

## **ROTOCHAT OF CHATSWORTH ROTARY CLUB**

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### **THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

We will be dark today so that everyone will be able to attend the Ten Year Anniversary of our club on Saturday, May 8, Social Hour beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Chatsworth Center Building. There will be a prime rib dinner catered by the Chase House, a live orchestra, and films and highlights of the past ten years. In all, it sounds like one event that no Rotarian or Rotary Ann will want to miss. However, as mentioned before, this is on a first come, first serve basis, and everyone must contact Gay Minardi at 21715 Devonshire (341-1188) and give him the small fee of only six dollars per person. Remember -- you can bring guests. Let's make this the greatest event in the history of the Chatsworth Rotary Club.

### **NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM**

**IMPORTANT!** Our meeting place has been changed, beginning on May 12, to the Rocket Bowl, 9171 De Soto Avenue, Chatsworth. The phone number is 341-5040 and we will still meet on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon. We will have a buffet and will eat before the Rotary program begins.

### **THE WEEK THAT WAS**

Dr. Gjertrud H. Smith, Principal of Chatsworth High School was our guest speaker. Dr. Smith is very proud of the community of Chatsworth and of her school. She opened the meeting for questions, and they came from everywhere! A wonderful and enlightening program.

President Cliff won the five-dollar raffle and then told Dr. Smith that he would buy five-dollar's worth of tickets for the pancake breakfast the school is holding on May 8 at White Front Market on Roscoe Blvd. A beautiful second prize from our Florist, Hank, was won by our Security First National Banker, Ted Todd. Our former member and now member of the Canoga Park Rotary Club, Nick Petruso, was one of our guests.

Cliff made an announcement that we all should attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Chatsworth Center Building on May 11 for an outstanding speaker that Chamber President Bruce Pegg has lined up. The time is 8:00 p.m., and it is free and open to all -- let's have a lot of couples show up.

Joe sang one song congratulating George Lorbeer, Gay Minardi, and Polk Jennings birthdays, but Len Chenard, who also had a birthday, was absent and did not get to hear the sweet "Happy Birthday Song".

Sec. Ross is pushing a petition to get the Chatsworth Junior High School built in this area. Ross has the name of the school

as the John Lawrence Junior High School but Polk Jennings informed him and us that the name should be the Ernest O. Lawrence Junior High School! Whether it be John or Ernest O., we all should make an effort to get as many names on the petition as possible so that it gets on the ballot and then gets built! We are desperately in need of a Junior High School in Chatsworth and we all know that the land is there, the improvements are all in, and that all we need is the building!

### HAIL TO THE FIRST CHIEF

With our 10th Anniversary coming up this Saturday evening, who better to praise than our Charter President, Hank Crowley!

Hank has been in the flower business here in Chatsworth for 12 years, first at Lassen and Topanga, and now at 21717 Devonshire - the one and only Chatsworth Florist!

Hank was born in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. He attended grammar school in Kelowna, and Chaffey Jr. College in Ontario. After serving three years in the California National Guard as a Master Sergeant he received an Honorable Discharge. (At least that's what Hank says!) He then came to the United States and the proudest day of his life is when he became a naturalized citizen of our country in 1935.

Hank attended Polytechnic High School in Los Angeles, the University of California Southern Branch. His education was further acquired by studies at U.S.C. and Pierce College in the fields of horticulture. In 1929 he received his certificate as a Tree Doctor and Plant Pest Control Operator, which he still holds. Hank was in the tree doctoring business for twenty-three years.

While he was in college Hank played ice hockey as well as being on the Lacrosse team, the latter holding the Southern California Championship in one of their games played against the U.S. Navy.

His Rotary Ann, Dee, assists in the flower arrangements. They have two daughters, Patricia and Jackie, a stepdaughter Jessie, a granddaughter Rita, and even great-grandchildren!

Hank's hobbies are fishing and woodworking -- when he finds time!

We are not only proud of Hank because he served as our first president, but he has lived and breathed Rotary in our community for the past 10 years, and is known in our club as Mr. Rotary.

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#### WHERE TO MAKE-UP 100% Attendance Each Month

*Monday*  
Reseda, 12:10, West Valley YMCA,  
18810 Vanowen, Reseda.  
Simi, 12:10, 1633 Los Angeles Ave.

*Tuesday*  
Canoga Park, 12:10, Canoga Bowl, Vanowen  
and Winnetka  
Farzana, 7 p.m., Francois Resturant, 18373  
Ventura Blvd.  
Northridge, 12:10, Pepper Tree Resturant.

*Wednesday*  
Van Nuys, 12:10, Long's, 14537 Gilmore

Woodland Hills, 12:10, Barbata's 20001  
Ventura Blvd.

*Thursday*  
Panorama City, 12:10 Panorama Bowl  
West Van Nuys, 12:10 Sky Trails Resturant  
Encino, 7:30 p.m. Travaglino's 17500 Ventura  
Granada Hills, 7:00, Knollwood Country Club

*Friday*  
San Fernando, 12 noon, Recreation Center

*Vacation Make-Ups*  
Ask Club Secretary for Booklet