

Your **ROTSCOPE** for  
**January 11, 2007**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



### FoLAR VISITOR

**JOE LINTON IS PRESIDENT** of the "Friends of the Los Angeles River," a twenty year old support group to change the ugly Corps of Engineers cement channel back to the riparian natural channel that used to be. Progress is coming – finally – and Joe will tell us the history of the river and FoLAR's efforts to get rid of the mid-20<sup>th</sup>-century ugliness and restore the waterway from the San Fernando Valley all the way to the Queen Mary, the toothpick at the mouth of the river. You'll enjoy Joe's tales, and feel his pride in recent FoLAR accomplishments.

**MY FATHER GOT OUT** of the Illinois coal mines and came to California because of the Los Angeles River. His Coast Artillery group had seen pictures of steamboats docking along the riverfront in downtown Los Angeles, and sent him out to fortify the waterway. Of course, the pictures were faked by land developers, who also painted in oranges on every tree along the river, none citrus trees. At least it worked: he got here, along with millions more moving west.

### \$700 JUST FOR YOU

**DRAW THE JOKER** in our ongoing 50/50 Raffle, and you take home \$700 now, more each week. San Marino Rotary Charities, our club's nonprofit division, gets the other \$700 of \$1400 currently in the pot, but you can be selfish and think for yourself what to do with *your* half. There are only 36 cards left – one of which is the Joker.

**TO DRAW THE WILD CARD** and win, however, you've gotta buy a ticket – invest a few bucks each week and maybe you'll be that lucky one (excuse me, that would be an illegal lottery, and our 50/50 is a game of skill – show your skill in drawing the Joker). Have fun, with the extra advantage of a warm feeling that you're helping good local causes.

### GOOD EXERCISE

**COME SATURDAY MORNING** the 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and help take down the Chamber's little Christmas house over the bus shelter at Huntington and San Marino – more hands will mean it's done faster. Larry Goodreau is in charge, if you've any questions. He'll provide the doughnuts to keep you going (and to give him more cavities to fill).

**BARBARA VEENSTRA** offers you exercise, too, at her Citizen's Bank. She's closed the bank's front door and posted a sign that "FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE" you must walk around to the back. Then the sign apologizes "FOR THE INCONVENIENCE." You too can have it both ways, working off holiday calories by parking in front and walking to the back.

### THANKS FOR THE NEW YEAR

**THANKS TO NANCY, J.D.**, and the Hornberger kids – especially the kids, rushing around helping out and being charming – on opening their home for our new year party on a windy Thursday. Great fun, as always, and the new caterer gave a stellar performance.

**THANKS TO JIM FOLSOM** for housing a hundred trees from the defunct South Central Farm while the owner-members seek another spot. Of course, The Huntington P.R. machinery did a fine job getting Jim publicity, too!

**THANKS TO JUDY CARTER** for earning her lunch and helping Wayne pin our new female member, Kathy Raacke, thus thoughtfully covering our clumsy president's embarrassment at fumbling the job.

**THANKS TO THREE QUARTERS** of our members for meeting their commitment for annual support of The Rotary Foundation. To be 100% again, the last contributions are needed over the next twelve weeks.

**THANKS TO ROTARY'S VALERO CUSTOMERS**, 10% of their service bills came right back to SM Rotary Charities.

### Calendar of Rotary Events for January 2007

#### JANUARY

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| 11 | Noon      | Friends of the Los Angeles River              |
| 11 | 1:35 p.m. | Board meets to start Wayne's better half-year |
| 13 | 8:00 a.m. | Come help take down the Christmas house       |
| 18 | Noon      | Dan Stover Music Contest                      |
| 25 | Noon      | Making lemonade of retirement                 |



# THE ROTOSCOPE

## January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007: Life along the river

### CHILDREN'S BOOKS, MAGAZINES

**FOR HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**, David Tyler of Troop #358 asked us last week to bring any children's books through junior high reading levels, and any old magazines, to Rotary. David is working with the Los Angeles Ministry Project/South Central in a literacy program for pre-school to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Any cash is also helpful, in buying materials for bookshelves and additional books. Magazines will be scissored apart for picture displays.

**BOOKS FOR THE SCOUT'S PROJECT** may be dropped off at Debbie's Titan Travel, or brought to Rotary, any time in January. If you prefer to send a check, it should be made out to the Los Angeles Ministry Project and noted for the Tyler Eagle Project

**PRESIDENT WAYNE SAID** we should bring any books we're finished reading for children's use in South Central. Actually, Scout David Tyler asks only for children's and junior high books. But then again, maybe Wayne thought junior high was our club's average reading level.

**ABOUT 10-15 SUITCASES** were contributed for the Girl Scout project in December – and more are welcome in January. Good chance to keep that 2007 resolution of cleaning out your storage so used duffel bags and suitcases can be put to good use with homeless kids.

**THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY** on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, two blocks from RI's 2007 convention site in the Salt Palace, is described at length on RI's "Rocky Mountain Rendezvous" registration materials, telling of the database with 725 million names, 2.4 million rolls of microfilm, 742 million microfiche cards. There will be genealogy kiosks at all meeting places. But RI doesn't mention the sponsors. Should we tell them it's the LDS?

### RIGHT IN OUR BACKYARD

**THE STAR-NEWS BANNER SAYS "LOCAL NEWS"**. Right under that comes the big headline: "Titan's atmosphere includes methane lakes." We're glad the Pasadena daily recognizes SMHS Titans as "local," but we're concerned about those lakes on the football field. Or could they mean another Titan not as local?

### POLIO ERADICATION UPDATE

**TWELVE MORE COUNTRIES** reported polio cases in 2006, all due to importations of the virus by persons infected in the four endemic countries remaining. Nigeria, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan continue with epidemics of polio, though localized in a few spots for each country. These are the high-priority states where Rotary's team is using new vaccines, twice as effective, and new diagnostic tools to detect and track poliovirus twice as fast as before.

**THE OTHER TWELVE** include Somalia, Yemen, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Kenya, Angola, Cameroon, Namibia, Niger, Nepal, and Congo. In each case, the team has traced infestations to travelers from the endemic areas. And in each case, Rotary's people and funds came in quickly to curb the transmissions. The rapid response strategies are working.

**IT'S FRUSTRATING TO CONSIDER** how close Rotary came to his centennial goal of declaring the world polio-free, only to have a few gaps continue the virus. But think where the world would be if the twelve-year Rotary effort had never started, back to what many remember of the pre-Salk days when polio struck often and hard.

**YOUR ANNUAL FUNDING** for TRF – The Rotary Foundation – has helped make polio *almost* gone. We can't stop now. We mustn't. Have you given your share this year?

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And as Wayne always says,  
Acupuncture is a job well done.

