

Your **ROTSOCPE** for
May 10, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



FT. TEJON: LEARN FROM THE PAST, PREPARE FOR THE NEXT ...

ATOP THE GRAPEVINE, now alongside I-5 before the plunge into the San Joaquin Valley, the Army's old camel base from the 1850s was near the epicenter of the last big quake on the San Andreas – 1857. Ft. Tejon fell apart then, with heavy damage in a hundred-mile radius – which would mean us today, including downtown L.A. and our San Gabriel Valley, when the San Andreas does it again. When, says Erik Pounders. Not if, *when* it does it again. Erik is geologist in charge of educating us about earthquake hazards, at the U.S. Geological Survey office in Pasadena. Cooperating with Caltech, USGS monitors incoming seismic data for earthquake studies, with information flowing from dozens of bore stations around Southern California (including a monitor for San Marino placed deep under Southwestern Academy's art building). Erik's office advises our lawmakers on earthquake hazards, infrastructure integrity, and personal preparedness. Eric comes to personally advise us this Thursday. A graduate in geology from UCLA, he'll show and tell more on the USGS and its Earthquake Hazards Program.

NO BREAK FOR OUR TRAVELERS

OUR GROUP STUDY TEAM in Austria, Hungary, Croatia, and Slovenia, including our representative Russ Osmonson, reached Budapest but hasn't reached down-time yet. Up early, out on time in proper dress, touring, eating, drinking, it's a rough job, Russ reports. But don't call the area *Eastern Europe* – they resent that, as the map places them smack in the middle between the English Channel and the Ural Mountains, so it's **CENTRAL Europe**, and don't forget it, please.

OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR selected pretty teal colors for this year's team, delicate and feminine on the three women team members, and equally feminine for the two men who aren't quite as pleased with the choice of tones. A glass of wine and no complaints.

FOUR DOLLARS FOR YOUR ONE

MAY IS OUR MONTH to take advantage of three matching pledges eager for your support. The Bill Steele Mini-Grant Endowment needs your help, now. Give a dollar, and it's matched by the club, by the Barths, then by the Kneiers – and four dollars go into the endowment.

THE MATCHING GRANTS WON'T LAST – but your dollar will, staying in perpetuity while earning interest that benefits innovative classroom programs in our San Marino schools. Your pledge can be made on line at the club's web site, or by filling out the paper form available at the secretary's table this weekend. It's simple – when you're on line, just go to:

www.sanmarinorotary.org

DON'T FORGET ONE PROJECT, BUT WE'RE STARTING ANOTHER

THE COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION that met late in April to argue over changes in R.I. rules did come up with two strong points of agreement: we won't forget Rotary's dedication to eliminate Polio, and we will make potable water for everyone Rotary's next major worldwide cause.

ROTARY'S GOAL OF ELIMINATING POLIO virus from the world by the centennial year 2005 proved too much of a stretch. No one anticipated the political and religious problems that slowed polio immunization days in some African countries, nor the extent of reaching so many children in India. When local leaders felt threatened by the false idea that immunization was actually a form of birth control to exterminate their people, polio epidemics spread in six different west African nations as people carried the virus across borders. So the 2005 goal wasn't reached, and some Rotary leaders were discouraged. Now strong determination is back: we **WILL** eliminate polio, as soon as possible.

WATER FOR EVERYONE is the new worldwide Rotary project, working concurrently with PolioPlus until the first cause is complete, then continuing with programs to develop water collection, treatment, and sanitation to benefit so many on six continents that don't have good tap water available. You'll be hearing many plans as they develop.

Calendar of Rotary Events for May 2007

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| 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 |
| 31 | Noon | All-City High School Artist Program |



THE ROTOSCOPE

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May 10: Living on the Fault

LOTS OF DIST IN SPACE?

A SMART GUY (actually not so smart, but a smarty-pants) asked me what I meant by “interstellar **dist**” in last week’s program information. Hey, don’t ask me, I’m just an historian. You should have asked our speaker, Dr. Werner, what “dist” he found with the Spitzer telescope. Me, I can’t be blamed that someone put the “l” and the “u” so close on the keyboard. Besides, SpellCheck approved “dist” without a whimper of a red line, though they get upset when I just wrote “SpellCheck” the way Microsoft spells it together (like the way they fuss when R.I. insists on “PolioPlus”).

MATT BALLANTYNE WINCED when he was introduced once again as our “new young city manager.” He needs to calm down. The wince should come later, when he’s a tired old city manager. Gary Isaacs is still our “new police chief,” even if I haven’t heard him called “young” recently, and Gary’s not wincing. None of us should feel upset to be carded at a bar. You’ll wince when the hurt comes and you look too old to be carded for drinks, as the bartender can see at a glance that you’re over 21. And you can wince once again when they give you the old folk senior discount price without the ticket-sellers even asking you for your AARP card.

TWO MILLION DOLLARS came to The Rotary Foundation as an anonymous grant to permanently endowing the Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution. The gift, by a Rotarian in Hong Kong, Macau, or Mongolia, indicates progress in Rotary’s major gifts initiative. It will endow two Rotary World Peace fellowships for candidates from Central Asia or the Middle East – and wherever needs it more! You can learn more of the initiative at the RI web page, www.rotary.org.

ALMOST LAST CHANCE

YOUR CONDO AWAITS on Kawai’i, with air fare paid to take you there for a week. Or maybe you’d prefer the LCD flat-screen TV. Unfortunately, to have either you have to play the raffle game, contributing \$100 to San Marino Rotary Charities for your chance. Done so already? Do it again, and increase your chances while you help SMRC. The drawing will be next week at the gala 100% party, Thursday the 17th at the Redfords. You don’t need to be present to win, but Wayne hopes you’re coming for sure.

THEY’RE BEGINNING TO WHINE

THE COUNT MUST BE LOW for Rotary’s international convention in Salt Lake City come June – and it’s not too late to register, our friends in Evanston are reminding me once or twice a day in “convention bulletins” they are emailing club bulletin hacks. You can register on line at the RI web site, or by mail with the forms to be found in your Rotarian magazine. Ignore the “cowboy” theme, as there will be the usual friendship hall, project exhibits, general plenary sessions, and wonderful fellowship of every RI convention. It’s close enough to drive in a day, or to fly in under two hours.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO set your sights a little higher than Salt Lake. Thirty minutes east, you’ll find a bustling little resort town called Park City – quaint shops and galleries, golf, hiking and biking, over a hundred restaurants and bars, all in fresh mountain air of the historic city. Apparently the hotels and inns there are pretty empty, before, during, or after the R.I. convention. We’ve been getting special offers for you from their visitor’s bureau, suggesting you stay up with them and drive down to the Rotary events. You can find more at:

parkcityinfo.com

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And as Wayne always says,
If at first you don’t succeed,
sky-diving is not for you.

