

Your **ROTSOCPE** for February 15th, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



NEW GUYS FOR US, BUT NOT IN SAN MARINO

TWO HANDSOME MUGS who've been around San Marino for a long time, but who recently joined Rotary, tell us their stories this week, and you'll like knowing both better:

NICO CIFARELLI is from our 'hood, raised and educated in San Marino. Many will remember his physician-father Nick. Son Nico has already charmed us all, jumping into volunteer activities with his warm smile and strong spirit of volunteerism. This is his chance to trace his studies and career for us.

TIM HARRIGAN looks tough in his Rotary directory mug shot, but he's really not so bad a guy – for a cop. Tim has seen it all around town, a generally peaceful place with occasional policing drama. He'll tell us of his background, and of some experiences helping maintain public safety for San Marino.

ROTARY INSIDER

MUHAMMAD YUNUS OF BANGLADESH was honored with the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize, with much publicity for his pioneering idea of microcredit loans. The articles I saw failed to mention that Dr. Yunus has belonged to Rotary and uses many Rotary clubs to help in his vision of eliminating poverty through the little businesses established with these loans. Yunus spoke at the 1999 Rotary International Convention in Singapore. Winifred and I had the opportunity to talk with him there, hearing his impressive accomplishments with many little steps forward. San Marino Rotary has its own microcredit program, the finca farms we helped displaced Maya establish in the Guatemalan Highlands, still going strong. Dr. Yunus was very complimentary of our club's work there.

WEEKEND IN THE DESERT

THE 2007 DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be over the Memorial Day weekend, May 24-27, and is at Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa in Rancho Mirage. The district has a block of rooms, and the resort will let you and your family stay over Sunday and Monday at the convention rate. There will be fun and activities for all the family, as well as Rotary reports, two GSE teams coming and going from/to Central Europe, the finals of the district's music and speech contests, and maybe best of all several hospitality rooms to crash and enjoy.

FRED SOHL LEADS our delegation to Rancho Mirage, with President Wayne tagging along to celebrate the year. Register now, before the better rooms are gone! See Fred, or the District website, for the forms.

PEACE CONFERENCE FOCUS ON LATIN AMERICA

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL DISTRICT PEACE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT Azusa Pacific University on Saturday, March 31st. Latin America and Hispanics in the United States will be the focus, like previous ones on Africa and the Middle East emphasizing ideas to eradicate poverty through entrepreneurship. The huge unemployment in Mexico and Central America brings migration to the jobs in the North, though many migrants say they would rather stay home. To put food on the table for their families, migrants take enormous risks to come to the USA. Job creation in Mexico is one idea to ease the problem. Altadena Rotary launched a program in Tijuana in 1999, working with a university there. Unfortunately a change in administration caused the program to fall along with the university, typical of many experiences in this disorganized area.

AN OUTSTANDING PANEL OF SPEAKERS is being assembled by Ray Carlson of Altadena Rotary for the March 31st meeting, which starts with a light breakfast and concludes after lunch. Our own Alan Weirick is on the planning committee, and encourages YOU to give the morning by attending. Details are available, including registration on line, through the district web site: www.district5300.org.

Calendar of Rotary Events for February / March 2007

FEBRUARY

15 Noon Two newer members give their Craft Talks

22 Noon Sheriff Lee Baca reports to his home club

MARCH

1 Noon "Career Connection" – with Trader Joe Coulombe

3 Evening Dinner for Eight – Progressive, start at Carters'

8 Noon Supervisor Mike Antonovich

8 1:35 Carter shows Antonovich how a Board should run



THE ROTOSCOPE

February 15th, 2007: Time for Nico and Tim to Shine

MORE WAYS TO PLEASE WAYNE

IF YOU WANT TO SHOW OUR PRESIDENT you understand his reminder to make up missed meetings and help keep up our attendance record, but you don't want to go to the "Y" in South Pas or the Big Club at the Hilton consider these possibilities:

BURTON-UPON-TRENT ROTARY holds its weekly meetings in the Coors Visitor Centre, which features lots of foamy brew. But you don't get a sample pint until right after the Monday noon meetings, when the bar's open – but remember, it's *warm* beer.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES ROTARY used to be in Hot Springs, New Mexico, but in 1950 the radio game show hosted by Ralph Edwards promised \$250,000 to any town that would change its name, and Hot Springs bit. For decades after, Edwards would broadcast once a year from "T or C", as it's called in those parts. Rotary serves cowboy breakfasts at the bull riding and roping competitions and bought a mammogram machine (\$80K) for the "T or C" hospital.

HOKITIKA ROTARY on the west coast of New Zealand's South Island has one makeup you might like – or maybe one that you'd like to miss. The town population is only 3,000, but ten times that comes to Rotary's annual Wildfoods Festival every March, serving crispy-fried huhu grub worms washed down with straight Jed's Moonshine from a Rotary still. Wayne offers double-makeup credit for any of us who endure both the grubs and the moonshine, if we bring him back a sample of each.

BASE MARAMBIO-ANTARTIDA ROTARY is the southernmost club in the world, chartered in 1997. Hard to get there for a makeup, but Antarctic members can make up at the second club on the continent at **Base Antartida Esperanza Rotary**.

COME ENJOY – BUT RESPOND!

YOUR INVITATION TO Rotary's "Dinners for Eight" should be delivered to you – please deliver back a response, coming or not, so cocktails can be poured at the Carters' and hosts can know how many to expect. Each person is asked to chip in \$27.50 to cover costs only – cocktails, wine, dinner, and that mystery desert.

IT'S ON SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 3rd – March seems a long way off, but this month is cut three days short, remember – and responses are needed now.

MORE ON THOSE BOXES

OUR MENTION LAST WEEK of the ShelterBox project brought out a few questions – what happened to those funded by Southwestern's Interact Club, what did the kids hear, where did the boxes go? Wish I could answer. You may remember that the interact president and club took up Jack Hamilton's challenge, doubled it, and doubled it again, inspired in helping people displaced by the great tsunami across Southeast Asia. Club members wrote brief notes in several languages, as requested by the ShelterBox people, and were told they'd be advised where and when the boxes were delivered. They've been disappointed not to hear, but I tell today's Interact that perhaps they're waiting for the next disasters.

EACH ShelterBox (Rotary likes run-together names) is a rugged plastic container weighing 120 pounds when full. The container has several uses in itself, and has a specially-designed dome tent and supplies for ten persons, including ten thermal blankets, cooking pots, a trenching tool, hammer, ax, hoe, dishes, a tool kit, and waterproof ground sheets. There are ten ponchos, mosquito nets, children's school supplies, and enough water purification for ten people over six months. See them, and help buy one, at www.shelterbox.org.

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And as Wayne always says,

I keep smiling at Rotary meetings because
I don't know what the heck is going on.

