

Your **ROTSOCPE** for February 1st, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



TALKERS AND DOERS

TWO OF OUR SPECIAL ANNUAL EVENTS all rolled up into one program this week: our student Four Way Speech Contest, and our Mini-Grants, all for local youth and their teachers.

STUDENT CONTESTANTS WILL PERFORM early, starting at 11:30. You are very much welcome to come listen and support these speech-makers from San Marino High and Southwestern as they give their interpretations of the Four-Way Test and this year's theme, "Lead the Way." Our judges will choose the best, and that speaker will give the winning talk again to all of us as part of our program. Meanwhile ...

MINI-GRANTS TO TEACHERS creating new classroom projects will be presented at lunch, with the winning projects briefly described to us before the local teachers get back to work.

OUT ON THE DESERT

WE NOTED LANGUAGE CONFUSIONS in last week's bulletin, then noticed what may be a tiny error or possibly the real plan in our "Dinner for Eight" party announcement. Hope you've signed up to host a dinner, or at least to attend, on Saturday, March 3rd. We meet at Judy and Wayne's house for a pre-dinner cocktail, then choose a number to determine the home where we go for dinner, which will include wine, food, and deserts. Not a fund-raiser, but each guest is asked to kick in \$27.50 to pay the costs of the wine, food, and deserts.

QUESTION, WAYNE: what deserts? Gobi? Kalahari? Or closer to home on the Mojave?

GREAT PROGRAMS THIS WINTER!

JOHN WALLACE AND HIS GANG - with special praise to chairman Wallace for special efforts - are bringing us a fine slate of speakers, entertainers, and attractions as our temptations to attend Rotary regularly - and to bring guests to enjoy the offerings with you. Joke-writers, retirement experts, grateful kids, music and speech contests, and now our county supervisor, our fellow member and Sheriff, John has an outstanding lineup.

MAYBE BILL STEELE was right, often declaring that craft talks are the best programs of all. With other fine attractions, we're slipping behind in meeting our newer members, but the upcoming list will help catch up. You'll like each one of those talks, too.

EXPECTED OF EACH OF US

ACCEPTING THE PRIVILEGE of being a Rotarian means commitment to participate, to attend, to help with projects, to join committees and do volunteer service. The rules require us to attend or make up a **MINIMUM 60%** of the club's regular meetings per each half-year. We're expected to attend at least 30% of our own club's meetings, and to make up any others we miss. If we fail to attend or make up for four consecutive meetings - unless excused by the board for good reason - we're out. But it's so easy to make up, or to write the board for an excuse!

MAKEUPS CAN BE DONE two weeks before, or two weeks after, a missed meeting. They can be done by attending another club in the area or world wide, or attending a Rotary convention, conference, or assembly. You can attend an Interact meeting, which are lots of fun with the kids at San Marino High or Southwestern, once a month - call the schools for specifics. You can participate in one of our service projects or community events, or attend a board meeting after lunch, or a committee meeting. And you can "attend" in cyberspace, through the Rotary web page. So easy! - but we're falling behind in attendance, compared with other clubs around us. Unless you're covered by the "Rule of 85" - age and membership in Rotary adding up to 85 - you need to make up (and if you ARE at "85", you need write the board for approval, just for the record.)

Calendar of Rotary Events for February 2007

FEBRUARY

1	Noon	Speeches and Grants
8	Noon	Fashion Show for your Valentine
8	1:35	Monthly Meeting for the lucky board members
15	Noon	Two newer members give their Craft Talks
22	Noon	Sheriff Lee Baca reports to his home club



THE ROTOSCOPE

February 1st, 2007: Grants and Speeches

ANY CATTLE THIEVES AROUND?

WE THINK HALF MY ANCESTORS may have spent their days stealing cattle from the Sassanich south of the border – over Hadrian's Wall from Scotland into English country, where it was OK to acquire a few cows from the enemy. The other half of my bloodstock lived on corn meal mush up on the slopes of Mt. Blanc. How to know? Spend a bit of time in Salt Lake City and you can find out about your own lineage.

RI IN EVANSTON is really pushing the push west for its "Rocky Mountain Rendezvous" in Salt Lake City cowboy country. We hesitate to tell our Illinois colleagues that SLC isn't in the Rockies, but a different mountain range, and that it's not cowboy but Mormon country. They'll find out soon enough when they get to the 2007 International Convention. Meanwhile, they're still offering special convention packages on registration and accommodations, if you'll get on line and book (and no, the old Mormon Prohibition is pretty much gone from Salt Lake – you can get a drink, except for Sunday, before noon, on Election Day when you really need one, or after midnight).

THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY will be open to you during the convention, with an ancestral database and genealogical index covering some 761 million names. They've millions of rolls of microfilm and microfiche and 700 electronic searches, with pleasant folk to help you out. They'll have continuing one hour presentations in a specially designated "Genealogy Room" at the convention center in the Salt Palace, all paid by the LDS to help you. It's all free of charge. Good enough reason to attend the convention, though lots of other attractions from Park City to the Heber Creeper, Promantory Point, Ogden, Temple Square – much to do!

HELP STILL WANTED

THE DISTRICT STILL SEEKS someone to manage the office, and has extended the deadline for applications to February 10th. The "office" can be in cyberspace, from home. Work is about 20 hours a week, except for times of conferences. See the district web page for details if you or someone you know is interested.

HOLDING OUR OWN!

HALF WAY THROUGH the Rotary year, and our membership numbers are holding at 112 – we've replaced any we've lost, and we've kept a retention rate of 99%, which isn't bad. In fact, we're fifteenth out of the 55 clubs in the district for new members, and we're fourth largest club in the district.

THAT SAID, WE STILL NEED to seek out potential new members, as there's a natural turn-over of one a month throughout our history. Invite a guest – Rotary offers fine chances to serve others, all wrapped up with good programs and fellowship.

WAYNE ADVANCED, but we haven't seen much results. We sent Judy and Wayne up to Arrowhead's UCLA conference center last month just to advance. (Rotary never retreats, they say, so it wasn't a "retreat", but the midyear ADVANCE for current presidents). The district governor poured out many ideas, opportunities, and challenges. Now we're waiting for Wayne to get us going.

FRED SOHL IS BURSTING with his own ideas already. Our upcoming president goes to his own advance early next month, though it's another clever Rotary acronym: "PETS" – Fred's a PET – in for "Presidents' Effectiveness Training." We forget what the "S" is all about, but Rotary sure loves its clever acronyms.

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And as Wayne always says,
Stupidity is not a handicap.
Park elsewhere!

