

Your **ROTOSCOPE** for August 3, 2006

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



AMERICA'S GOT TALENT

REALITY TV CAN'T BE ANY BETTER than the two acts preparing to entertain us this Thursday, both who have been members of our happy group for more than a year but haven't had their chance in the sun to properly introduce themselves, their families, their careers, and their great smiles:

CHARLES RASMUSSEN, an arborist who owns San Marino Tree Care, and

JOHN RIZZI, peddling houses through Dilbeck Realtors' Arcadia office.

COME HEAR CHAS AND JOHN tell us about themselves.

NAMES FOR MEMBERSHIP?

TWELVE GOOD NEW MEMBERS need to be found and welcomed by next spring just to stay even, according to club statistics. Thirteen plus will let us grow. But good members – a few who were hustled in haven't yet caught the Rotary spirit, and don't keep up attendance and activities. If you will take a moment to think about it, you certainly know a neighbor, colleague, friend who'd enjoy service through Rotary – if you'll ask. We were asked ourselves, as it's human nature to wait for that 'ask'. Now it's your turn – invite a guest or two to a meeting, and see if they'll catch the Rotary spirit. Membership forms are available each week at the secretary's table, or talk with membership committee chair Gene Dryden.

NEW TEAM ON PROGRAMS

JOHN WALLACE AND A great group of committee helpers take over program-planning for the next twelve months, and many spots are already locked in with interesting and timely speakers. John's program committee includes Doug Lerner, Paul Crowley, Cal Taylor, Bob Eichel, Lloyd Ownbey, Merrill Francis, and Emile Bayle.

IDEAS FOR PROGRAMS? Good speakers you've heard, or would like to hear? Topics of interest? Now is the time to help John's group complete their program schedule for the year – talk with John or any of the committee members and share your ideas for programs through July 2007.

WILL YOU HELP?

CAROL HUANG SPENT two years as our Rotary scholar in Beirut, leaving with her fiancé David just two weeks before war broke out between Israel and Hezbollah. They have been receiving phone and email accounts and gruesome pictures of what has been happening in a beautiful country where they made good memories and friendships. Most Americans and other nationals have been able to leave Lebanon now, but millions of Lebanese cannot, and many are refugees. Basic needs like food and water are in short supply, with the normal chain of delivery destroyed. Friends of Carol's, an American couple with four children who have adopted Lebanon as their home, have decided to stay to help with relief efforts. They are asking for donations of any amount for these efforts, and Carol vouches for them. This is another case where, through Rotary, we can get help directly to some needing it.

WILL YOU HELP? Send a check made out to Carol Huang to her at 2350 Adair Street, San Marino - before August 12th, when Carol and David will be leaving, and she will forward the donations to her friends in Lebanon. Please include your email address so Carol can acknowledge your help. Or if you prefer, send a check to Baptist Bible Fellowship, Post Office Box 191, Springfield, MO 65801, with a note saying "Lebanon Relief". Please help!

Calendar of Rotary Events for August 2006

AUGUST

3	Noon	Rizzi & Rasmussen – Pants-off Dance-off?
10	Noon	Artisans out of the Old West
10	1:35	Board meets after lunch
17	Noon	Ballentyne and Isaacs – what a pair!
24	Noon	Wayne's Wanders around Scandinavia
31	Noon	History of our flag



THE ROTOSCOPE

August 3, 2006:
Vaudeville with Rasmussen and Rizzi

DISTRICT GOALS FOR YEAR

WE SHORT-CHANGED THE DISTRICT in our last bulletin, not listing all the things the district wants us to do this year. District goals are really club goals, their expectations of things we should do. Speak up to president Wayne or any of the officers and directors listed below with your ideas for these goals:

--that we conduct a *hands-on* service project in our community or nearby – thoughts what we do?

--that we participate in at least one of the district's programs for youth: RYLA, TLC, the Dan Stover music competition, the Four-Way Speech Contest, Hensel Ethics Essay Contest, Interact Symposium, or Rotarians in Action. We've done the first five each year since each program started. What about those new ones?

--that we identify a president-elect no later than September 1, 2006. Heck, we follow RI's procedures and elect ours ten months before the district's goal.

--that we increase annual giving to the Rotary Foundation to \$120 each.

YOUR EXCUSE IS GONE

HE'S BACK: treasurer Dennis Kneier hopes to pick up a few more first quarter dues payments, along with your permission to charge dues each quarter on your credit card if you so wish. Only a third or so of our members haven't paid yet. Should you be one, Dennis would like to hear from you.

MAIL IN YOUR DUES, give a check to Dennis on Thursday, email him at dkneier@socal.rr.com, or give him a call at:

578-1109.

WHERE FEW HAVE GONE BEFORE

RUSSIA'S SOYUZ spacecraft carried not only Italian astronaut Roberto Vittori to the International Space Station, but also a banner from Vittori's Rome Rotary. The banner was duly stamped aboard the space station to document its long journey. This is the second Rotary club banner to travel outside the Earth: Rotarian Frank Borman took one to the moon when he led the first lunar circumnavigation.

PITT'S ROCK'N'RIBS

BRAD PITT'S BROTHER DOUG is a long-time member of the Springfield, Missouri, Rotary Club, where Doug owns a computer services company. I've made up at the club several times, as Winifred comes from the "Queen City of the Ozarks" and needs to check with all the cousins from time to time. The Pitts have been long-time members of First Baptist there, where Winifred attended, and of course Brad is a fellow alumnus of the University of Missouri's top-ranked journalism school (though Winifred finished – with honors – while Brad quit a few weeks short and went off to other things).

ALL THIS IS RELEVANT only because brother Doug gets quoted nationally whenever a rumor arises about Brad, Jennifer, Angelina, whomever. Reporters start ringing the Pitt Computer Services offices to get ahead of the gossip, though Doug and his family don't know much and won't say if they do. Doug and his club are prouder of the \$70,000-\$80,000 a year they raise for Springfield children's charities through a "Rock'N'Ribs" barbecue festival that fills downtown around Labor Day, all organized by the Springfield club while allowing the Kiwanis, Lions, Elks, PTA, and other groups to raise their own service funds with drink, dessert, and games booths. It's a year-round effort getting things organized, though with the Springfield mayor, most city council members, and other leaders in the club, it does get done.

Our OFFICERS for 2006 - 2007:

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And as Wayne always says,

I do not suffer from insanity.
I enjoy every minute of it.

