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## "The OC Great Park"

#### PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Today, we welcomed Sam Allevato. He was The Mayer of San Juan Capistrano and is currently a City Councilman. He served 33 Years on the Police Dept. then joined City of Irvine as Public Information Officer which led to his present position in Public Relations with the Park Management. He shared background on the project and what we have to look forward to in the future!

### VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS Sarah Marie Hunt

#### MEMBER RECOGNITION

David – For "ring a bell" idea when a donation of \$100 is given. Ding! Gordon – For Maureen's birthday and trip to Utah National Parks

## CLUB ANNOUCEMENTS Community Service (Lisa Morrow)

1) School Uniform Distribution Aug 25. Need volunteers. Collecting monies for school supplies (can bill account).

2) Rotary Angels Game is Sep 8. Sign up by Aug 15. If interested contact Lisa M. 3) "Relax for A Cause" – On Aug 16, Spa Gregorie's Newport Beach, will donate 15% of services to Blind Children's Learning Center, Santa Ana. Call 949-644-6672 and use code: **NOC Delta Gamma**. Spa open 9am – 9pm.

#### Taste Event Update (John Castillo)

1) Marketing – Lisa S, Lisa M and John with B&GofSA on Aug 3. We will work with their outside marketing partner to help develop an "email pitch" for event to send to their entire donor base. They will send 2 emails to promote the event and post to their Facebook page. They will also leverage some of the special interest groups (Blend) that are associated with the Club and the Executive Director is friends with a prominent Restaurant Consultant that works with all the restaurants in the area! We hope for an endorsement and support of the event.

2) Tickets – Paper tickets distributed.
 3) Tickets – Online tickets launched at <a href="https://www.discoverthetaste.eventbrite.com">www.discoverthetaste.eventbrite.com</a>
 An email was distributed with info.



Wednesdays 12:15 PM Antonello Ristorante 1611 Sunflower Ave, Santa Ana

#### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

Aug 22 – Dennis Evans "The Grand Jury" @ Chapter One 222 N Broadway, Santa Ana Aug 29 – Raymond Foster "Investing" Sep 5 – Tricia Escamilla "Dream, Believe, Become"

**Sep 12** – Dark

Sep 19 – Dr. Anne Turner, Think Together Sep 26 – Chris Abel "San Onofre"

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug 18 - Club Training

Aug 25 – School Uniform Distribution @ First Congressional Church of Santa Ana, 10 AM – 3PM. Lunch provided.

**Sep 8** –Angels Game @ 6:05 PM. Purchase tickets by August 15.

Sep 19 – Board Meeting, 6pm @ Lisa S Sep 29 – Discover the Taste @ Santa Ana Zoo, 5pm. Tickets \$50/adult. 50% Proceeds benefit Boys and Girls Club of Santa Ana. THE ROTATIONS Issue 5

# Program

Speaker: Sam Allevato

Sam was The Mayer of San Juan Capistrano and is currently a City Councilman. He served 33 Years on the Police Dept. then joined City of Irvine as Public Information Officer which led to his present position in Public Relations with the Park Management.

The former El Toro Marine base was a flat Lima Been field measuring about 3000 Acres owned by Mr. Irvine, purchased by GSA for a million Dollars in 1942 to build MCAS El Toro.

After closing the base from 1982 to 1999 Lamar Corporation bought the property for 650 million with the agreement to donate The 1350 acres for OCGP and development fee of 200 million. This sum is the starting capital for building the park. Lamar Co. donated an additional 150 Acres to the park at a later date. Construction will continue for about 20 more years.

When completed, the park will provide a wide variety of features including a 2.5 mile canyon and lake, miles of walking and biking trails etc.

The Runways are rented to be used as test tracks or movie sets. Hangars are also used for various exhibits and facilities including dining and entertainment areas. At present the Park has:

The free Great Park Balloon rising to 400 feet. Walking through history presentation from the 40's to the present, The Visitor

Center, The Great Lawn for all outdoors

activities,
Performance
space, Hangar
244 for private
meeting rental.
Activities are
many including
Fun for Kids,
Movies on the
Lawn, Concerts
and
Performances,
and Dance,
Dance, Dance to
variety of music.

Run off water are collected, treated, cleaned and recycled to slowly decontaminate the soil from the jet fuel spills during MCAS use. Certain areas of the park are planted with Fruits and Vegetables. A farmers market

is held on Sundays. There will be a pumpkin Harvest on Sat. Oct. 20.

One cannot list all activities, so to obtain up to date information, schedules and answer any questions please go to: <a href="www.ocgp.org">www.ocgp.org</a>
You can sign up for e-mail updates and programs.



#### **FOUR-WAY TEST**

Of the things we think, say or do

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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