



The Rotations

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OC Stormwater Program

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS.

President and community service chair met to discuss allocation of fundraiser proceeds. Members to vote on proposal to move \$2,000 from General account to Club's foundation account to increase our ability to support the community; this was the amount not spent on Lisa S international convention, which was returned to the general account. Motion approved. Planned disbursement will be presented and discussed at next Board meeting.

President discussed club website; board had approved \$250 to revamp, quote came in at \$350, members vote to approve allocation. Motion approved.

RECOGNITION

Catherine - Wedding anniversary
Lisa M - birthday
Mel - birthday
George - Vacation (Paris & London)

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Community Service - Denise
Santa programs tentatively scheduled

Franklin Thurs Dec 19 and Hoover Fri Dec 20.

Free Wheelchair Mission has a matching grant program. By funding 20 wheelchairs, we actually "caused" 40 to be funded, which amounts to one for every speaker we have over the course of this Club year.

FUNDRAISING - Dixon

Dixon and Lisa M attended Anaheim Hills Oktoberfest community fundraiser. No entry cost but food/drink tickets sold, vendors/sponsors, raffle/silent auction, and entertainment for all ages (band, magic, games, kids activities and wiener dog races). Over 1,000 attend each year, and raise about \$10k. All Club members were working an area. Big takeaway strong sense of community and the club taps into that. Santa Ana does not have such a sense of community and that may be one of our fundraising challenges. They do a lot for their community - Sponsor a boy scouts, Interact Club, etc.



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

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Oct 30, (Spooky) Dark
Nov 6, Austin Guindy, Physician
Nov 13, Kat Dej-Panah, Ocean Institute
Nov 20, Crystal Mora, Craft Talk
Nov 27, (Dining in the) Dark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 4, Interact Meeting, 1pm
Nov 9, Rotary Foundation Gala and Concert, Bowers Museum
Nov 13, Membership Committee Meeting
Nov 18, Interact Meeting, 1pm
Dec 10, Holiday Party, Antonello

Santa Ana Public Works Agency

Our speaker was Thomas Lo, with the City of Santa Ana Public Works Agency, speaking on the OC Stormwater Program, comprising 34 cities plus the county. He mentioned a great deal of permit activity in this area with the regional water quality control board.

The purposes of these regulations are to protect rivers, creeks, bays, and coastal waters, and to manage urban runoff. We learned that a watershed is any collection area, may be natural (such as a lake or river) or manmade (such as the construction of a "catchment" basin).

Stormwater runoff picks up pollutants as they flow, such as copper dust from automobile brakes. However we also have "dry weather runoff" from domestic car washing, over-irrigation, spraying driveways and sidewalks, etc.

Thomas emphasized the difference between storm drains and sewers – they are two entirely separate systems. Storm drains go to catch basins and the city cleans debris from them annually (e.g., leaves which rob the water of oxygen in their decomposition process, and cause algae). The sewer system goes to water treatment plant(s) and undergoes a three part treatment prior to being discharged 5 miles out into the ocean – or in Irvine's case, they use their reclaimed treated water for urban irrigation, with purple pipes denoting non-potable water.

So what can we do to help? DON'T LITTER. Do recycle. Curtail the use of pesticides and fertilizers. Don't over-water. (Get smart timers – for rebate program info see www.socalwatersmart.com) Sweep rather than hose driveways and sidewalks. Sweep up leaves and garden debris. For any car drips / leaks, don't let them get into the ground. Apply an absorbent material (such as cat litter) and sweep up. Use a commercial carwash rather than washing at home. Pick up after your pet. Bathe pets on the lawn. Plant California – friendly grasses and native plants (drought resistant). For more information on this area see www.overwateringisout.com and you can subscribe for email tips.

OC pollution hotline: (877) 89SPILL

Also see www.ocwatersheds.com

Get the smartphone app "My Santa Ana" which connects to city of Santa Ana – if you see pollutants or overwatering (or graffiti, or any other public works type problem) you can take a photo and send it through the app, which uses the locator on your phone and promptly dispatches a worker to address it. Promptness is key – if there's a leak or overwatering, if it dries before they can get out, no action can be taken. Alternative to the smartphone app is to call Santa Ana's public works dispatch at (714) 647-3380.

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