



The Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

September 11th:

ESCAPE FROM THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

KIRK EIPPER IS A COLLEAGUE of Stu Cypher and Doug Lerner at what we used to call Dean Witter back with Ron Witter was our club's president. It's part of Morgan Stanley today, of course, and Kirk joined the firm a few weeks ago after a number of years working in other sales fields.

KIRK WAS SENT BACK to Morgan Stanley's headquarters for three weeks of training to sharpen his financial advising and investing skills. All quite routine, and three weeks in Manhattan is always exciting and enriching. This time, maybe a bit too exciting.

KIRK ARRIVED AT THE World Trade Center just as the first plane approached. From that point, we want him to tell his own story, though we recognize how difficult those horrid memories can be. Hearing from someone who was there, however, may help us understand and even resolve our own concerns and fears for our reactions in such emergencies.

BEAR WITH OUR SPEAKER as he recounts tense moments we hope no other American must face again. Your friends might appreciate a guest invitation today.

CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS:

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2001

- 29 THE WTC ON SEPTEMBER 11th
- 6 DAN STOVER'S LATEST GENERATION
- 13 SAN ANTONIO WINERY PEOPLE
- 20 NOTHING AT NOON – EVENING DINNER

OUR HOLIDAY PARTY IS AT THE ATHENAEUM

Local Elections:

PAYING FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVICE

ROTARIANS EXPECT TO GIVE SERVICE in our world and local communities. That's what we're all about – the world's first service club shows the world in "service above self." But what if you had to beg for the chance to serve, if you had to go around asking for the opportunity – and paying out your money to let others know you are willing to serve them? Most of us would say nuts to that!

ANDY BARTH, JOSEPH CHANG, STEPHANIE DUNCAN, and others in our city volunteered to help our school district and our community college by giving their time and efforts to their boards. Each of these good Rotarians was expected to campaign for the privilege, and only some were allowed to serve. We thank them all for not only volunteering, but also for fighting to gain that privilege.

EMILE BAYLE, PAUL CROWLEY, MATTHEW LIN, BOB TWIST, all have volunteered to help govern our city – and also had to persuade our neighbors to then them serve. It's a strange process that we call the 'democratic system'. We're glad to have it. We are gladder that some people are willing to pay for the privilege of service.

ELLIOTT KATZ SERVES ON THE BOARD at San Gabriel Valley Medical Center, and **LOIS MATTHEWS** on the board at Huntington Memorial. We know they give lots of effort to this governance – but we're not sure they'd be willing to go through an election process where some volunteers end up rejected by the voters.

INVITATIONS ARE OUT FOR our evening dinner meeting December 20th – you are welcome, encouraged, *expected* at our gala Christmas party, but you're also encouraged – nay, *expected*, to respond right away, please.

THE UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE

WE MUST BE THE CHANGE WE WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD.

WITH MAHATMA GANDHI'S QUOTE in mind, a 'cooperation circle' is being formed locally to help build global interfaith cooperation. The United Religions Initiative intends to promote enduring, daily interfaith cooperation to end religiously motivated violence and to create cultures of peace, justice, and healing for all living beings. People of diverse religions, spiritual expressions, and indigenous traditions are holding local assemblies that lead to regional and a Global Assembly next August.

THE INTENT IS TO *build bridges*, not to form a new faith. People of all the world's religions have joined with URI – Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu leaders and members talking together locally and globally. The movement is young but growing quickly at a time when billions of people are craving peace.

ALAN WEIRICK IS OUR REPRESENTATIVE encouraging the United Religions Initiative. The idea is exciting but the development requires thoughtful efforts of millions of good people, starting right here with us. Talk with Alan when you see him, call him, get involved, so we can be that change we wish to see.

ROTARACT'S OVERSEAS PROGRAMS

ROTARACT IS A ROTARY-SPONSORED service club program for young women and men, 18 to 30 years of age. The first Rotaract club was chartered in North Carolina some 35 years ago. Today, there are almost 7000 Rotaract clubs in 147 countries, with an estimated 159,000 members. There are two types of Rotaracts: college-based in universities around the world, and community-based, often in towns with active Rotary clubs where the Rotaract club provides muscle for projects. San Marino Rotary tried to establish a Rotaract at Cal State LA; it foundered for a few years, "captured" by a few college students who made little effort to build membership, then dissolved when those students graduated. This year, Sierra Madre Rotary is helping found a community-based Rotaract for "junior chamber" types in its foothills area.

ROTARACT HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE in Great Britain and Ireland, where Rotaracts are among few service programs for the twenty-something youth. Thus it's no surprise that Great Britain started "ROP" – Rotaract Overseas Programs – with help from Rotary International in Evanston. At each of the recent international conventions, there have been ROP displays. Some San Marino members have remarked on them, and want to share the enthusiasm with you.

A PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR in the Midlands of England learned that Malawi has been particularly hard-hit by AIDS, malaria, and malnutrition deaths among young parents. As a result, the number of orphans in Malawi has swelled to an estimated 300,000, a greater percentage than in any other country of the world. When PDG Brian Stoyel heard of the need for shelters for these orphans, he decided to harness Rotaract muscle – and thus came the ROP program. Fifteen Rotaractors (that's what they're called!) from ten Rotary districts around Great Britain devoted several weeks to build simple mortar structures in a compound in Malawi, housing several thousand orphans and including a school and clinic. This fired up other Rotaract groups in England, Wales, and Scotland, who in the past five years have participated in construction projects for orphans in Romania, tanzania, Ghana, and Bulgaria. Most had never held a trowel or built a straight wall, but they learned quickly. Housing for a thousand children could be built in two weeks' time by teams of 12 to 15 Rotaractors, using native materials as much as possible. They generally fashion their own bricks of local mud and dung, importing only nails, plumbing, and door hardware – the rest built from what they could find or craft on site.

ROPs ARE JUST STARTING among American Rotaract clubs. Last summer, a team left from Arizona to build a clinic in the highlands of Guatemala. In ten days, twelve Rotaractors created a twelve-room hospital in the Cuchumatanes Mountains, built of adobe blocks and hammered-dirt floors. As this is close to the Finca projects of San Marino Rotary, several of the finca families are using the clinic (doctors volunteer to come a weekend each month from Guatemala City), and were so intrigued to observe the building methods that they've started making their own adobe blocks back on the finca in an interesting twist of self-help. We toured the resulting "community center" last August – two large rooms where our finca families can gather for fiestas and special occasions – and we let the Arizona Rotaractors know how their mud-building skills had spread.

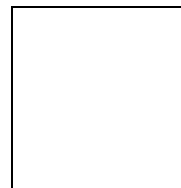
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Our Fashion Expert Elizabeth Saldebar says that "Baloney" is where some hemlines fall this year

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