

“TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY THAT ACCOMPANIES EVERY RIGHT”

Y's CHATTER

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PRESIDENT's Message

I am in serious trouble with our venerated Newsletter staff as this message is most assuredly late. I am doubly challenged not to make this a quagmire of inane observations. So I hope I can make it up to **PETE** and **ALEIDA** by keeping it brief ... er.



We are truly blessed to have such an adventurous group of club members who relish a good time together. We had a wonderful day this past month, metro-railing to downtown and visiting Union Station and Olvera Street. Thanks in large part to **BRUCE TRENT'S** planning effort, this was a spanking good time with a stellar turnout of club members.

It was so good, it's possible some of us stayed behind. I think we left **LYNETTE BARGMAN** answering Docent questions as if she was playing "Double Jeopardy" where all the prizes were multiplied. We received a fine tour of Olvera Street from these Docents and visited the Avila Adobe, one of the oldest buildings on the West Coast which included a small museum presented by the DWP. I learned that William Mulholland, not a Y's man but sounding like one when, upon opening the first gates of the aqueduct, simply said "There it is. Take it."

Of course, being the fine connoisseurs we are, we simply had to walk down the street and partake of french dip sandwiches at Phillippe's for lunch. Just a dime for a cup of coffee. I think the transit was the best though. It was a great opportunity to test the rail and the

orange-line while relaxing, sharing jibes and stories with good company to and from downtown's Union Station.

This day reminded me of when I was a kid, and my folks would sometimes bottle up a few different day trips throughout the Southland for our family vacation. Thanks everyone, it was a great time and another reminder that the **A is for ASSOCIATION**.

More good news ... I am happy to report that the club will indeed make it's commitment to the Y of donating **\$6,000.00** to this year's Campaign. That sum puts us in the top contributors to the West Valley YMCA. Contributing as we have the previous 55 years, certainly includes us in the running for the most consistent contributor.

Once again, Thank You one and all for your 2006, Christmas Tree Lot participation.

Looking ahead, we hone our Pancake production skills as we take on the Pancake Breakfast in April and possibly again in June where we may decide to give Woodland Hills Rotary Clubs another boost like last year.

And, so you don't feel bad if you missed the downtown train ride, we are looking forward to a Glendale Theater evening in June and maybe a visit to the new Observatory before then. Let's talk it over at the meetings.

Associationately Yours,
—TIM SINGLETARY

MEET OUR MEMBERS

JOHN POWERS

I was born in a small town in south eastern Oklahoma on November 20, 1937. The town is Caddo. Oklahoma, it had a population of 500 in 1900 and in 2007 it has a population of 500. Needless to say, it is not a dynamic, fast growing community. When Terry and I drove through the town in the 1960's, I told her this was the town where I was born. She replied, "What town?"

My family moved to a larger town, Durant, 10 miles away about the time I started to the fourth grade. Durant was an interesting town; it had five taxicab companies. This was far more taxis than the town needed for transportation. The reality was that all of the companies were bootleggers. Oklahoma was a dry state and this led to a booming business for the taxicabs. They would deliver whatever booze you wanted. For many years more alcohol was confiscated in Oklahoma than was sold legally in Kansas.

In 1950 my family moved to a small town in Indiana. The name of the town is Seymour and it has two claims to fame. The first is that in the 1890's the Reno gang held up a train and managed to get a couple of the gang members captured. The irate posse took offense and promptly hung the two members at a place now called "Hangmen's Crossing",

The second claim to fame is that Seymour is the birthplace of the rock singer, John "Cougar" Mellancamp. John grew up with my brother and occasionally drops in to see my brother at the bottom part of the state. In his music John captured the essence of the small town in the midwest, warts and all.

After high school I attended Purdue University, about 100 miles below the Chicago area. The weather at Purdue is awful. When a recruiter from Douglas Aircraft showed up on the campus in the middle of winter sporting a great tan and a summer suit, I decided that Southern California was the place for me.

In 1961 I met Terry and we were married in 1962. We lived at the beach until my company transferred us to the valley around the time of the San Fernando earthquake. We were in our house just one month when the earthquake hit. Welcome to the San Fernando Valley!

We have two children. Jim, our elder son is married and lives in Oregon in the Portland area. We have a house up there and try to spend half the year with Jim and his family.

John, our younger son, lives in Reseda and is also married with a family. We are indeed blessed with our children and grandchildren.



Revised Dinner Meeting Cooks list

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| Sept 19, 2006 | Morsers |
| Oct 17, 2006 | Forest & Mayer |
| Nov 21, 2006 | Singletarys |
| Dec | Tree Lot |
| Jan 16, 2007 | Holdemans |
| Feb 20, 2007 | Drengson & Elswick |
| Mar 20, 2007 | Oswald & Powers |
| Apr 17, 2007 | McAfees |
| May 22, 2007 | Vogel & Cabral |

This list is good until someone makes another change. Summer dates will be announced later

CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

The Season Spring

I watch the seasons come and go,
I hear the robin sing,
And in my Winter-weary heart
I know that it is Spring.

The little brook is chattering,
So happy to be free;
A daffodil in yellow dress
Joins in the revelry.

Flowers lift wee, bright faces
In yards most everywhere;
The butterflies and honeybees
Are sipping nectar there.

The sky is turning brighter blue,
The lawn is sprouting green,
Pink blossoms on the dogwood tree
Fulfill an artist's dream.

As though this still were not enough
The weary heart to please,
The lilac spills her sweet perfume
Upon the rain-washed breeze.

I watch in awesome wonder
As Winter's on the wing
And our God in loving kindness
Sends the season we call "Spring."

Kay Hoffman



EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 8



Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL U.S.A. AREA CONVENTION

July 12 -15, 2007

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PSW Convention Sept. 28-30, 2007**

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 6 Election Day
- 13 Business Meeting
- 20 Dinner Meeting
- 26 Officers Meeting, Monday 7:00 PM
at Y's Mens bldg

APRIL

- 3 Business Meeting

U.S.A. AREA CONVENTION

July 12 - 15 2007

Charleston, South Carolina

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION CONVENTION

September 28 - 30 2007

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2008

31 July - 3 August 2008, Herning, Denmark

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