

# Your **ROTSCOPE** for September 28, 2006

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



## WHAT'S BEHIND THE MANOR HOUSE?

**BOB NAFIE WAS A MEMBER** of our club for a couple of decades, left for a few years, and came back to our fold three years ago – so it's about time he tells more of his craft as headmaster at Clairbourn School on the eastern side of San Marino, where four hundred elementary and middle school boys and girls fill a bustling campus. Back at its founding in 1926, Clairbourn boarded only boys who were students of Christian Science. Today's Clairbourn serves all faiths and ethnicities, and Bob has several exciting programs to describe this week at Rotary. Most of us have experienced headmasters as obstreperous, obnoxious types, such as another school person in our group. Just as public school administrators, they don't have much to do but keep boards, teachers, parents, students, and the community happy, and make sure lights are turned off at night. Bob's different. Come hear him describe the fine educational experiences he helps his staff provide young people from around our west valley area.

### HOW CAN WE HELP?

**TOM KIBLER NEEDS IDEAS** for community projects to enhance our town, something like the Rotary Clock that we can get behind with both funding and muscle. Rotary might want to involve other organizations, but needs opportunities to work up a sweat, get more visibility, and leave behind a betterment for everyone around us. Once we had a force-march from our then-meeting spot at Woody and Eddy's to create a mini park on the edge of the high school. Other times we've rolled up sleeves to re-roof the boy scout house and to beautify the girl scout building. What can we do over the next year or two? Tom needs your suggestions. Please, think a bit and send any ideas to him at [fkibler@earthlink.net](mailto:fkibler@earthlink.net). Don't be shy – pitch in your thoughts.

### GOVERNOR'S DINNER OCT. 12<sup>th</sup>

**OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR** will speak with us at a dinner meeting on Columbus Day, October 12<sup>th</sup> – to be held at Southwestern Academy. A reception at 5:45 will be in the garden at the corner of Veronda Place and La Mirada, a block south of the school's main entrance, with dinner to follow on campus. It's informal, Hawaiian dress suggested (not even "San Marino Casual" – be comfortable!). For fun, Wayne presents surfing music you'll remember from your long-ago youth, presented by The California Girls' Band. But social chair Terry Petrillo really needs an honest count, to avoid wasting club money while making sure you get something to eat. Please, phone her NOW at 449-7588 and say you're coming – or not. Any neckties will be confiscated.

## HELP FROM OUR CITY

**ROTARY IS JOINING THE SAN MARINO FIRE DEPARTMENT** and our local scouts in presenting an Emergency Preparedness Expo at Lacy Park this Saturday, September 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Kids and adults have much to learn with the latest information on our power grid, the water supply, sanitation needs and ideas, pet rescue, and other ways our local government and YOU can prepare for the emergencies we know will be coming – today or tomorrow. The Red Cross, the Gas Company, Edison, Huntington Hospital, Cal Am Water, the Humane Society, and other groups will join San Marino's firefighters, paramedics, and police in showing off emergency equipment while giving advice on emergency preparedness – all free, with sandwiches and drinks on sale at minimal cost.

**AND IF YOU JOINED 'CLEAR'**, you heard last week from our SMPD about a frightening gadget that would shake up Dick Tracy – and that's already in use around town. Little hand-held devices are being used by crooked workers who take your credit card for a meal or service, capture the card information in the little skimmer, and off they go to spend your money. SMPD's 'CLEAR' email warning service even sent us pictures of the skimmers, so we can watch out. If you're not yet subscribed to 'CLEAR', well, get with it. All free for locals, through the PD at [www.cityofsanmarino.org](http://www.cityofsanmarino.org).

## Calendar of Rotary Events for September / October 2006

### SEPTEMBER

28 Noon Bob Nafie on Clairbourn School

### OCTOBER

5 Noon Installing heart valves

12 NO NOON MEETING

12 Evening Come greet the district governor

19 Noon History of that *other* General Lee



# THE ROTOSCOPE

## September 28, 2006: The Clairbourn Story

### SO WAYNE WILL UNDERSTAND

**JUDY AND WAYNE BECAME** first-time grandparents on September 1<sup>st</sup>, but poor old Wayne hasn't quite figured it all out yet. To help, we pass along these explanations of grandparents, all written by a class of six year olds:

**"GRANDPARENTS ARE** a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's. A grandfather is a man grandmother."

**"GRANDPARENTS DON'T HAVE TO DO** anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they can't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the store, though, because they have lots of quarters for us."

**"WHEN THEY TAKE US** for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They show us and talk to us about the color of the flowers, and why we shouldn't step on cracks. They don't say 'Hurry up.'"

**"GRANDMOTHERS ARE FAT,** but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums out."

**"THEY KNOW WE SHOULD HAVE** snack time before bedtime and they say prayers with us every time, and kiss us even when we've acted bad. They don't have to be smart. They have to answer questions like 'why isn't God married?' and 'how come dogs chase cats?'"

**AND MY FAVORITE:** "My grandmother lives at the airport. When we want her we just go get her. Then when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport until the next time."

Save October 12<sup>th</sup> for dinner with the District Governor – call Terry to RSVP today!

### CHARITIES BOARD THURSDAY

**RIGHT AFTER THIS WEEK'S MEETING,** all members of the San Marino Charities board are asked, needed, begged to stay behind for an important meeting in the social hall alongside our fellowship room. Please give a few minutes for an important decision.

### MORE NEW PARTS

**AL GOERING JOINED** Jack Rose by installing new parts so they can play football, Jack for the Titans but Al for a bigger team. Al fell at a USC game recently, broke his hip, and wasn't able to play. So he had a new one put in, and he's eager to suit up. Send him greetings at home – 911 West Huntington #1, in Arcadia 91006 – and wish him well, even if you don't extend the same wishes for his Trojans.

**WILL BORTZ SEEKS SCHOOLS** that our "Reading by 9" program can benefit this year. Rotary can buy books another year at a substantial discount, then present them to second graders in a school near us where families don't have extra funds for such luxuries as reading books. Will prefers to find such a school with some connection to our club's family – maybe where a friend or relative teaches, or where an acquaintance's child studies – but where there's more need than exists in our affluent town. Know such a school? Or know someone that does? Help out with this super program. Pass along any suggestions to Will.

**ANOTHER WORKDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Girl Scout House – it's Theodore Roosevelt's birthday, and he'd appreciate our volunteering to celebrate. So would Warren Yetter – save a few hours that Saturday morning, bring your family or muscular young friends, and help out. A tree must come down. You might even get some free firewood out of this volunteering.

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And as Wayne always says,

**"Stress is when you wake up screaming  
and then you realize you've not fallen asleep yet."**

