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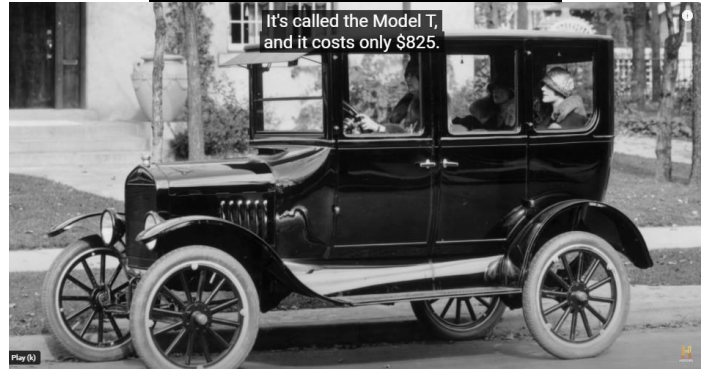


Photo by Larry Kushner

On Thursday, April 26, 2024, the members of Wings Over Wendy's and Jewish War Veterans toured the US Navy Seabee Museum at Port Hueneme, California.

Councilmember John Lee's office provided a bus to take most of the attendees to the two museums and lunch.
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April 8, 2023



How Henry Ford Invented the Model T

On April 8, 2024, the meeting returned to the ECRCH North Campus Auditorium, where we watched a video titled *How Henry Ford Invented the Model T* –from The Men Who Built America series on the History Channel.

The video started with an account of Theodore Roosevelt's presidency, highlighting his efforts to tackle trusts and corruption, notably against JP Morgan and John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil. It introduced several key players, including Andy, who was said to have been a confidant of Roosevelt, and discussed the historic antitrust cases against Morgan and Rockefeller, which resulted in the breakup of their railroad and oil monopolies.

The video narrators discussed the early days of the Ford Motor Company and its founder, Henry Ford. They detailed Ford's struggle to gain permission from the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers (ALAM) to sell his affordable car model. After being rejected by ALAM, Ford was undeterred and continued to pursue his dream. He eventually gained success, becoming a household name and inspiring a new generation of entrepreneurs. The narrators also touched on the corrupt practices of big businesses, using patent laws to stifle competition, exemplified by Standard Oil.

They discussed the significant influence of prominent American companies like Standard Oil and US Steel on the country's development, highlighting their role in major projects such as the Panama Canal. The narrators noted the negative consequences of their power, including unsafe working conditions and an increasing wealth gap. The ongoing trial of the age of monopoly was mentioned as a sign that the unchecked power of these titans may not last forever. They also delved into the historic trial of Standard Oil, detailing its ruthless tactics and the eventual breakup of the company into 34 smaller firms, viewed as a victory for a new generation of businessmen.

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On April 1, 2024, Easter Monday, the meeting was conducted at the Elks Lodge., because the High School was closed. After the announcements of April birthdays and upcoming events, we watched a video titled *Explosions at Mount Saint Helens / How the Earth Was Made*.

At Mount Saint Helens, scientists were able to use their experience and knowledge to predict and prepare for the eruption. They advised authorities to evacuate the area, and 8,000 people were able to move to a safer location safely. The eruption of Soufriere Hills Volcano on the Caribbean island of Montserrat in 1997 was a reminder of the unpredictable nature of volcanoes and the importance of being prepared for potential hazards.

The narrator discussed the catastrophic eruption of Mount St. Helens in Washington State in 1980, which was the most deadly volcanic event in US history. He explained that the volcano had been dormant for 123 years, but earthquakes in March 1980 indicated an imminent eruption. Scientists installed sophisticated equipment to monitor the mountain, and from Cold Water Ridge, they witnessed the volcano's reawakening. They discovered that gas emissions are a crucial indicator of volcanic activity, as magma contains gases from deep inside the earth, and the greater the build-up of gas pressure, the more explosive the eruption will be.

The video showed the catastrophic effects of the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, including the massive lahars (mudflows) that caused extensive damage downstream. The narrator explained how scientists initially struggled to identify the materials found in a deposit that appeared to be a lahar but contained rounded river pebbles until they realized it was an ancient flood from 3,000 years ago. This discovery led to the realization that Spirit Lake, which the landslide had blocked, could potentially overflow and cause a much larger lahar. To prevent this, the Corps of Engineers implemented a long-term solution to drain the lake. He also highlighted that the volcano began rebuilding itself after the initial eruption, but in 2004, signs of renewed activity led to concerns of another impending eruption.

