

# The Rotary Ripple

**Sometimes we make waves and sometimes we just ride them.**



## @ Our Last Meeting

Our last meeting was November 18th since we were dark last week. What You Missed...

Well, first there were those wise words of inspiration from most venerable Hal Ball: "No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats," and "Never miss a good chance to shut up." The former may sound plain absurd, but the latter resonates with most of us!

Don't forget: Project Shepherd begins December 6<sup>th</sup> and ends the 22<sup>nd</sup>. It takes care of many needy Lakewood families, and we still need your continuing service in this wonderful cause. Try Teddy Bear Tree sign-ups for December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> or please join other Rotary members for distribution on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Casino Night this year saw doubled attendance, bringing us more-than-projected income. And kudos to Dennis Fontes for securing a \$1500 donation for our international project.

Resé passed out cards to members in a letter-writing campaign to our service men and women serving in the Air Force in Iraq. This wonderful gesture will be repeated in months ahead as well. Thanks to Resé for this wonderful gesture of support and care.

Finally, Ron Piazza served as a fill-in speaker at the last moment, describing the great fun to be had at our annual Art Auction. Moreover, this year will whet our appetites with a Wine and Chocolate Tasting. We hope to see everyone turn out for this wonderful event on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005, the third Friday of the New Year. To take place at The Grand, Jim Choura will put on a great hors d'oeuvres package. And Rotary will get a better deal on the percentages this year; in fact, it's conceivable that we could make much more than the \$38,000 we pulled in last year, thanks to a new and improved arrangement this year. Meanwhile, we need a chairperson to get over 250 pieces of art to the stage, and we will need wine servers as well. Remember, the proceeds are for the worthiest of causes, namely for college scholarships for Lakewood area students. If you know anyone who is remodeling a home or who is into interior design, invite them as your guest: we need as many people in attendance as we can get. Email Linda Stone or Ron Piazza any and all names of folks we can invite so we can make our target of at least 225 people. And if we can get everyone to stay for an hour after the auction starts, we are guaranteed a greater take of the door and the money brought in. Advance tickets are \$20 or you can pay \$25 at the door. Remember: as Don Knabe always says, "It's for the kids!" See you there!

### Special Reminder

- Rotary is committed to the community.
- Rotarians make the best friends.
- Rotarians enjoy great times of fellowship
- Share what you enjoy at Rotary.

## Presidential Selection Committee

The Presidential Selection Committee met candidates this week and is excited to announce the following:

Dennis Fontes has been selected to serve as our Club President for the Rotary year 2006-07. Dennis will serve after Jason Hagensick next year.

Mike Troyer has been selected to serve the following year, 2007-08.

Thanks to both of these Rotarians for committing to serve.

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## UCLA vs USC Party

You don't want to miss this GREAT fellowship opportunity. The perennial rivalry culminates on December 4<sup>th</sup> at our annual UCLA/USC party at the Outback restaurant!

For just \$25, you'll get to cheer on your favorite team as well as eat to your heart's content. There's even mention of a football pool out there!



Rotary District 7230 in New York sponsored the creation of this mural of Rotary's history.

You can take an up-close virtual tour of this beautiful pictorial history by visiting the website at [www.antiquecolor.com/rotary](http://www.antiquecolor.com/rotary)

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec	02	Rotary Happy Hour
	03	Su Casa Delivery
	04	UCLA & USC Party @ Outback (noon)
	04	Project Shepherd Booth at Lakewood Mall
	05	Project Shepherd Booth at Lakewood Mall
	08	Rotary Reads
	11	Project Shepherd Booth at Lakewood Mall
	12	Project Shepherd Booth at Lakewood Mall
	16	Holiday Party & Gift Exchange
	23	No Meeting Christmas Week
Jan	21	Art Auction

**“We  
need  
old  
friends  
to help us  
grow  
old  
and  
new  
friends  
to help us  
stay  
young.”**

**- Letty  
Pocrebin**

## The Rotary Club of Lakewood

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### 2004-05 Board of Directors

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### Also Serving:

Rese Jacobs, Membership  
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Jinny Bemis, Inspiration  
Chuck Clark, Newsletter

## Get The Rotary Ripple

You can get your copy of The Rotary Ripple several different ways:

- 1- It is emailed to you.
- 2- It is posted on our website.
- 3- We will fax it to you
- 4- We will mail it to you.
- 5- We will hand it to you at the next meeting
- 6- For \$100 someone will call you on the phone and read it to you.

You have no excuse.



## A Sale on Paul Harris Fellows!

The Lakewood Rotary Board has just approved the opportunity of a lifetime! If you have not yet received your first Paul Harris Fellow recognition, you are eligible for our fall sale! The Lakewood Rotary Club will match your contribution dollar for dollar if you finish your Paul Harris Fellow before December 31, 2004.

Here is how it works: if you currently have a sustaining balance in your account, simply subtract this amount from \$1,000 and divide by 2. Write a check to the Rotary Foundation and give it to either Jon Gotz or Lisa Rapp, and the club will match that amount and you will receive your Paul Harris Fellow.

Let's take an example: Lakewood Rotary Club member John D. Rotary has an account balance of \$200 as noted in the email he received a couple of weeks ago. All John needs to do is write a check for \$400 to Rotary Foundation and the club will match John's \$400 with 400 club recognition points, and this added to John's current balance, makes \$1000 and a Paul Harris Fellow! And to make it even better, as long as John's check gets to the Rotary Foundation before December 31, 2004, John will realize a tax deduction for this year! What could be better?

Restrictions do apply: The sale is only for those who have not yet received their first Paul Harris Fellow. We must have an actual check, not just a pledge and it must be received before 12/31/04. The maximum match is \$500. The matching points are only awarded for a contribution that actually achieves the PHF recognition level. Partial payments are not eligible.

New members! This is also for you! Even if you have never contributed to the Foundation at all, you are eligible! You can write a check for \$500, and you have essentially gotten your first PHF for half-price! What a deal!

If you have any questions, please call John Gotz at 562-424-0726 or GOTZ@aol.com or Lisa Rapp at 562-866-9771, Ext. 2500 or lrapp@lakewoodcity.org. Jon or Lisa can answer your questions and check your account balance.