

Your **ROTSOCPE** for November 30, 2006

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



BRILLIANT FUNNYMAN GENE PERRET (bring guests to laugh with you!)

BACK WHEN SOME OF SAN MARINO'S FATHERS dressed in tutus and drag to put on a "Fathers' Night Show" in town, several locals put together what they thought was a great script poking fun at San Marino foibles. Ready to go, they showed it to neighbor Gene Perret – who in ten minutes peppered the script with dozens of hilarious one-liners that made "Founding Fathers" a great hit. No problem for Perret – he's been a comedy writer almost half a century, making Phyllis Diller, Jim Nabors, Bill Cosby, Carol Burnett, and Tim Conway look good. And of course he was on call many wonderful years with the great Bob Hope, traveling the USO tours, sparking personal appearances, writing TV specials, and putting up with midnight calls from Hope, needing a quip on something topical. Gene captured Emmys and a Writer's Guild Award in the process, while teaching comedy writing and turning out over 25 super-funny books. He's our guest this week, and come prepared to laugh as he skewers "bigshots, pipsqueaks, and windbags," to pick one of his titles. **And what a great week to show a guest that yes, even San Marino Rotarians can laugh!**

SAVE A BUCK!

NOT AS EXPENSIVE AS WE WERE TOLD: Our gala Christmas party at San Gabriel Country Club on Tuesday, December 12th, isn't the \$70 per person reported last week, but only \$69.50. That's a dollar less each couple! Please remember the price is all-inclusive – reception, wines, meal, and especially the Canterbury Singers strolling around in their 19th century Christmas dress.

THANK YOU TO anonymous members who've helped pay for our party, to keep costs close to last year! Help them and the committee by responding now, if you've not yet done so – send your check or regrets to the Goodreus at 829 Sonora Court, San Dimas 91773. The club needs an accurate count soon.

HOLIDAY PLANS WITH PILLOWS

YOU HEARD ABOUT "PILLOWS AND PLENTY" a few weeks ago, and your directors plan to use this great organization as our conduit to help share our family bounty with neighboring families in need. Our club hopes to help a Christmas program of gift packages for at least 100 families, with P&P putting together packages of warm pajamas, a pillow, and our love. Even wholesale, the packages cost P&P about \$30 each – surely something EACH of us can chip in for P&P's distribution this season.

PRESIDENT WAYNE will describe how each member is needed to help with a bundle or two. For the cost of lunch or a few cups of breakfast coffee, you can do your share. You're needed for the needy.

THE KEY TO THE FOUNDATION

*"FOUNDATION MONTH" CONTINUES through today, when All Good Rotarians should think of The Rotary Foundation. We were sent this thought from **LUIS GIAY**, chair of The Foundation's board of trustees:*

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT The Rotary Foundation, we often speak in terms of numbers: hundreds of projects, thousands of scholars, hundreds of millions of dollars, billions of children immunized against polio. But those dollars don't just rain down from heaven into The Foundation's coffers, nor do children become immunized on their own. Numbers may illustrate the story, but Rotarians write it. Rotarians have always been and always will be the most important feature of our Foundation. Because of their generosity in terms of time as well as money, The Foundation has achieved remarkable results. With more than \$2,000,000,000 supporting education and humanitarian efforts, and a \$650,000,000 contribution to polio eradication, the largest amount donated to the cause by any nongovernmental source – The Foundation and its programs have improved or even saved the lives of millions of people. Therefore, during Rotary Foundation Month, I salute you on behalf of the trustees, for Rotarians are the most important component of The Foundation. Our Rotarians, crafters and architects of a masterpiece, have made it all possible!

Calendar of Rotary Events for November / December 2006

NOVEMBER

23 No meeting, no bulletin – give thanks!

30 Noon Gene Perrett, Bob Hope's great comedy writer

DECEMBER

7 Noon Helping the needs of our wounded warriors

12 6:00 p.m. Holiday Party at San Gabriel Country Club

14 No luncheon meeting – but our Directors meet at 1:35



THE ROTOSCOPE

November 30, 2006: Super Funnyman Gene Perret

ANALOGIES AND METAPHORS

LEE MOTHERSHEAD COLLECTED these gems from high school essays – obviously not from any high school in San Marino:

HER FACE was a perfect oval, like a circle that had its two sides gently compressed by a Thigh Master.

HIS THOUGHTS tumbled in his head like underpants in a dryer without Cling Free.

SHE GREW ON HIM like a colony of E. Coli, and he was room-temperature Canadian beef.

SHE HAD A DEEP, throaty, genuine laugh, like that sound a dog makes just before it throws up.

HER VOCABULARY was as bad as, like, whatever.

HE WAS as tall as a six-foot three-inch tree.

THE LITTLE BOAT gently drifted across the pond exactly like the way a bowling ball wouldn't.

McBRIDE FELL twelve stories, hitting the pavement like a Hefty bag filled with vegetable soup.

HER HAIR GLISTENED in the rain like a nose hair after a sneeze.

THE HAILSTONES leaped from the pavement just like maggots when you fry them in hot grease.

JOHN AND MARY had never met. They were like two hummingbirds who also had never met.

HE FELL for her like his heart was a mob informant and she was the East River.

SHOTS RANG OUT as shots are wont to do.

KOREAN FOR 2008-09

DONG KURN LEE of Seoul will become Rotary's first Korean international president, unless his nomination is challenged by midnight tonight (which has never happened in RI, of course). Lee is chair of a large manufacturing company, a trustee of The Rotary Foundation, and a past-every-possible-office in Rotary.

A NEW RVM IS OUT

WE RECEIVED A BULLETIN from our friends at RI in Evanston that the latest RVM is ready. That's nice, though I had absolutely no idea what an RVM might be.

EVANSTON IS HOOKED ON LETTERS. So's our district, much to my tired old mind's confusion, but at least most of the district's letters form reasonably understandable acronyms like "PETS," "TLC", and "RYLA" (well, not RYLA – I remember the "Rotary Youth Leadership" part, but what the heck is the "A"?)

OK, SO GO BUY YOUR RVM. RI says it's all about the "Soul of Africa" and "Farmers Feed the Children." Also says that "individual issues" are available for \$15. but what is it? Not a book, for it says that "versions are available for NTSC and PAL" – more letters they love, though this hints at the nature of the RVM, which they say "looks back at RI in Malmo" – oh, yes, the last district conference?

AND TRF IS IN THE NEW RVM. "TRF" sounds like a growling Labrador, but we've already learn that's the Foundation. If you want your issue of the new RVM, look at www.rotary.org/shop. And when you get it, let me know whatever it may be.

WELL, AT LEAST the district got rid of "SCANEX", which always sounded like a disease or laxative. It's now "YES". Which still doesn't tell it's our youth exchange.

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And as Wayne always says,

Brain cells come and brain cells go
but fat cells live forever.

