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Rotaract Announces “Ace of Hearts, Afloat” on May 16

San Diego’s young professionals to raise funds to reduce lives lost from flash floods throughout the world

SAN DIEGO, Calif. – Feb. 9, 2009 – The Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego announced today they will be hosting “Ace of Hearts, Afloat” aboard the historical Berkeley Ship at the San Diego Maritime Museum on May 16. This casino themed fundraising event will benefit the locally based Hydrologic Research Center (HRC) which is a nonprofit organization committed to raising awareness about its global program to reduce deaths, disease, and other negative social and economic impacts caused by flash flooding.

The Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego will donate 100 percent of its proceeds from Ace of Hearts, Afloat to support HRC’s “Global Flash Flood Initiative.” This internationally recognized program helps provide guidance, forecasts threats, develops warnings and coordinates response to potential flash flood disasters. HRC also provides water resources management and disaster prevention project development in developing countries world wide.

“We are extremely grateful to Rotaract for their advocacy to this cause,” said Robert Jubach, general manager and secretary of the board of directors for the HRC. “This philanthropic support can help contribute to HRC’s initiative to focus on disaster prevention and determine effective use of precious water resources throughout the world, especially in developing countries.”

The Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego is a group of young professionals committed to personal, professional and community service. While there have been a total of seven Ace of Hearts fundraisers hosted by Rotaract which all have benefited various charities, Ace of Hearts, Afloat will premiere as the first fundraiser of its kind on a boat.

“We strongly support the HRC and are excited to bring more awareness within our community,” said Jessica Harris, president of the Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego. “Also, living in one of the nation’s most beautiful waterfront cities, it is especially important that we do our part to protect and educate the countries who may be susceptible to potential floods.”

The event will be on Saturday, May 16 from 6-9 p.m. on the Berkeley Ship at the San Diego Maritime Museum. The evening will include casino games, silent and live auction, hors d’oeuvres and music. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 day of the event.

For more information, visit www.sandiegorotaract.org.

About Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego

Established in 1994, the Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego is a nonprofit organization that is a group of young professionals committed to personal, professional and community service. The Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego works under the guidance of the San Diego Breakfast Rotary and is an offshoot of Rotary International, and takes its name from the combination of ROTARY and ACTION. For more information visit, www.sandiegorotaract.org.

About Hydrologic Research Center

The Hydrologic Research Center (HRC) was established in 1993 as a nonprofit research, technology transfer, and training organization. HRC was created to help bridge the large gap existing between scientific research in hydrology and applications for the solution of important societal problems that involve water. With each innovative idea, perspective, assembly of established ideas, or design, HRC seeks to establish the feasibility of our innovations. Many prototype systems and demonstration projects produced by HRC enhance, inspire, or form the basis of successful operational systems that preserve natural resources, further economic interests, and save lives. The Hydrologic Research Center is a public benefit nonprofit organization with 501(c) (3) status in the United States.

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