when they are having fun. We too, as a club, will accomplish a lot more if we are having fun.
- (2) **Membership** - Increase our active membership.
- (3) **Fundraising** - Build on the success of our Classic Car Show and Grapes for Grads Fundraisers. Develop an additional community fundraiser specifically to raise funds for the Bill and Melinda Gates challenge to "End Polio Now" with their matching grant of \$100,000,000 (\$1,000+ per club per year for three years).
- (4) **Rotary International's Every Rotarian, Every Year Club** - Let this be the first year that every one of us contributes something, no matter how small, to the Rotary International Foundation. There are only 719 out of over 33,000 clubs who have accomplished this goal. Let's be number 720.
- (5) **Friendship Shelter Program** - Everyone in our club should experience this very important program first-hand. Bring a main course, salad or dessert and plan to stick around to enjoy a meal with these people in our community who are committed to rebuilding their lives. I assure you that you will receive much more from the evening than they do.

Make it your New Year's resolution to bring a guest to lunch in 2009!

January 2	DARK
January 9	Grant Presentations to TLC and the Boys & Girls Club <i>Adam Heller & Co.</i>
January 16	Identity Theft and What you Can Do About it. <i>Mr. Searcy</i>
January 23	Probation Community Action Association <i>Lois McKoon</i>
January 30	International Program <i>The Maxwells</i>

Birthdays



January

- Warren Finley - 28**
- Hank Gillebaard - 8**
- Marty Hecht - 29**
- Noel Johnson - 3**
- Chris Lange - 7**
- Rosalind Russell - 12**
- Sadiq Tawfiq - 2**



* Your Board of Directors has decided to share the birthday cake responsibility with the Rotarian having the least amount of seniority in our club for that month. You could be a senior, but if you're the newest in our club among the birthday folks, you get the cake duty. If there is a seniority dispute with the assignment, please talk to President Tory. If not, please be prepared to bring an award winning cake for all to enjoy! (You'll be reimbursed by the club treasurer,)

January 2 DARK

January 9
 Invocation: Ward
 *Greeter 1: Roth
 *Greeter 2: White
 Tickets: Redeker
 Cash: Turner
 Badges: Maxwell, D

January 16
 Invocation: Tschudin
 *Greeter 1: Parrish
 *Greeter 2: Thibault
CAKE* Hecht
 Tickets: Palmer
 Cash: Stoeckmann
 Badges: Norton

January 23
 Invocation: Tankersley
 *Greeter 1: Nootbaar
 *Greeter 2: Shevlin
 Tickets: Montonna
 Cash: Schirm
 Badges: May

January 30
 Invocation: Saville
 *Greeter 1: Polzin
 *Greeter 2: Sanford
 Tickets: Maxwell, P
 Cash: Russell
 Badges: Loomis

February 6
 Invocation: Cox, J
 *Greeter 1: Alvarez
 *Greeter 2: Ward
 Tickets: Andrus
 Cash: White
 Badges: Nootbaar

February 13
 Invocation: Campbell
 *Greeter 1: Estes
 *Greeter 2: Cheves
CAKE* Saville
 Tickets: Cirelli
 Cash: Kreder
 Badges: Shevlin

February 20
 Invocation: Johnson, N
 *Greeter 1: Palmer
 *Greeter 2: Tschudin
 Tickets: Johnson, C
 Cash: Jacobs
 Badges: Heller

February 27
 Invocation: Herkelrath
 *Greeter 1: Hecht
 *Greeter 2: Polzin
 Tickets: Cler
 Cash: Drew
 Badges: Cox, J

The Rotary Club of Laguna Beach would like to extend their sincerest condolences to member Rosalind Russell on the loss of her home to fire. We are here to serve each other as well as the community. Our members are generous, compassionate and willing to help in any way.

(6) Youth - Continue to support our local kids through Interact, scholarships, RYLA, speech/singing contests, Student of the Month, and the dictionary program.

(7) PR - Continue to successfully build public awareness of our great programs and accomplishments through our local papers.

(8) Community Involvement – Sponsor a Laguna Beach Rotary team for this year’s Relay for Life and commit to more community fundraisers, events or projects where we can meet and work with other service-oriented people in Laguna Beach.

(9) Rotary Softball Back-to-Back Championship – Just a personal goal....

Transition – Work with my good friend, Rick Lang, to transition my Rotary year with his Rotary year, so that he and his 2009-2010 Board of Directors can hit the ground running in July.

As you can see, our plate is full in 2009, and so are our hearts. We certainly have a lot to accomplish this year. And, we also have a lot to look forward to, from hosting a Hospitality Suite at the District Conference in March to welcoming our GSE guests from Bavaria, Germany in April, just to name a few. And, let’s not forget the installation of our newest President in June! I don’t know about you, but I am ready to close the book on 2008 and look ahead to 2009. It is exciting to think about all the possibilities for our club and the great times to be had in this New Year. I look forward to sharing these moments with each one of you.



December Birthdays



Does this count as a make-up? Your Breeze Editor recently stopped by a Rotary Club of Bratislava, Slovakia food booth at a Christmas mart along the Danube River.

Please feel free to submit your Rotary related photos during your travels - we'll share them in the Breeze.



A spectacular December sunset . . . from Jim Lawler

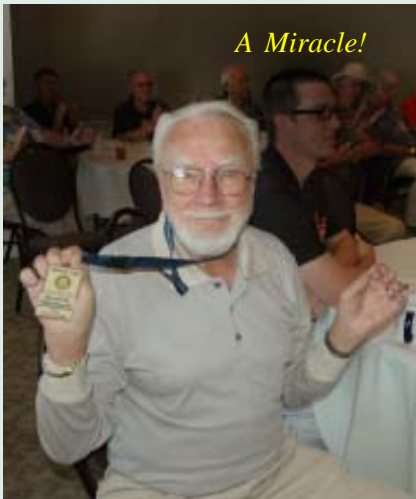
Laguna Rotary Life . . .



Holiday music from the L.B.H.S. choir



Thanks to the Hotel Laguna staff!



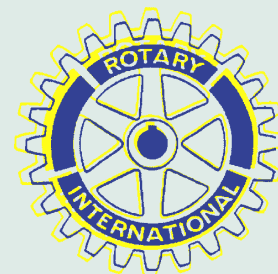
A Miracle!



Community Grant Time



A Winner!



Rick Lang Photos