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THIS WEEK

Speaker: Sylvia Beltran

Topic: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension

Chairman: Dawn Cychner

She is the community outreach coordinator for our Gold Line construction company which hopes to build a railroad from Union station to Montclair. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Cal State LA. I wonder if she remembers the PE Redcar that ran down the middle of Badillo from 2nd St. To Los Angeles, for \$.75!

LAST WEEK

It was good to meet some of our fine teachers and listen as they presented the lessons they can offer their students using our mini-grants. Thanks to Jon Teran and Covina Rotary, the classrooms come alive and become more interesting and fun. By the way, has anyone come up with the explanation of the acoustic physics involved with the machine nut in the balloon trick?

NEXT WEEK

Learn about the Covina library, designed by Jim Maul, former Covina Rotarian.



FLOYD "BUD" MYRICK, D.D.S.

Bud was born in Los Angeles in 1923, attended LA CC, Redlands, Colorado State (US Navy), USC Dental School. Boot camp in Farragut, ID., active duty in Hawaii. Met the beautiful Mary at a church function and married her in 1944. They have 4 children. His first practice in Children's Dentistry was in Azusa. Moved to W. Covina in 1954. He dreamed of building a Children's Health building. Joining with Kink, Jackson, and Teal they opened the offices at Hollenbeck and Badillo in 1958. He joined Rotary in 1958. Little did we know that he was to become a legendary Rotarian with a Memorial program named after him that flourishes today, 52 years later. Bud was diagnosed with colon cancer and died in 1961. "Bud, your legacy lives on, God Bless."

FLOYD MYRICK AWARDS

---are unique, enduring, timely, and beneficial to our community.

Bud had been a member of Covina Rotary a short time when he suggested that we give plenty of attention and awards to upper division successful high school students. Why not some recognition to younger students who were suddenly trying hard and improving dramatically in school. The new attitude is paying off with better grades and overall performance. In 1960 the Covina Rotary Club agreed and thus began the Floyd Myrick Awards.

Freshman and sophomore students from Charter Oak, Northview, Covina and South Hills High Schools were nominated by their teachers to receive a Myrick Award. In most cases this would be the first time they had been singled out and given a thank you for doing something good at school. When we have an occasion to talk with parents of Myrick winners they often mention how proud they are. Teachers like to participate because they too feel good when their students receive recognition for trying hard in school.

There are several ways to measure a Rotary project: timeliness, social value, community benefit and uniqueness. The Floyd Myrick Awards meet all of these standards and more. We participate in speech and music contests, Christmas Goodwill, teacher mini-grants, but none with a more positive effect on our community or the world than that of encouraging our children in Covina to become better students and citizens. They deserve nothing less and I know that Bud is watching from his special place in Heaven and chuckling his approval.

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