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5 months until Pre-Convention!

A NOTE FROM ROTARACT HOST COMMITTEE CHAIR RODERICK BROWN

SERVICE PROJECT PREVIEW

Sunday, 15 June 2008

STARRY EYED SERVICE WITH SHANE'S INSPIRATION

At Shane's Inspiration, the largest universally accessible playground in the United States, Rotaractors can be kids again! This play day includes being a Buddy to special needs children, making crafts, providing snacks, face painting and much more! Take part in one of the largest play days yet, with over 200 children. This playground, nestled in Griffith Park in the Hollywood Hills, has inspired the creation of Universally Accessible Playgrounds throughout Southern California and beyond, making it possible for children of all abilities, shapes and sizes to play together. At Shane's Inspiration, we can make a lasting impression on the play day kids! We aim for this service day to inspire Rotaractors around the world in starting up similar playgrounds in their communities. Visit www.shanesinspiration.org for more information about this amazing organization.

Want to be a part of this memorable event during your stay in Los Angeles for Preconvention 2008? Participation is *free* but you need to register. Just visit <http://rotaract5280.eventbrite.com/> to sign up and to see all the other great events available to you!

SOCIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Thursday, 12 June 2008

STAR SEARCH - Welcome Night at USC

Come hang out on the beautiful campus of University of Southern California (USC) and meet fellow Rotaractors from around the world at welcome night. USC was established in 1880 and is today one of the world's leading private research universities, the oldest private research university in the West. It is located in the heart of Los Angeles. USC has a total enrollment of about 33,389 students, of which 16,729 are at the undergraduate and 16,660 at the postgraduate levels. There are roughly 200,000 living Trojan Alumni. To find out more information on USC visit www.usc.edu.

We'll be showing a special slide show presentation featuring all of you Rotaract stars. Want to see your club in the slideshow? Send group pictures of your members or photos from your biggest and best service projects to Megan Cotugno (mzcotugno@illinoisalumni.org). Please be sure to include your club name and Rotary district!

Want to attend *STAR SEARCH* and the other great Rotaract socials? Space is limited! Visit <http://rotaract2008.com/register.html> to learn about all of the star-studded socials

and buy your tickets. Save US\$30 by booking the Star-Studded VIP Package! See website for more information.

Watch for next month's Star Catcher Newsletter featuring all the details about *STAR STRUCK* Hollywood Clubbing Night!

DON'T FORGET ...

1. **Register for the Convention** – includes registration for the Rotaract Preconvention! Register by 31 March 2008 for reduced rates.

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c08_registration_en.pdf

2. **Reserve housing** at the University of Southern California so you are surrounded by fellow Rotaractors all week! All the information you need is online at <http://rotaract2008.com/housing.html> – pay your deposit soon because space is limited! Prices are US\$70 per person, per night until 12 March 2008, when prices will increase again.

3. You can still be a part of the **Youth Family of Rotary Project: The Wooden Quilt**. Create a 5" wooden tile to represent a project, your club, district, community or symbolic of your region. Squares are available – contact mzcotugno@illinoisalumni.org. Or, mail a 5" square paper to glue on a square. Mail to Rotary District 5280, 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 312, Los Angeles, CA, USA, 90045.

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