

“Service Above Self”

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Newsletter



Meets Wednesdays
12:15 p.m.
Padillo Room at
the Mission Playhouse
324 S. Mission Drive
San Gabriel, CA

Rotary Club of San Gabriel

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“A Club with a Mission”

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San Gabriel Rotarians start off the New Year with a bang. Fresh off the club’s community service project at the YMCA on January 5 (see page 2), Rotarians fill the Padillo Room on January 6, 2010 for their first meeting of the year. As usual, friendship fellowship and good food were the order of the day.

Our speaker this week was Michael Archer, Founder and CEO of The Water Cache Project. Michael Archer is an author, wildfire consultant, systems engineer, and public speaker. He has provided technical information to the offices of Governor Schwarzenegger and Senator Diane Feinstein on wildfire issues. He was also a part of a delegation testifying before the U.S. House of Representatives’ Domestic Policy Subcommittee and personally testified before members of the California State Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water.

The Water Cache Project is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public safety charity that places helicopter dip-tanks with wildlife guzzlers in wild land close to neighborhoods with the three following goals:



- 1) **Providing water for wildlife** during what is projected to be at least a 20-year drought period in the West;
- 2) **Provisioning our firefighters** to catch wildfires in their earliest stages; and
- 3) **Protecting our communities** from wildfires and protecting people and pets from displaced wildlife and their pets. (www.watercacheproject.org)

Next Meeting – January 13, 2010

Speaker - Jim Collins, Principal, San Gabriel Mission High School
Topic: The Mission of Mission High School.

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Casey Lo, brings San Gabriel Rotarians New Year's greetings from Senator Carol Liu's office.



Steven Hull receives Paul Harris Fellow medallion

Rotarians Playing on the Playground



San Gabriel Rotarians came out in force to assist and support Valerie Gomez, Executive Director of the YMCA of West San Gabriel Valley and also a San Gabriel Rotarian in building the YMCA's new playground on January 5, 2010.

San Gabriel Rotarians: Julie Sorenson, Carol Barrett, Fred and Suzanne Paine, Gary and Susan Parks, Ken Tchong, Larry Sorenson, Harry Baldwin, Mario De La Torre, Chin-Ho Liao, Kevin Sawkins, Richard Valenzuela, and Miles Yoshisato joined forces with The Home Depot, KaBoom!, and the College GameDay team: Chris Fowler, Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit and Desmond Howard to complete this amazing playground build in Alhambra, CA.

The project was made possible by [Kaboom!](#) and The Home Depot Foundation who selected the YMCA of WSGV as their next project.

Visit the [San Gabriel Rotary](#) web site for more pictures on this event.

Rotary Fun Fact – Special Rotary Observances

In the annual Rotary calendar, several months are designated to emphasize major programs of Rotary International.

January is Rotary Awareness Month. This is a time to expand knowledge of Rotary and its activities among our membership and throughout the community.

February is designated as World Understanding Month. This month was chosen because it includes the birthday of Rotary International, February 23. During the month, Rotary clubs are urged to present programs which promote international understanding and goodwill, as well as launch World Community Service projects in other parts of the world.

World Rotaract Week occurs during the week in which March 13 falls. It's a time when Rotary clubs and districts highlight Rotaract by joining in projects with their Rotaract clubs.

April is set aside as Rotary's Magazine Month. Throughout the month, clubs arrange programs and activities which promote the reading and use of THE ROTARIAN magazine and the official regional magazines of Rotary.

August is Membership and Extension Month, a time to focus on Rotary's continuing need for growth, to seek new members and form new clubs.

September is Youth Activities Month. Rotary clubs of the world give special emphasis to the many Rotary-sponsored programs which serve children and young people. During this month many clubs give increased attention to youth exchange activities.

October is Vocational Service Month. During this period, clubs highlight the importance of the business and professional life of each Rotarian. Special activities promoted the vocational avenue of service.

November is selected to be Rotary Foundation Month. Clubs and districts call attention to the programs of The Rotary Foundation and frequently cultivate additional financial support for the Foundation by promoting contributions for Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members.

Each of these special months serves to elevate the awareness among Rotarians of some of the excellent programs of service which occur within the world of Rotary.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 12 – San Gabriel Rotary Board Meeting (Denny's Rosemead Blvd.)
- Jan. 16 – [San Gabriel Chamber Mixer](#)
- Jan. 20 – Election for club officers
- Feb. 6 – [Board of Directors Training Seminar](#) - Etiwanda Gardens

For more information on the Rotary Club of San Gabriel:

Visit us at
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Announcements

Save the date, March 20, 2010
 Club fundraiser trip to Pala Casino.
 Trip has been tentatively scheduled,
 more details to follow.