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THIS WEEK

Speaker: Detective Jim Rochford, Covina P. D.
Topic: Identity theft
Program Chairman: Gordon Browning

Yep! It can and usually happens to everyone. I received a call from my bank card company a couple of years ago regarding the purchases of a camera and a computer on my card. They thought that the purchases were not in my buying style and stopped payment. The card was canceled and a new card issued. I never did find out where my card number was stolen, In a perfect world we can go back to paying cash for everything, but let's get real, that will never happen. Just look at Washington and Sacramento.

LAST WEEK

Aloha, Shirley Harrison, thanks for a job well done, and welcome to the past-presidents club, once again. I heard that the missing baggage finally showed up at 11:30 PM Thursday night. Isn't airline travel fun??

NEXT WEEK

We will be treated to a bit of automotive nostalgia when Vic Cunnyngham of Cal Rods of the San Gabriel Valley takes us back to the 50's and 60's and hot rodding in Baldwin Park.

HOSPICE OF THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Ground breaking for Hospice occurred June 6, 1985. This happened as a direct result of the actions of Fred Coulter, president of Covina Rotary, 1969, while attending a meeting of Intercommunity Hospital boards of directors. The CEO, Dwayne Carlberg presented the need for a free standing hospice, to compliment our in-house hospice program. Everyone but Fred looked around the room, waiting for another to speak up. Fred raised his hand and said "the Foundation Board will do it" and the rest is history. Eventually, the plans were drawn and a building committee of three Rotarians was appointed from the Foundation. We met on a weekly basis with the contractor to revise plans and complete the Hospice structure. Early one morning, in the old Sunkist schoolroom, as we were going over an issue, the 5.7 Whittier earthquake hit. Some ran for the doorway, but I sat there wondering if our unfinished building was damaged. Not to worry - it is tougher than a battleship. The next memorable moment happened the day before the gala grand opening dinner dance. The two giant circus tents are up and ready to go. Indoor-outdoor carpeting in place and then it rained - not a drizzle or shower - a real Kansas gully washer. The floors of the tents were wading pools, and it is really hard to have 700 dinner guests in formal clothes dine and dance in bare feet or boots. We rented every commercial vacuum and fan in the valley and had the place ready to go the day before the party. . My wife Shirley was the chairman of the dinner dance and rented a 6' tall rabbit topiary from a Glendora nursery as the centerpiece for the cocktail tent. Unfortunately it was stolen by some waiters after the party and the nursery wanted \$5000 for the loss. I was talking with a patient two months later and he said the rabbit was in front of a frat house at Cal Poly. Sure enough Steve Reenders and I retrieved it and we only were charged \$500 for the damage to the plant. Many Covina Rotarians participated in the Hospice project Our club raised and donated \$50,000 and room 101 is named in our honor. Hospice is one of the best kept secrets in our area. You don't hear about it until someone in your family needs some tender, loving care. Thanks to your Rotary Club and Fred Coulter's vision and courage we have a community service project in action today, and for many years to come.



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91st President Covina Rotary Club
Born in Wichita, Kansas, she has a son, Chase, and married Terry September 22, 2000.
She has been a self-employed CPA since 1975.
Are we ready to rumble?? Let's go Covina!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA



July 2, 1776 Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence from England. They then turned their attention to the Declaration of Independence and appointed the Committee of Five: Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Robert Livingston. These men produced the Declaration of Independence in 17 days. It was formally presented to Congress, and voted into law on July 4, 1776. Most delegates actually signed it on August 2, 1776.