

Your **ROTOSCOPE** for
May 3, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



SIRTF SEARCH IN SPACE

MICHAEL WERNER HAS MADE the Spitzer Space Telescope, or SIRTF, his personal passion since 1977, and has been the Project Scientist at JPL since 1984, responsible for much of the observing time studying such as the infrared properties of galaxies, interstellar dust, and indications of planets in formation. Spitzer went up in 2003, and for two-and-a-half years obtained images that could not be observed from the ground. And what has been found? Michael Werner is eager to tell us this Thursday, as he's full of excitement over the discoveries. He met a wonderful astronomy professor at Haverford College in Pennsylvania who inspired him into astronomical careers. Werner's PhD thesis at Cornell was guided by another pioneer in space infrared astronomy. Now it's Dr. Werner's work with SIRTF that's guiding and supporting a new group of young space scientists at Caltech. We're privileged to share some of Werner's pictures and discoveries from his infrared penetration past space gas and dust to peer into centers of galaxies, and into newly-forming planetary systems that show how our own precious planet may have been formed.

CELEBRATING 100 ON THE 17th

YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED your special invitation for you and your spouse to come celebrate another 100% year of our club's participation as donors to The Rotary Foundation, to be held Thursday evening, May 17th, in the Redford's garden. This spring's raffle winners will also be drawn at the party.

NO NEED TO RESPOND – JUST COME! We're not sure if it's our members' poor record of RSVPing or our president's trust in everyone to show up, but Wayne is counting on all Rotary couples to come eat, drink - and at least the raffle winners will be merry too. All free, too – your \$100 annual contribution is giving you back \$100 in the catered foods and fun, but Wayne promises not to tip off the IRS.

EASIER TO GIVE!

THERE'S AN EASY WAY to join your fellow Rotarians in building the Bill Steele Mini-Grant endowment fund, where a dollar from you means four dollars for future funding. Great deal, too, given the matching gifts that have been promised by the Barths, the Kneiers, and the club.

GO TO OUR WEB PAGE and push the button for **PLEDGE FORM**. Make your pledge before the end of June, to meet the matching funding. It's easy, it's fun, even your dog can make a pledge and all you must do is honor your pet's desires.

TRY IT OUT, pledge now, pledge often:
www.sanmarinorotary.org

GOT MILES?

JUDY CARTER HAD SOME frequent flier miles on United that were about to expire, and in checking she discovered The Rotary Foundation on United's list as approved recipients of donated miles. We did some more checking, and found R.I. also approved by American, Continental, and Delta – we stopped there, but we're guessing all the frequent flier programs allow gifts to TRF. It's one of those win-for-everyone situations: the airline reduces its inventory of free seats and can take their own deduction when the charity uses the miles, the charity flies folk in connection with their mission without having to buy tickets, and the donor (that's you!) takes a tax deduction and feels good about it.

DO YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN MILES or other premium-program points that are close to expiring and you can't use? Check out gifting them to Rotary. The Rotary Foundation collects miles to fly volunteers, scholars, and Group Study exchange team members around the world, thus saving its gift and interest income for more good works. Thus the hundred dollars in miles you give is like a hundred dollars in cash to The Foundation. Unfortunately, my own collection of unused miles on Western, Braniff, Eastern, PSA, and the old Pan Am can no longer be used by anyone. For information, go to TRF's donations page at:

www.rotary.org

Calendar of Rotary Events for May 2007

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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 | NO LUNCHEON MEETING | |
| 17 | Evening | Spring fund-raising at Bob Redford's home |
| 24 | Noon | Motivation from John Neighbors |



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May 3: Deep Look into Space

TEAMS IN VIENNA, VEGAS

OUR CLUB'S ZONKED-OUT DELEGATE Russ Osmonson, dean of students at Southwestern, arrived last Tuesday with our district's GSE team after 23 hours from LAX check-in through Paris to Vienna, only to find small cars with Austrian Rotarian drivers waiting to take them four hours into the Alps to their first stop in Talln. Russ is tall and long-legged; his companions petite ladies with more weight in baggage than on their bones. The cars did not have enough luggage space, but Russ says it wasn't too bad having bags on his lap after the numbness set in. (A few glasses of fresh beer that night in Talln made the pains disappear, he reports.)

GREG CUSTER IS IN CHARGE of all the district's Group Study Exchange work, from shepherding our outbound group through security while checking that they were in proper coat-and-tie dress with their teal jackets and name badges, to placing our inbound group into enough local Rotarian homes while making sure that dietary restrictions are in place for the vegan. Big job, but that's why Greg's on fast-track for the district governorship, RI presidency, maybe even a promotion at his bank if they've not fired him for all his absences on Rotary business.

TALLN, ON THE DANUBE PLAIN tucked in the corners of Austria, Germany, and Slovakia, "is a big sugar-growing and refining center, the name coming from Celts who produced sugar to trade up and down the Danube," Russ reports. This weekend it's on to Vienna, Budapest, then south to Slovenia and Croatia before returning late in May so Greg can sign yearbooks at graduation. Meanwhile, Greg's inbound GSE team from the same Central European district arrived last week in Las Vegas. "After a very long trip they were in remarkably great moods and eager to get started," Greg reports. Greg didn't state what they were eager to get started doing in Vegas.

RAFFLES, JOKERS

YEAH, THE JOKER'S STILL WILD, and the winning ticket for a Hawai'ian getaway is waiting for you to buy. This may be the week for both! Your lucky day is Thursday: buy the right ticket and draw the Joker to share 50-50 with San Marino Rotary Charities and you – buy the right ticket and win a week in a luxury condo on the Kauai'i coast, round-trip air included (though once you get there, you'll want to tear up the return tickets).

TO WIN, YOU'VE GOT TO PLAY! Good luck Thursday.

NEW ROTARY RULES

R.I.'s COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION meets in Evanston every three years, and their 2007 session adjourned last week after debating hundreds of hot issues and passing some that will take effect July 1st: must a member attend just 50 instead of 60 percent of meetings? can a club meet on a legal holiday? should minimum age for Rotarians be raised to 40? (all these turned down).

SEVENTY-SIX PAGES OF RESULTS were sent to Len Therrien (R.I. always takes its own sweet time to catch up with annual changes in club officers) on hot topics including attendance, administration, membership, and programs. The 76 pages are just abstracts of proposals – to know what's changed, you must go on to some 377 more pages of details. I scanned through (the 76, that is, not the other 377 pages) – important issues such as how many members can meet on the head of a pin? was there Rotary before the Big Bang? and if one member held a Rotary meeting all alone in the middle of a forest, would anyone hear the program?

GO READ IT ALL FOR YOURSELF (Fred Sohl's giving a quiz on all changed rules next week to his new board) at: rotary.org/newsroom/events/col_table.html

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And as Wayne always says,
**The early bird may get the worm,
 but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.**

