

Your **ROTSOCPE** for April 19, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



PROGRAMS FOR THE SIGHTLESS

THE SERVICES OF THE BRAILLE INSTITUTE will be described this Thursday by David Burkhardt of the Los Angeles chapter. David shares his delight in helping people to make the world better, and that's the Braille Institute's mission. David grew up in Redding, where his father taught special education in the local high school. He graduated from Cal State Chico, and earned his master's from San Jose State.

DAVID BURKHARDT IS PROUD of his service as a fundraising professional, helping a retarded citizens project in Redding, then United Way, The Phoenix Zoo, the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation, Northridge Hospital, and for the past five years serving with the Braille Institute. David and his wife, Janine, enjoy touring the world on their tandem bike when they have time, while their daughter Katelin is an avid equestrian. You'll enjoy meeting a man dedicated to helping others, while hearing more of an American institution reaching out to our sight-impaired neighbors.

FOUR FOR ONE??

LOIS MATTHEWS PROMISES you'll get four for one, but so far we've no idea what the one we put up may be. You'll need to come on Thursday to find out – and regretfully you'll need to sit through one of Lois' poems first, before she springs her special treat. But she insists it's worth it!

MEANWHILE, REMEMBER your trip to Hawaii is already reserved – but first you need to buy the winning raffle ticket, still available for only \$100 at lunch. Same place can also help with tickets to search for the JOKER – with a pot that just keeps growing. Bring lots of cash to Thursday's lunch (we don't know how much for Lois, but we fear she's a pretty expensive lady).

BOTS ADDS A "D"

IT'S BODTS, Rotary's new program for the month, we learned at last from our bright young but long-past district governor Lee Mothershead. Our various directors didn't know about what they called "BOTS" – but they're the subjects of the district's "Board of Directors Training Sessions". Well, actually, Lee didn't know if the "S" is for "sessions" or "something", but there it sits. A BODTS will be conducted this Saturday, April 21st, at the District Assembly, and president Wayne has agreed to buy you a cup of coffee as well as lunch if you'll attend. Directions to Rancho Cucamonga are available at the district site. Just tell Wayne to sign you up, if you're not yet registered for your BOTS. Or rather, BODTS, a bit harder to pronounce without practice.

'FAIR AND ORDERLY MEETINGS' PROMISED

ALMOST TEN MONTHS OF WAYNE CARTER as president, and he's finally beginning to get organized. He sent out for a copy of Robert's Rules of Order for last week's Board of Directors' meeting, and Wayne is starting to study how to streamline debate and get to that "fair and orderly" pledge. We second the motion. No debate. Motion carried.

LARRY GOODREAU KEPT BLATHERING about his *Semana Santa* – Holy Week – drive around Andalucia, Spain, and almost got away without no fine for himself. Larry got caught, though, then tried to claim he was "voluntarily" putting \$50 into the pot. The Big Man he really wants is Mayor Matt, to pay big-time for the quarter page, full color, smiling portrait in the Star-News, product of the press corps that follows our Doctor-Mayor around to record his big grins at meetings. No matter how long Matt stalls, Larry's waiting patiently – and the price keeps rising, Matt.

LEE MOTHERSHEAD'S BARRIO is constructing a two-block fence with guard posts, down Virginia, along Roselyn, up Oak Grove. The street is blocked most mornings, as swarms of workers extend the blockage to keep undocumented folk from south of Lacy Park from entering. Lee promises visas for his Rotarian friends, if you file the paperwork far enough in advance so you can get around the Supermarino Wall.

Calendar of Rotary Events for April /May 2007

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| 19 | Noon | Helping the blind enjoy our marvelous world |
| 26 | Noon | Robert Miyake from JPL with NASA's plans |

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| 3 | Noon | About the Spitzer Telescope |
| 10 | Noon | Life on the San Andreas |
| 10 | 1:35 p.m. | Board meeting after luncheon |
| 17 | Evening | Spring fund-raising at Bob Redford's home |



THE ROTOSCOPE

For the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, U.S.A.

April 19th: Braille Institute

DEAR SANTA'S HELPER:

THANKYOU FOR THE CLOTHES. I really like them a lot. I have always wanted a vest, but never got one. So thanks! I like my shoes, my pants, and my shirt. Thanks again and thank you. Love, Sara.

COVINA SUNRISE ROTARY has fewer than 30 members, but helped clothe almost 20,000 children over the last thirteen years with its remarkable "Operation Santa Clothes". Last week's bulletin described how they get the money, with an incredible "Victory Party" in a World War II theme that the handful of Rotarians and their spouses present in May. Several San Marino Rotarians at our table didn't know what Covina does, however: they find children in our local communities who have never owned a new pair of shoes in their lives!

COVINA SUNRISE'S SANTA CLOTHES started small, taking 70 needy kids from one school in Covina to Kmart to buy new clothes. The next year there were 282 children from nine children. By 1997, almost 2,000 from 35 elementary schools through the San Gabriel Valley were involved. By 2001, they clothed their 10,000th child. Now they're ready to reach 20,000 kids! Each \$55 per kid buys a pair of tennis shoes, three pairs of socks, and two complete outfits of pants, shirts, skirts, or dresses. The kids have their names put on the clothes – so often, the first time they've had new things of their very own.

WHAT AN ACTIVE CLUB! Kmart helps by selling at cost, and by gathering clothes in a special room where the kids can "shop" and choose for themselves just what they want. And you can help too, by attending the "Victory Party," or by any donation. Many pictures, letters, and information about their big party can be found on line at Covina Sunrise's web site:

www.covinasunriserotary.org

DINNER FRIDAY?

A "FRIENDSHIP FIESTA" ON APRIL 20th – the night before the District Assembly – is offered you inside a decorated hanger at Cable Airport in Upland. The bar's open at 6:00 pm, and a lavish dinner is served thereafter. Going to the Assembly? Or not going, but want to have fun with fellow Rotarians? Either way, you're invited to Charlie's welcoming Fiesta. Registration is on line at the District web site or through SPORG, whatever that strange new Rotary word may mean:

www.sporg.com/pom/registration?cmd.

HAVE A WILD WEST ADVENTURE

THE FOLK IN THE ROTARY OFFICES back on the prairie of Evanston, Illinois, are thinking of everything west of the Mississippi as "Wild West," and are pushing us to attend the 2007 RI convention in Salt Lake City as a real "Wild West Adventure." There may be dangers from herds of buffalo stampeding down the broad streets of Salt Lake, but don't be too concerned. Come instead to feel the power of the world-wide Rotary movement.

DONNY OSMOND PRESENTS A "Welcome to Utah" show, bringing his other talents from his Las Vegas show to the Mormon capital just for Rotary. There's a youth exchange student from Australia, the High Commissioner from South Africa to India, and an Ambassadorial scholar from Canada on the program. And a session on The Rotary Foundation will feature keynote speaker William Gates, Sr., father of the other Bill Gates and co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, speaking on "The Role of the Charitable Foundation in Today's World".

DISCOUNTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE for car rentals, bus passes, and several special events during the SLC convention, but you're urged to hurry. Check online at: www.riweb.rotaryintl.org

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And as Wayne always says,
Depression is merely anger
without enthusiasm