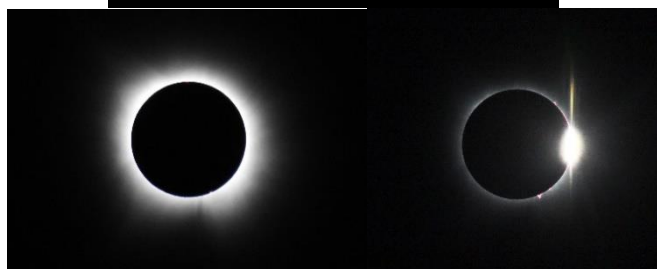
The narrator discussed the history and behavior of Mount St. Helens, highlighting its unpredictable and sometimes violent eruptions. He explained how scientists have studied the volcano's past to understand its potential future behavior, examining the remnants of past eruptions and using that data to predict future activity. The narrator also shared the story of the 1997 eruption of Montserrat, demonstrating the application and effectiveness of this scientific approach to volcano monitoring. Despite being seemingly dormant, Mount St. Helens was described as a young, active, and energetic teenager among the cascade volcanoes, emphasizing the need for continued monitoring and study.

The aftermath, including the damage to vehicles and crops, also highlighted the beneficial effects, such as the emergence of a new gemstone made from the volcanic ash.

The narrators discussed the significant influence of Henry Ford's innovation on the automobile industry and American society. They highlighted how Ford's success with the Model T created a new era of business, empowering the common man and fostering a prosperous middle class. They also touched on the impact of other industrialists like Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Morgan, who paved the way for future innovations and corporate giants like Exxon, Mobil, and Chevron. The discussion concluded with a reflection on the fleeting nature of time and a new contest beyond financial gain.

On the positive side, the video talked about the remarkable philanthropic contributions of Andrew Carnegie and John Rockefeller, highlighting their significant impact on various causes, notably education and public health. It emphasized that their vision and generosity helped transform America into a global superpower, fostering the country's longest period of prosperity. They also noted that these philanthropists played a crucial role in advancing the American Dream, enabling millions of citizens to benefit from a safe and well-paid economy. Finally, it underscored the unique opportunities and environment America offers, implying that the country was built by the people's efforts into a powerful and modern nation that encourages people to dream big.

April 15, 2023



Photos by Rob Swihart



Los Angeles partial eclipse view

Solar eclipse of April 8, 2024

We started the meeting on April 15, 2024, with a discussion and pictures of the solar eclipse that took place at the end of the previous week's meeting.

Larry Kushner showed pictures he took of the partial eclipse outside the Auditorium following the April 10th meeting. The full eclipse photos were taken by our Zoom participant, Rob Swihart in his Dallas, Texas, backyard.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Les Lamoreaux Visits Wings Over Wendy's

Les Lamoreaux, USAF veteran, and husband of Jo Lamoreaux, Elks Lodge leader who approved of our meeting at the Canoga Park Lodge, attended our meeting on April 15, 2023.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Northrop P-61 The Widow And The Spy

On April 15, 2024, the featured presentation was a video titled *Northrop P-61 - The Widow And The Spy*.

The narrator discussed the development and operational history of the Northrop P-61 Black Widow, a unique night fighter aircraft that played a significant role in World War II.

The P-61, designed to counter German night bombers, proved its efficiency against Japanese and German targets, with 127 enemy aircraft and 18 V-1 flying bombs destroyed. Despite initial design setbacks and production issues, the P-61's contribution to the war effort led to its becoming a platform for innovation, with its unique radar system and 360-degree rotating turret. The narrator also highlighted the Northrop Corporation's rise to prominence through its innovative design and manufacturing of the P-61.

A significant portion of the video was a P-61 pilot training film that provided a detailed guide on familiarizing the pilot with the airplane's cockpit and ensuring its proper functioning.

April 22, 2023



Photo by Larry Kushner
Capt Lopez, SLO Duc Dao, Ed Reynolds

Capt Rodolfo Lopez Introduced to WOW

On April 22, 2023, we were happy to see Duc Dao return to our meetings. Duc had been on leave from the LAPD to repair a knee. He brought with him the new Area Commanding Officer of the Topanga Division.

