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THIS WEEK

Speaker: Jim Fossum  
Topic: Home Depot gives back.  
Program Chair: Lina Ledford

Mr. Fossum is the operations manager at Covina Home Depot. He is also responsible for all community outreach programs as well as contributions to community nonprofit organizations. Prior to coming to Home Depot he was a credit/collections/accounts receivable manager for a large giftware company, a realtor, and a private business owner. Any of us who own a house and are into "honey- dos" already know the store personally and up close.

NEXT WEEK

We are off to lunch at Cedar Grove School (1209 N. Glendora Ave.)then read to the students. It is a fun activity

LAST WEEK

Dr. Bill Tang showed us the da Vinci surgical robot, a modern scientific, mechanical miracle. Any of us who operated a remote control car or airplane can appreciate the skill needed to operate the device. Think about this advanced medical technique and compare it to a bottle of whiskey and the instruments used in the Civil War. We must maintain our ability to innovate in America.

**ROTARY FOUNDATION SUMMARY STATISTICS**

|                                 | 2009-2010        | Cumulative                |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Contributions</b>            | <b>\$268.5 m</b> | <b>\$266.3b</b>           |
| Annual programs fund            | \$100.4 m        | \$1,702 b                 |
| Permanent Fund                  | \$10.5 m         | \$176.5 m                 |
| Polio Plus Fund                 | \$151.6 m        | \$752.6 m                 |
| Other                           | \$6.0 m          | \$32.0 m                  |
| <b>Prog. Awards &amp; Oper.</b> | <b>\$204.9 m</b> | <b>since '47 \$2.407b</b> |
| Arch Klumph Society             | 32               | 270                       |
| Major donors                    | 1,431            | 12,847                    |
| Bequest Society                 | 497              | 7,120                     |
| Benefactors                     | 2,701            | 83,374                    |
| New Paul Harris Fellows         | 54,500           | 1,243,082                 |

Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer, Foundation Trustee Chair has an interesting article on page 118 of the January 2011 Rotarian. Remember the Rotary Foundation goals: polio eradication; the Future Vision Plan; Every Rotarian, Every Year; and the Permanent Fund. The Rotary Foundation finances are totally separate from RI, and has its own board of directors of 15 Trustees. It is time for all 1.2 million members to let the world know of the good work we have accomplished over the years.

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**Sayings for those who take life too seriously**

I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.  
I intend to live forever. So far so good.  
Get a new car for you spouse. It'll be a good trade.  
A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory.  
A day without light is like ...night.  
99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.  
You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.  
Two wrongs are only the beginning.  
Remember, half the people you know are below average.  
Save the whales. Collect the whole set.  
How many of you believe in telekinesis? Raise my hand.  
On the other hand ... you have different fingers.

**Board minutes 1/11/11**

Fund raiser social at Covina Playhouse, March 3rd. Each member will be billed \$90 for two tickets. Pat Harvey to chair this event. Entertainment will consist of a preproduction of Cole Porter's musical, Anything Goes. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres and an auction of several exciting items. One of these is an airplane flight for two in a private plane piloted by John Nemzek, Andy's buddy and recent Rotary speaker. You will land at the Catalina airport, drive to Avalon and have an electric golf cart at your disposal to spend some fun time sightseeing. Finally you will go back to the airport for the return flight. I have made the flight and it is an outstanding adventure.

Covina C of C Citizen of the Year banquet, honoring Bill McIntyre, will be held on 1/27/11. CRC has reserved a table.

December attendance was 73%. We had 4 meetings, an entire month in 1963 of 100% attendance. Makeup's are fun and a great way to meet your neighboring Rotarians. It's too bad that that phase of Rotary membership has been de-emphasized and lost. You can't enjoy Rotary if you don't attend the meetings.

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**Depression**

In the late 1890s, a depression hit Covina. Part of the problem with the local economy was that some ranchers were slow to change from deciduous fruit and vegetables to citrus. Gradually economic conditions improved, and Covina became a center of the citrus industry. In 1909, the University of California and the Southern Pacific Railroad ran a special train to Covina filled with agriculture experts to give lectures and demonstrations to ranchers from all over the San Gabriel Valley. In 1902, William Bowring (Fred Coulter's - grandfather), called an organizational meeting of the Charter Oak Citrus Association, which in 20 years shipped 9,000 freightcars of oranges with more than 4 million boxes. Price of citrus acreage continued to increase. Groves that sold for \$250/acre in 1912 resold for \$1250/acre in 1914.