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## Angels RBI League

**JEFF MCKEE**

Our program speaker today was Jeff McKee, speaking on the Major League Baseball program to "Revive Baseball in Inner Cities". Following is an excerpt from the website:

*Angels Baseball, the Boys & Girls Clubs in Orange County and Major League Baseball partnered together to create the Angels Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) League.*

*This youth program provides an opportunity for 12 to 18-year-olds to play the game of baseball and softball while learning important character and life skills. To date, the league has served over 6,500 youth who would not have otherwise had the opportunity to play. RBI concentrates on fundamentals and teamwork, while stressing citizenship and academics. The goal is to provide every participant with a sense of belonging, competence, usefulness and empowerment in their own lives.*

*Each season the Angels RBI League provides a structured league format which includes a 10 game regular season; an on*

*field instructional clinic at Angel Stadium with professional coaches, players and trainers; an end of season playoff tournament; an all-star team opportunity; and an end of season banquet hosted at Angel Stadium.*

*Each participant receives a full uniform for use during the season and access to any equipment needed. Transportation is provided by the individual Boys & Girls Clubs participating in the league. Each team is coached by a professional Boys & Girls Club staff member and/or trained volunteer. Players are encouraged to participate, not based on skill, but on willingness to grow and enjoy the sport of baseball and softball.*

*Sportsmanship, respect, fair play, and love for the game are emphasized in every aspect of the Angels RBI League. Players, coaches, and volunteers are trained in SportSMART, a Boys & Girls Clubs of America prevention program designed to give kids the skills to make wise choices in the areas of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. If you're looking for a fun and positive league to play in, this is the one for you!*

We meet Wednesdays 12:15 PM  
at Antonello Ristorante  
3800 S Plaza Drive, Santa Ana, CA

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**Mar 19, Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido**

**Mar 26, NO LUNCH MEETING.** Instead we will meet in the evening to reprise last month's very popular membership mixer.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mar 8** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hands-on service opportunity: Jumpstart for a Day Literacy Fair at Heritage Museum OC (site of our most recent Discover the Taste event), 3101 W. Harvard St (just west of Fairview)

**Mar 26** 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.: membership, vocational, social: bring potential new members to meet our friendly club and learn more about Rotary. Mingle, garner business leads, and socialize with your club family! We will once again meet in the Antonello Library room, adjacent to the bar.

**May 2-4,** District Conference – Temecula Creek Inn, Temecula



Jeff is proud of his family now being 5<sup>th</sup> generation Santa Ana residents. His RBI involvement is a natural evolution from his role in the family baseball bat business. Jeff's enthusiasm for the RBI program, and Angels baseball, was clear. His commitment to Santa Ana and community service in general are strong, and we hope to see him again at future club meetings.

A note from RBI: If you have game tickets but then can't attend, you can donate your tickets directly to the RBI office (1575 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Ana) up to 2 days prior to a game. Season seat holders can use their online account manager and send tickets electronically. Financial donations can be sent to the same address, or online at [www.angels.com/rbileague](http://www.angels.com/rbileague). They also need volunteers to coach, umpire, instruct a skill clinic, and other roles.

## CLUB ANOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Guests

In addition to our speaker, we welcomed back **Brenda Arthur**, who attended our last mixer. Brenda is presently at the South Coast Plaza location of Ben Bridge Jeweler. Kelly is a National Accounts Director of Sales for First American Data Tree. She is an avid sailor and captain, and recently bought a boat. We enjoyed Kelly's company and hope to see her again.

AG **Leo Middleton** graced us with his delightful company.

Former club member and current SAUSD school board member **John Palacio** joined us to share some information and accept a club contribution toward a memorial bust being created to honor the late Santa Ana Peace (Police) Officer Jose Vargas.

John explained that Officer Vargas fostered cross-cultural relations in Santa Ana among the various ethnic segments of the population. It is a testament to the esteem in which he held his vocation that three of Vargas' children also became police officers.

The memorial bust will reside either at police headquarters or at City Hall in Santa Ana. The project has received widespread financial support throughout the community and we were happy for the opportunity to lend our supports as well. John will ensure our club is invited to the dedication ceremony (expected to be in late April).

### Fundraising – Crystal Turner

Update on Burgerama music fest at the Observatory in Santa Ana, March 22-23. The paperwork and legwork has been done to provide an ABC license for the beer garden. Crystal passed around a signup sheet for serving shifts – and please note our visitor and former member John Palacio signed up to serve on our behalf. Thanks again to Lisa Morrow for bringing this to our attention, and to Crystal, George Wilson, and Jim Carter for making it happen. Our club will receive a \$5,000 contribution in thanks for our support of the event.

### Membership – Ali Danta

Next week our program speaker is the mayor of Santa Ana! This is a great opportunity to **invite guests** who care about the city and want to be more involved.

Also remember: our second club social/ mixer/ vocational/ membership recruitment event will be held March 26, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Antonello library (same as last time). There will be no lunch meeting for the club that day. Ali and Matt Schauer will mount another phone blitz for invitations, and all of us are encouraged to **invite** friends, colleagues, business partners, suppliers, neighbors – anyone we believe would be a good addition to our Club.

### International Service – George Wilson

George reprised information on our participation in the International project in Tecate, Mexico, contributing to the purchase of computer equipment for a school was started by the Rotary Club of Tecate. Upon completion of the project, it would be a great opportunity for us (and members of other local participating Rotary clubs) to visit the school and enjoy fellowship with members of the Tecate club. We would be able to park on the US side of the border, walk across, and be picked up and transported to the school by members of RC Tecate.

### President's Remarks – Mel El Guindy

Mel reminded us signups are open for the District Conference to be held in Temecula, at DaCdb or [www.rotary5320.org](http://www.rotary5320.org) (District website).

Members are encouraged to register for and attend District grant training to be held in Anaheim. The same presentation will be offered on two days, so members may attend March 29 or April 12. Please go online to register, at DaCdb or [www.rotary5320.org](http://www.rotary5320.org) (District website).