

“Service  
Above Self”

# CHIMES

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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## March 4, 2010

At the March 3, 2010 meeting, we had the opportunity to hear a presentation from Gerry Lopez, Project Manager for the City of San Gabriel Public Works Maintenance Yard Relocation Project. The project is part of the city’s plans to strengthen and improve its infrastructure.



Lopez started his presentation by identifying the goals of the relocation project: 1) Staying within budget, 2) Go as “Green” as possible, 3) Community involvement, 4) Design for future expansion, and 5) 24hr safety and security. The project is tentatively scheduled to be completed by Summer 2012.

For more information you can contact Gerry Lopez at (626) 308-2825, ext. 223.

In an effort to make this project successful, the project team which includes personnel from different City Departments, will be hosting a series of Public Outreach Meetings. These meetings will involve community members and stakeholders and inform them of the progress of the project and involve them in the planning process. A public outreach meeting is scheduled for March 17, 18, and 20 ([public works](#)).



Carol Barrett announces this week’s speaker

## Next Meeting – March 10, 2010

Speaker - Mary Cammarano, Representative from the  
San Gabriel Mission Playhouse  
Topic: Mission District History: Playhouse, City Hall, etc.

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## San Gabriel Rotarians Start the New Year off with a KaBoom!

(Reprinted from *The Highlighter* - February 2010)

On the morning of January 5, 2010, San Gabriel Rotarians gathered at the YMCA of West San Gabriel Valley to join forces with community volunteers, volunteers from The Home Depot, and ESPN College GameDay hosts to build a new playground for children in the community.

San Gabriel Rotarians worked side by side with numerous volunteers including the Alhambra Rotary Club to complete a long awaited playground for the community and the YMCA. The playground and other improvements to the YMCA grounds were made possible by KaBoom!, an organization which envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America.

San Gabriel Rotarians assembled numerous components to a huge jungle gym playground, built park benches and tables, planters, trashcan receptacles, and a walkway. Since this build took place during the week, many Rotarians took the day off from work to volunteer their time. Everyone involved in this build knew how deserving the YMCA is of this playground and selflessly committed their time.

During the build, Rotarians were joined by the hosts of ESPN's College GameDay. What a treat it was to meet and work on a project with Chris Fowler, Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit, and Desmond Howard. The hosts of College GameDay were in town for the BCS National Championship Game in Pasadena, CA.



(Harry Baldwin flexing his muscles)

Due to the large number of dedicated Rotarians and volunteers, the new playground was built ahead of schedule. The entire project was completed in just one day.

To view pictures of this community service project visit the [San Gabriel Rotary web site](#).

### Photo Gallery



Larry Sorenson updates Rotarians on the service project to rehab the Mission Playhouse's Green Room.



Kevin Sawkins share his experiences and fundraising efforts at the Pasadena Marathon with Rotarians.



Suzanne Paine announces a date change for Club President Al's Demotion Dinner to Thursday, June 17, 2010.

### Upcoming Events

- Mar. 6 – SG Mission High School [60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner](#)
- Mar. 9 – SG Rotary Board Meeting
- Mar.10 – Pala Casino RSVP Deadline
- Mar.15 – Interact Circle Meeting, GHS
- Mar.20 – [Pala Casino Trip Fundraiser](#)
- Mar.27 – Watershed Service Project (GHS Interact & SG Rotary)

**For more information on the Rotary Club of San Gabriel:**

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### Happy Birthday!!



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&  
Chin-Ho Liao**