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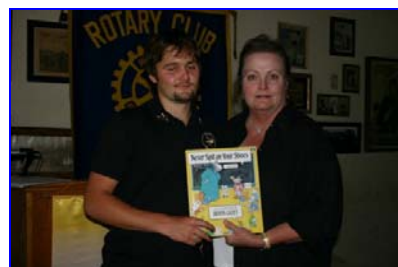
Meeting Highlights



Justin Houchin speaking, top



Ivor & Justin, on right & left w/T-Shirt



Cherie Spamer & Justin Houchin with book to read to children signed by Justin, right top



Ivor Dawson speaking, far right

Today's Program—Justin Houchin, "The First Teenager In Space:" Today, Ivor Dawson, President of CP Rotary and founder and President of the Traveling Space Museum, introduced our speaker, Justin Houchin. Justin explained to us some of the things helping him to reach his goal: First he plans to attend cosmonaut training in Russia; next, he plans to use various skills learned in scouting; he is attending Pasadena City College, having graduating from an accelerated program in High School; and how he sells souvenir T-shirts to raise money for his training. We also saw a Channel 4 newscast showing Justin getting ready for his adventure. Justin is also an Eagle Scout, musician, enjoys scuba diving, and snow boarding. Additionally, Ivor explained why the Traveling Space Museum takes exhibits and speakers to the schools. Ivor is hoping to inspire new generations. Thank you Ivor & Justin!

Thank you everyone for a fantastic Program today, Barbara Mack for taking notes, & John Alexander for taking photos!

Visitors

ROTARIANS:

- Past District Governor Eli Guana, introduced by Ruben Corona

**"Happy he who like Ulysses has made a glorious voyage."
- Joachim du Bellay, 1522-1560**

Announcements/Highlights Continued....

Updates/Comments:

- Cherie Spamer asked for us to remember her brother in prayer as he is going to have heart valve surgery very soon.
- Fred announced that there will be a "Comedy Night" benefiting the Frontline Foundation at the Palladium on August 7th, starting with wine & hors d'oeuvres at 6pm. The Frontline Foundation serves the needy on Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles.
- There will be a District Leadership meeting on August 13, 2005. The focus will be recruiting new members & nominating process.
- August 10th we are having the District Governor's Official Visit at our Club.
- September 16th, 17th & 18th is our Sierra Safari in Bishop. We encourage everyone to attend!
- Carlos announced to everyone: September 17th — the Children's' Finger Printing Booth is at the Latino Expo in the Panarama City Mall. Past President Jim Tenner will be providing the Finger Printing Equipment. This is a very popular event, and we will need as much participation as possible.
- Carlos mentioned that it would be a good idea if the roster were included with the Rotarygram. Perhaps on the back page.
- Fines colleted this Club Meeting: Mike Quiroga for an anniversary; Barbara Baerg for her Great Granddaughter, Victoria Hope born 6 weeks ago; Leo O'Biecunas for buying a new Mercedes convertible vs. buying new tires for his old car; and Perry Beal for passing the ATP (Air Traffic Pilot) written exam. Congratulations Perry, well done!
- Leo OBiecunas gave a report on the tennis clinic and Neighborhood Night Out. Last Tuesday was Neighborhood Night Out and SLO Darrell Davis donated water bottles and water from the Police Protective League. Leo reports that the kids and parents are enjoying the tennis program. There are usually 12 to 15 kids participating two nights a week.
- President Barbara also announced the 2006 RI Convention "Beautiful Malmo—Wonderful Copenhagen," June 11-14. Please see Barbara for more information and ticket order form.
- President Barbara announced the Board will be having a meeting next Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the YMCA.
- As always, much appreciation and gratitude to everyone for all that they do!



Recognition...

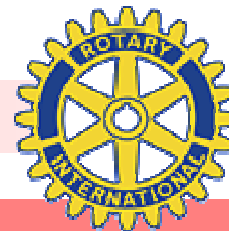
Today, Past President Carlos gets a surprise!

Joe DiFatta presents Past President Carlos with a bound copy of all the Rotarygrams from his presidency.



Past President Carlos expressing much joy, laughter, and appreciation!





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Upcoming Programs

- Aug 10 Les Grossman, our District Governor, will visit and discuss our Rotary District.
- Aug 17 Ken Benson — will speak on "How can you break the rules if you don't know what they are?"
- Aug 24 Covenant Players—Actors who put on skits for elementary students to help them deal with difficult situations.
- Aug 30 Andrea Reinken will talk about how the "Wonder of Reading" is helping literacy among children.

BIRTHDAYS

- July 11 Cherie Spamer
- July 16 Leo O'Biecunas
- July 17 Mari Satuloff
- July 20 Jim Vanyck
- July 24 Harley Malloy
- August 3 Mike Quiroga

HOT DATES

- August 13th **District Leadership Meeting and Membership Seminar**, 8:30am at Sam's Café, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills.
- August 20th **Inter-District 5260-5280 Picnic**, El Segundo Recreation Park, 12 Noon, 401 Sheldon St., El Segundo.
- Sept. 16-18th **Sierra Safari** in Bishop! Try it, you'll like it!
- Sept. 17th **Latino Business Expo**

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