Captain Rodolfo Lopez grew up in the Highland Park area of the Northeast Division and attended Verdugo Hills High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Cal State Los Angeles and a Master of Art from Cal State Dominguez Hills. Captain Lopez is a graduate of the Supervisory Leadership Institute (SBSLI) and completed the Public Safety Leadership Program (PSLP) at the University of Southern California. He recently completed the first cohort of the Police Leadership Academy (PLA) at the University of Chicago. Captain Lopez joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1990. After graduating from the Police Academy, he worked in all four department bureaus, patrolling and in specialized units and various ranks.

It is truly an honor to be here. I've been doing this job for 34 years in November. I'm not as senior as you guys, but I'm feeling it. I'm looking at about two and a half years left riding into the sunset, and with about 36 and a half years when I'm when I'm hanging up my spurs. I say the Spurs because I rode horses for four years with LAPD. It was a great assignment, and I hung up those spurs to become a captain. I've worked well in shoes. I've worked in every part of the city at one point or another, every part of the bureau, just about every assignment. I've been blessed to be part of

LAPD, and I'm blessed to be here in front of you guys talking, talking to you guys. I represent Topanga. This will hopefully be my last assignment unless they put a star on my caller and make me a commander. But. I'm perfectly good here. I hope this is my last assignment. It's close to home.

I live in the valley, and before coming here, I was assigned to South LA, where there is a different animal down there. It's a lot more violent. But my drive was literally putting more white hair on my head.

I was like I was an hour's drive and an hour and a half back, so I was losing nearly three hours of my life on the road, so I'm blessed to be here now. I live in Sylmar. I'm 25 minutes away, and with the heavy traffic that we have on the 118. So I have a smile on my face, so I plan to stay here.

I was a senior lead for a couple couple of years. Like Duke here, I've never seen such a popular guy in this in such a short time. I'd go to the Mall, and they're like, When's Duke coming back? And I hear all these great things like, Who's who's this Duke guy? It's just so many stories about this guy. So, I think you guys are blessed to have him. And I know he cares about you guys, and I know he comes. He tries to come. You guys meet once a week, so he's he's a regular fixture for your group. So this is awesome positive stuff here. So I know you guys represent all over the valley. But I can speak. You know briefly about about Topanga. We're we're doing really well. We are the best in the city in this part of the west side of the valley for violent crime. Yeah. Number one out of 21 divisions. We're talking about the entire city. We are number one for violent crime reduction. Knock on wood. Gang Violence is almost nonexistent in this part of your town. The only thing that we're struggling with this year is property crime.

CARS CARS. If they're not nailed down, they're getting stolen left and right. Even though we are the best in terms of the number of cars, it is less than any part of the valley. Our goal is so small because we had such a good year last year. We don't meet our goals most of the time. But yeah, do what you can. I'm sure most of you guys are still driving, right?

It's the older cars that are getting stolen left and right, not the new Hot Rods, but the older cars—the GMCs. Very, very well desired, and most of the time, you get them back within three days. But the younger generation tends to steal them. They're easy to steal, and they move them from point A to point B, point A to point B, and get them back. And then, unfortunately, you guys will deal with that.

Grand theft, auto and theft on our malls, you know, we got that mall here on Tapinga where 250,000 people come a week, and they come from all over the city all over the county, because that's one of the few last brick and mortar businesses that is doing successful in the entire city of LA.

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So a lot of people come there, and then, unfortunately, a lot of stuff happens there. So it doesn't affect you guys that much. It's mostly the stores that are targeted. It affects you guys in the sense that the prices go up because they're getting their stuff stolen. But we got a handle on it. We were at nearly 30% at the beginning of the year. We've knocked that down to a 10% increase. So we're doing great things. We're making a lot of arrests. Unfortunately, your DA doesn't keep them in custody too much. So remember, you do your research before you check that box to see who you want to put in office. So those are some of the challenges.

Captain Lopez answered questions from the floor, remarking that the LAPD is short 1,200 officers. He defined the boundaries of the Topanga Division and how he had to work with several different agencies. He informed us that, in his large area, he has only nine patrol cars.

He finished his talk by answering a question about the impact of the LA Rams training center moving to the area, which he didn't think was going to be noticed that much, and that he will try to visit us with Duke once a month.

