

Your **ROTSCOPE** for
January 4, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28th: NO LUNCH MEETING

THURSDAY, 6:30 p.m.: Toast 2007 at the Hornberger's, 221 Country Club

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4th: "Chronolog" (back at Community Church)

ALAN JACK OF CLAREMONT SUNRISE ROTARY talked with us a few weeks ago about their "Corazon" one-day house project, remember? He's back to start 2007 with some advice that might prove helpful to you now or in the future. Alan and his wife Beverly wrote and produced a handbook – the "Chronolog" – to track medical and insurance records, authorization numbers, and healthcare directives (that all-important 'living will,' as it's often incorrectly called). Beverly and Alan want to share their personal stories in caring for elderly parents, and pass along some tips to caregivers from caregivers. If you know of people facing this challenge, bring them along as a guest this week and help them, too!

SEVENTY PERCENT ALREADY!

FOUR MONTHS TO GO, and all but 32 of our members have already contributed at least \$100 to continue our sustaining membership 100% support for TRF, The Rotary Foundation.

JOHN HARRIS WOULD LOVE to finish his TRF chart even before the New Year. Checks dated and sent to Rotary's Box 80301, San Marino 91118, in 2006 will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible receipt for this year, letting the U.S. and State governments help you out by sharing some of your contribution through tax relief.

BEFORE THE OLD YEAR DISAPPEARS – if you're one of our 32 still out – send your check now.

FOUR CAME – MORE NEEDED

FOUR REMEMBERED TO BRING an old suitcase or duffle bag to Rotary last meeting, helping along Alyssa Velasco's Girl Scout project of providing storage and transport help to abused children who have no private closets of their own in local care facilities.

MANY MORE SUITCASES are still needed. Please, remember to bring one or two to our first meeting of 2007.

FRED SOHL AND LEN THERRIEN carried the four donations to their cars, in the absence of president Wayne. Make them work harder – Wayne too – by bringing those old bags you'll never use again, and putting worn suitcases and duffles to a good cause.

"PILLOWS" PILED UP

MEMBERS' GENEROSITY FILLED La Casa de San Gabriel with gifts for area families – warm pajamas, a soft pillow, a stuffed toy. Small comforts, but unfamiliar luxuries to some of our neighbors, children of working poor.

CHARIE RASMUSSEN HEADED our club's "Holiday Outreach" program this year, and reported we donated enough to fund nearly 100 gift bags, plus extra to fund the distribution party. John Harris, John McClurg, Rich Haserot, Fred Sohl, Jack Hamilton, Will Bortz, and Len Therrien joined Charlie in the distribution. We can't change the economic pressures on the poor families nearby, but we could and did provide some relief – and hope – for the children.

"LA CASA" IS A SPECIAL PLACE, just a mile from the center of San Marino. Many don't know that it was started and funded for a number of years by the San Marino Community Chest, which in turn was driven primarily by San Marino Rotarians before we established our own "Charities" organization. La Casa's founding director Gil Guerrero was a strong personality, successful in getting San Marino help and in giving help to his San Gabriel neighbors. He also badgered the City of San Gabriel into letting him use the old adobe at Broadway and Mission. If you've never visited, they'd welcome the chance of showing you their good work.

Calendar of Rotary Events for December 2006 / January 2007

DECEMBER

28 No luncheon meeting

28 6:30 p.m. Hornbergers' host at 221 Country Club Dr., S. G.

JANUARY

4 Noon Caregiving tips in working with the elderly

11 Noon Friends of the Los Angeles River

11 1:35 p.m. Board meets to start Wayne's better half-year



THE ROTOSCOPE

Next lunch meeting, January 4th: Life as a Caregiver

PUTTING DOWN SAN MARINO

WRAY CORNWELL IS PROUD to live South of the Drive, below the P.E. tracks – the “wrong side” to those who know the three parts of our town: San Marino, Super Marino, and that less-desirable Sub Marino. Wray notes, though, that the “Submarino” name may be cheapened even more, and he thinks he’s being insulted – in Portuguese yet.

“SUBMARINO” IS THE NAME of Brazil’s largest on line shopping site, offering cheap merchandise through computer. “Submarino” is booming, Wray discovered, but he isn’t quite sure if he and so many other Rotarians living below the streetcar tracks are being complimented by the Brazilians – or put down.

NETFLIX REPORTS ANOTHER PROBLEM in our little home town. You’ve probably discovered, and maybe you use, Netflix – the on-line movie rental, offering many classics and current flicks by mail, and its marvelous web site, describing all their movies with many lists to sort out what you want to see. One of the lists is to see “what your neighbors are watching in 91108!” But if you open this, it says “not enough people in zip code 91108 are watching movies to allow us to make a reliable list.” Another put-down? No movie-watchers in San Marino? Are we all at the opera or reading scholarly works?

SAN MARINO’S GAS STATIONS are disappearing – the seven in the Mission District down to one, six more along Huntington now just two. John Duymalian’s VALERO is holding on, and John’s giving back by donating ten or fifteen percent of your service bill to San Marino Rotary Charities to help our community. We thought a “Valero” was a Argentine dance or a Armenian cowboy. Nah, it’s John’s favorite oil company, and he offers full car care services at his station on Monterey at Huntington Drive. Take him up on his donation offer!

“ADOPT-A-TEXT”

THE DISTRICT’S CHARITABLE FOUNDATION sent San Marino Rotary Charities \$750 for our “Adopt-a-Text” program. I bet that a number of our neighbors are just like me – unaware what this is all about – but I gather it’s a Good Cause. Who knows more to tell us more about it?

HARRY BOOTH

MEMORIES OF HARRY BOOTH, our former member who passed away December 13th in his 85th year, were shared by a large gathering to recall his growing-up in Monrovia, his graduation from MAD (Monrovia, Arcadia, and Duarte had a combined high school, if you’re too young to remember) and from Stanford, and his Navy service in 1944-1946. He joined his father in building Booth & Booth accounting firm into an area leader, while joining Doreen through 61 years to raise six children in San Marino. He was a member of our club for many of those years, before transferring to Pasadena Rotary when more of the accounting work shifted there.

MUCH TOO OFTEN we learn more of our friends while saying farewell. We learned of his leadership in forming the local tennis foundation, in coaching kids’ baseball, in supporting Community Church. We learned that he entered Hiroshima a few weeks after its devastation, and regret we didn’t ever hear more from him of that experience.

AT THE CELEBRATION OF HARRY’S LIFE, no one mentioned his smile – but it was evident in the photos on display, a gentle, warm, loving smile, on the young man in Navy uniform at his marriage before the Stanford Chapel, on the Little League coach, on the camper with his six children in the San Gabriel mountains. If you remember Harry though, you’ll remember his special smile.

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And as Wayne always says,
All those Santa’s Helpers are
Subordinate Clauses

