

Your **ROTSOCPE** for March 8th, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



SUPERVISING A COMPLICATED COUNTY

MIKE ANTONOVICH HAS BEEN our 5th District Supervisor since he defeated Baxter Ward in 1980. He has visited our club six times since then, but always during an election period. This Thursday, he's not under the pressure of reelection, and can report to us candidly on county challenges and successes. Mike can teach us, too – he did that at Los Angeles city schools before serving on the first LA Community Colleges board and in the State Assembly, and he continues lecturing not only at colleges but also for national conferences. During his seventeen years as one of five supervisors for the biggest non-sovereign government in the world, Mike knows much of the extraordinary problems impacting Los Angeles County from swelling populations, deteriorating infrastructure, and continuing State and Federal mandates that generally come without funding – just do it, County! Mike has chaired the Board of Supervisors six times, and under new term limits can serve to 2016. Come with your questions – and to get on his best side, don't forget to ask about Christine, little Michael, and Mary Christine and watch the longtime bachelor grin!

20th SUCCESS FOR TEEN LEADERS

SOME 288 TEENS from across the Rotary district attended the 20th annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp at a snowy Idyllwild on the last weekend in February. These included eight from San Marino High and Southwestern Academy – and you'll meet them this Thursday as they visit to bring us thanks (and eat our lunch, which they did heartily at RYLA).

DEBBIE PRIESTER IS OUR HERO with RYLA, once again this year using her high energy to recruit, interview, select, instruct, and assemble our RYLA representatives. Debbie's proud to be selecting not current high school leaders but *potential* leaders, junior boys and girls who will benefit from working with Rotary facilitators at RYLA and *become* leaders.

GOLF AT RANCHO LAS PALMAS

THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT is open for registration, and you're urged to sign up now as space is limited. It's on May 24, 11 a.m. shotgun, at Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage. Your \$135 includes golf and cart, a box lunch, tournament and course prizes, a cocktail party (with no-host bar), and the awards dinner where all past district governors (well, we're guessing that means all who are still alive). It's promised that each of the PDG's will speak, too, which should promise an active no-host bar. If you have questions, email organizer Dave Mans at:

manslaw@earthlink.net

To register, go to the district web site and figure it out for yourself:

www.district5300.org.

WATER FOR A THIRSTY AMAZONIAN VILLAGE

FERNANDO LORES IN PERU is a struggling rural district without the mineral or agricultural riches of more burgeoning areas of the country. Some 14,000 people live poorly, most without a source of clean drinking water. Industry Hills and Apple Valley Rotary clubs paired with clubs in Santa Rosa and Sebastopol to form a water project three years ago. The first step was to build rainwater catchments using the tin roofs of the simple government school buildings in the district, and see if enough water could be captured to make a water work. Yes, the first tank completed in 2005 proved that Amazon rainwater was a good source of clean water separate from the polluted river, streams, and puddles. Two years later, water still gushes out of the tank that was built in 2005. The six clubs from three districts have raised \$45,000 to build three more water tanks this year, enough to service most of the villages in Fernando Lores.

THIS SUMMER WORK SHOULD START on the extra tanks, if the financial transaction requirements are completed next month. APECA Peru and a Rotary club in Iquitos, Peru, are managing the funds there and gathering materials to build more concrete tanks to handle the water flowing off the roofs in the heavy rainfalls, water long wasted and now answering all the needs of the villagers.

Calendar of Rotary Events for March / April 2007

MARCH

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| 8 | Noon | Supervisor Mike Antonovich |
| 8 | 1:35 | Carter shows Antonovich how a Board should run |
| 15 | Noon | On Wallace Neff, Architect |
| 22 | 11:30 a.m. | Paul Harris Luncheon at The Huntington |
| 29 | Noon | Mayor's Report on the city |

APRIL

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| 5 | Noon | Confessions of a CBS newsman |
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THE ROTOSCOPE

March 8th, 2007: County Supervisor Mike Antonovich

IS ROTOSCOPE "ODDBALL"?

THE STAR-NEWS MAY BE complimenting our Rotary bulletin, but then again I keep wondering if they really were being snide in talking about Rotoscope last week. We'll presume they read this weekly thoroughly and with pleasure, because they borrow a few of our comments each month for use in their own columns. But are we "oddball"?

"SAN MARINO HAS THE ADVANTAGE," said an editorial in the Pasadena daily, "of a truly oddball local newspaper." That must be us, as no one else in San Marino is "oddball." (Well, the Chinese Club magazine might be odd, but we can't read it to find out, and it always pleases its readers.) Wonder what we said that makes them think us "truly oddball"?

A FEW YEARS AGO, our club met for lunch and a tour at Tournament House, the old Wrigley mansion. We were shown the unusual player organ, with pipes that hang deep into the basement. Rotoscope commented that we hoped no Rotarian pocketed any of the pipes, and if anyone did, to please return it no questions asked. That was picked up by the Star News as serious news. They ran a front-page piece on Rotarians stealing some of the organ pipes, and were being asked now to return them.

ONE YEAR RECENTLY our Thursday meeting and thus our bulletin's date was April 1st. This bulletin was sort of junior high quality that issue, declaring that the president and all officers had absconded to Brazil with the club treasury, that future meetings were cancelled from lack of funding, and that city police were trying to extradite our president. Our Star-News friends must have been tired that night, eager to fill their columns quickly and go home. They repeated the run-away story, not noting the dateline was really April Fool's Day.

ALMOST-LAST-CHANCE

YOUR DISTRICT WANTS YOU to honor someone, maybe president Wayne, maybe a spouse, maybe yourself in a district conference tribute book. Ads run from \$25 for a quarter-page to \$100 for a full page. The book will be distributed free of charge to all attendees at the May district conference. There's a lot of space left, and I've been urged to urge you to urge yourself to send a camera ready ad and your check to Susanne Hayeck at 11 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Arcadia 91006. For design help, email susanhayck@earthlink.net.

SPRING BLOSSOMS

TWO FUNDING PROJECTS are being pushed by the Carter Administration this spring, and your help is very much anticipated:

ENDOWMENT FUNDS to match the Barth's offer, creating permanent funding of the Bill Steele Matching Grants for local teachers. Several members have already joined this cause; return envelopes were mailed last week to those receiving Rotoscope by post. Every bit brings us closer to an endowment protecting this fine project while perpetuating Bill Steele's community service.

CHARITIES FUNDS for our annual support of local projects, mostly involving our San Marino youth through the schools and nonprofits. These monies come with possible rewards: through another raffle, you'll have a good chance of having a luxury vacation in an Hawai'ian condo, with a mountain lodge vacation available for the runner-up. Details will be announced this week, but the format is similar to recent years. The winning ticket may be yours – but you've got to buy one first. And of course our Joker is still out, and over \$4,000 now if you find the right card in the pack.

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And as Wayne always says,
**Middle age is when your age starts to show
around your middle.**