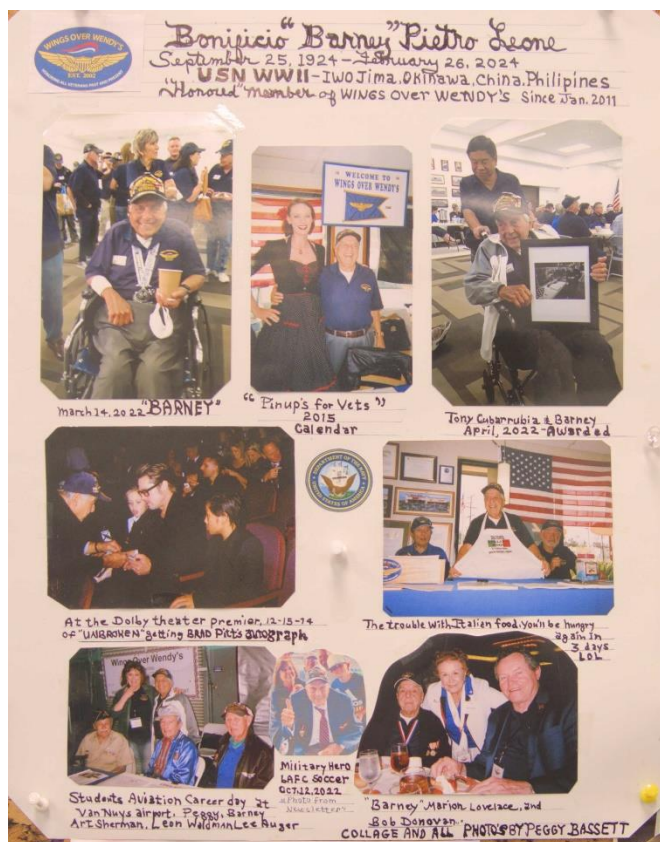


Photo by Larry Kushner

Peggy Jean Bassett Collage of Barney Leone

On April 22, 2024, Peggy Jean Bassett attended the meeting with her son and showed the group a collage of pictures of Barney Leone over his years with Wings Over Wendy's.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Ode to Ed Reynolds by Marion Lovelace

At the end of the business meeting on April 22, 2024, Marion Lovelace recited an Ode to Ed Reynolds she wrote.

Ode to Ed Reynolds

**Once upon a desperate time, we lost our
fearless leader.**

**Out of the blue, like a breath of Spring
Came a Lt Col who had been a frequent
speaker.**

**There must be times you really think
We are not aware of all you do.
So it is time you know how much we care,
And we appreciate the gift of you.**

With love, Marion




Edison vs. Tesla | The Men Who Built America

On April 8, 2024, the featured presentation was a video titled *Edison vs. Tesla* from *The Men Who Built America* series on the History Channel.

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The documentary explored the life and career of JP Morgan, detailing his early struggles and subsequent rise to become one of the most powerful men in America. Morgan's expertise in banking and business enabled him to control various industries and gain a dominant position in the market. His tactics, including intimidation, legal cases, and company streamlining, led to the creation of General Electric. The discussion also highlighted the fierce rivalry between Morgan and other industrial titans such as Thomas Edison, George Westinghouse, and Nikola Tesla, underscoring their contributions to the development of the electricity industry. The conversation ended with a hint at a solution to rising electricity costs, implying the construction of Tesla Towers for free electricity.



FULL EPISODE

BIOGRAPHY

43:35

On April 29, 2024, the featured presentation was a documentary on the life of Teddy Roosevelt titled *Theodore Roosevelt: Roughrider To Rushmore*.

The documentary profiled the life and achievements of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States.

figures. Teddy's great-grandson, Tweed, is interviewed.

The video provided a comprehensive overview of Theodore Roosevelt's life, from his leadership during the Spanish-American War to his presidency and legacy. They highlighted Roosevelt's progressive policies, his energetic leadership style, and his foreign and domestic reforms, including his strong interest in conservation. The host considered Roosevelt's broad interpretation of presidential powers as a key factor in enabling his accomplishments, from the construction of the Panama Canal to the creation of national parks and the designation of forest reserves.

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**I don't think I have ever known so many with such love,
These friends who care so much for one another.
I can guess we could compare it to
The love of our wonderful mothers.**

**I would like to mention each of your names,
As it is surely due you
But judgment tells me one overlooked
Would mean hurt from one who loves you.**

**There are those who *never* served in war,
But are there to serve when we open the door.
They set up all the tables and chairs,
Everything we need, and more.**

**They set up our announcement display
That contains all the important news adversities.
They serve us drinks and donuts, and then they Give us
tickets so that we can win free prizes.**

**There is one who sells wonderful things
So that people will recognize us.
He sells us shirts, placards, and pins,
All to identify us.**

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Then there are those who arrange our trips
To visit notorious places.
After that, we wine and dine, and then
We are off to the races (traffic, that is).

