

Your **ROTSCOPE** for February 22nd, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



LEE BACA ON THE SHERIFF'S PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

WE KNOW LEE BACA from 'way back, from when he was so young and eager and had a full head of hair. Now he still looks young and is still enthused about his peacekeeping work, though the hair was sacrificed during his first campaign. You probably remember that Lee was raised in East L.A., then raised his own family in San Marino while rising through posts in the Sheriff's Office. He was our club's nominee as a Group Study Exchange team member to England, observing their police procedures, and he was our club's member when he was close enough to attend. He was made 'honorary member,' a title he carries proudly, and we're proud of his accomplishments. Come hear his report to his neighbors, and consider bringing a guest to meet our Sheriff.

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL PAST PRESIDENTS of our club: be sure to come this week, as Wayne wants to recognize our leaders on Presidents' Day – even Millard Fillmore, Frank Pierce, and Warren Harding. Please come celebrate!

WHAT ARE THEY?

WHAT ARE "MINI-GRANTS"? One of San Marino Rotary's better programs! Jack Rose, Stu Cypherd, and Debbie Lowrey created a challenge for teachers in San Marino schools to come up with special teaching units and offering the funding to implement them. Teacher ideas have been fascinating, from paper-making in art classes to grandparents' day to old-radio recordings in English classes. Proposals are screened by a Rotary panel, with Jack Rose giving many hours of his time over the years in evaluating the teachers' new units. Grants averaging around \$500 have been presented for each teachers' program that was chosen. An attempt to gather funding from other groups didn't work, so our club has taken complete responsibility for the grants, mostly through one member's generosity.

WHAT IS IT?

WHAT IS "SMRC", SAN MARINO ROTARY CHARITIES? Though most members identify the club's non-profit funding branch, there's still occasional confusion among Rotary's different parts. San Marino Rotary as well as Rotary International are legal organizations, but under US tax laws they cannot receive gifts that are tax deductible for State and Federal purposes. Thus both RI in Evanston and our San Marino club have formed separate non-profit parts under the well-known section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code – and thus your contributions to The Rotary Foundation (formerly the Paul Harris Foundation) or to San Marino Rotary Charities fully qualify as tax-deductible. Checks should be made to "SMRC" or "TRF", not to the club or International.

ANDY'S CHALLENGE: HELP ENDOW, AND HE'LL MATCH!

THE WILLIAM G. STEELE, Jr, MINI-GRANT PROGRAM is the new name of our club's encouragement of fresh ideas in local classrooms that we've called simply "Mini-Grants" – a proud new name to celebrate the generosity and spirit of Bill Steele. To form permanent funding for "Mini-Grants", Andy Barth has pledged to match dollar-for-dollar all gifts to San Marino Rotary Charities' Endowment Fund that are restricted for "Mini-Grants". Even before this announcement, members have contributed several thousand dollars – and the Barths have matched it. Now the challenge is YOURS – you're asked to take up Andy's offer and give to a permanent, endowed "Mini Grant" program in honor of Bill's interests in youth and Andy's enthusiasm to help local teachers.

A LOCAL PRINCIPAL NOTED a few years ago that "Mini Grants" stretched classroom budgets to fund new ideas – but that even more valuable is how the offer of these grants stimulates teachers to create innovative units to enrich the educational experiences of our city's boys and girls. Teachers being human, the offer of funding gets them thinking of something fresh to do with the kids. Bill Steele and Andy Barth recognized how these dollars really help. Let's all join with our own help while the Barths are matching your gifts to this restricted "Mini-Grant" endowment!

Calendar of Rotary Events for February / March 2007

FEBRUARY

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 22nd, 2007: Sheriff Baca

YOUNG AND OLD WELCOME!

THREE STRONG SPEAKERS are upcoming the next three weeks at Rotary, great times to invite a friend to enjoy our meeting. This week it's Sheriff Baca, then Supervisor Mike Antonovich and Joe Coloumbe – something for everyone, male or female, young or old. Job #1 in building our membership is identifying potentials, and an invitation to hear one of these speakers is a fine way to do just that.

PROSPECTS ARE GUESTS OF THE CLUB, no charge to you, and should be so introduced – don't ever say "here's a prospective new member!" But do follow up with the prospect after the lunch, see if he or she is interested, and invite again if you think it's appropriate.

A PROSPECT SHOULD ATTEND a minimum of three meetings as a guest, while being introduced to as many other members as possible. If the prospect is still interested, there is a membership form in the box at the check-in table. The applicant is not supposed to be aware that an application has been completed and submitted – a requirement of RI that's a bit hard to accomplish, but ...

GIVE THE COMPLETED APPLICATION to the membership chair, Gene Dryden this year, who sends copies around the officer list. The membership committee selects a classification – you don't have to worry about that detail, and classifications can be found for anyone, even "saloonkeeper" (which is the classification of an upcoming district governor). If there are members with similar classifications, a courtesy phone call from you is appropriate. The membership committee, then the board, discuss and vote, and finally the prospect is asked if it is OK to publish their name in the Roto-Scope one week at least before induction. Clear? If not, Gene can straighten you out.

A KEY TO A SOLUTION

ALAN WEIRICK HAS NOTED many times how poverty is eased then eliminated by employment, and that entrepreneurship is a fine tool to provide jobs. Our District Peace Conference has focused on Africa and the Middle East in the past, emphasizing ideas for entrepreneurship. This year the focus will be on Mexico and Central America. Experts will share ideas and invite yours on Saturday, March 31st, at Azusa Pacific University. More information and registration is through our district web site, www.district5300.org.

CLIMBING TO THE TOP

TO BECOME PRESIDENT of the Rotary Club of Zurich Turicum, the nominee and all 30 members must hike up a peak in the Swiss Alps for the changeover. Members climb to 8,000 feet in the afternoon, bunk in a Spartan chalet, and hit the trail long before dawn in order to reach the peak before 6 a.m. Sleep in and the sun starts opening crevasses in the snow, and there goes the new president and the rest of the club if they dawdle.

FRED SOHL IS CONSIDERING the Mt. Wilson Trail to his own installation spot – or if the age of our membership keeps falling with Charlie Rasmussen, Nico Cifarelli, and these kids, maybe even up to Mt. Whitney in the snow. Tim Harrigan can brush up his paramedic skills, and Lois Matthews will have helicopters standing by to take sluggards to luxury suites at Huntington Hospital. Sounds good!

SPEAKING OF LOIS, election results have not yet been certified by our electoral administration. There was a vote in December, but no winner was proclaimed. We understand there is much discussion going on to see if we can put up with another female president, who are always so well organized they put the males to shame.

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And as Wayne always says,
That guy's photographic memory
hasn't ever been developed.