Every year, we have two parades.
Those who prepare them are always reliable.
They pick up the floats and decorate
And make sure the seating is viable.

There are those who arrange our programs,
A very time-consuming task.
We all seem to take it for granted,
And there are no questions asked.

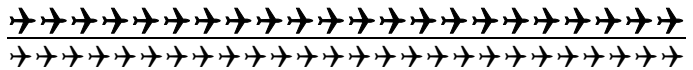
We have an annual dinner, and
It's more work than one would think.
Add to that, preparing our group-picture
And it should drive them all to drink.

Our secretaries work very hard
To keep our records straight.
They check our many rosters,
and keep them up-to-date.

They write to families of loved ones lost,
And those who have fallen ill.
They thank all who do for us
And show us their goodwill.

When our meetings are over
It's an amazement to us all,
Everything is put away and
Someone has vacuumed the hall.

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU,
WHO HONOR OUR GOOD OLD
“RED, WHITE AND BLUE.”**



TRAVEL

Authorr Unkown

Travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change
that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living.

The world is a book and those who do not travel read
only one page.

We travel not to escape life, but for life not to escape us.

It is not down in any map. True places never are.

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead
where there is no path and leave a trail.

Not all those who wander are lost. I haven't been
everywhere, but it's on my list.

So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe
harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover. A journey of a thousand
miles begins with a cash advance. The journey, not the
arrival, matters.

On the road again, just can't wait to get on the road
again.

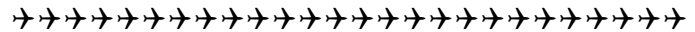
Take only memories. Leave only footprints.

Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer.

Go at least once a year to a place you have never been
before.

You don't have to be rich to travel well. Our battered
suitcases were piled on the sidewalk again; we had
longer ways to go.

But no matter, the road is life.



Reminder
**Wings Over Wendy's monthly food
drive is Monday, May 6th**



Wings Over Wendy's Future Events:



**MOAA/MOWW CHAPTER MEETING
15 May 2024**



SALUTE TO THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Our program will begin with a 22 minute video of the United States Air Force Academy. The video showcases the entire Academy complex and gives some insight into cadet life.

After the video, COL Bill Marshall '77, and Academy Liaison Officer for over 30 years, will talk about the application process for potential cadets.

Date: Wednesday, 15 May 2024

**Check-in starts at 5:30
Buffet line starts at 6:30
Program starts at 7:30**

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He worked at various hospitals: Northridge, Tarzana,

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Robert Lanthier	May 11, 1948
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Robert Bremer	May 12, 1938
Michael Sugar	May 12, 1946
Rosadel McClure	May 13, 1932
Karen Vegtel	May 16, 1950
Gordon Osborne	May 17, 1932
Bob Peters	May 17, 1939
Jim Sommer	May 17, 1959
Lenny Bloom	May 20, 1931
Maurice Vasquez	May 22, 1968
Patricia Wyatt	May 23, 1946
Anne Marie Radel	May 25, 1960
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Corinne Ho	May 29, 1972

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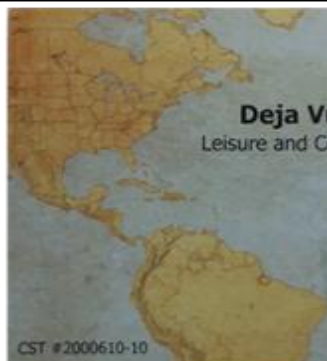


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Wings Over Wendy's Upcoming Events

Canoga-Owensmouth Historical Society

May 8, 2024 at 7 PM

History of the Buffalo Soldiers and their contributions to our
U.S. History



May 23, 2024 TOUR



Gene Autry Museum of the American West

4700 Western Heritage Way

Los Angeles, CA 90027

DATE: Thursday, May 23, 2024

Transportation: Member's personal vehicles

Parking: There is plenty of public parking

Cost: Veterans are free, Non-Vet Seniors: \$14 due at registration.

Lunch: Monte Carlo Italian Deli & Pinocchio Restaurant

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