



# Your **ROTSOCPE** for July 12, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## **OCCIDENTAL PRESIDENT PRAGER: MAKING A GREAT COLLEGE GREATER**

**SUSAN PRAGER IS A YEAR** into her leadership of the outstanding institution somewhat hidden just five miles from us. She's our speaker on Thursday, describing her first year and her work-in-progress of pulling together students, faculty, parents, alumni, trustees, and administrators. She's good at her job, trained at the best. Prager is a Stanford graduate who received her law degree at UCLA, where she was dean of the Law School some sixteen years before taking the post of provost at Dartmouth. She returned to UCLA in 2001 as a law professor, also serving on the Stanford Board of Trustees, the California Commission on Campaign Financing, and the California Community Colleges Commission. She grew up on a farm in Sloughhouse, on the delta southeast of Sacramento. She graduated with honors from History Corner at Stanford, where she also earned her master's degree in the same field together with one of our own members. She was editor of the UCLA Law Review; she worked in the US Senate and House. She's a mother, and with husband Jim restored two historic Victorian houses – all good prep for university politics, indeed.

### **STARTING THE COUNT OVER**

**OUR NEW-MEMBER COUNT** last year brought special recognition to San Marino Rotary from the district, though no one has told us just what we accomplished. Whatever, Gene Dryden's Membership Committee brought us fresh young members, and that's what every club needs each year. We lose about twelve good folk each year, one a month, and we need add at the same rate just to stay in the same spot. How to do it? Make each of us ambassadors for membership – extending an invitation to visit, then to join if interested, to our neighbors, colleagues, and friends. Someone asked you to visit our club, then to consider joining. Time you do the same for someone else who'd appreciate the chance to share Rotary with you.

### **OXY GUESTS**

**HOW DOES PRESIDENT PRAGER** come talk with our happy group when she's limited her off-campus speaking to a few important occasions? Well, it helped to have an Important Occidentarian or whatever they're called in our midst, and thanks to Merrill for arranging this week's speaker. Oxy man Francis has invited other Oxy alums and parents as our club's guest this Thursday. Perhaps you know other Oxy folk who'd appreciate hearing plans for the great school just down the street to the west. Invite them too! Good occasion for us all to know what's going on at Occidental, and for our visitors to know what's happening at San Marino Rotary. We can make great music together, but you've gotta tell folk who's our speaker and invite them to come.

## **LITTLE CHANGE IN A FORTNIGHT**

**FRED SOHL HAS BEEN PRESIDENT** twelve days already – actually 14½, if you count from his "ascension" June 28 – but there are no big changes around San Marino Rotary, let alone any improvements. Same pattern each year. From the time they're president-elect-elect-elect or whatever, they start all sorts of planning and preparing and assigning and appointing and getting ready for fresh new projects and programs. They get really obsessive the last few weeks of their predecessor's term, reassigning boards and committees and avenues and leadership. Midnight on the last of June, and they're in power. But all that organizing-in-advance gets pushed aside as they practice leading our meetings, squeezing in all the surprise announcements and long-winded presentations, getting the program introduced by one p.m. and off by 1:27 so they can roll their credits and get us out the door by 1:30. The early board meetings spin more wheels, with some directors off for vacations, and then it's back-to-school time to distract. By the holidays, presidents are more (sort of) organized, but there are fewer meetings in November and nothing much in December but toasts and cheers. Winter is a time of watching out for the president-elect, making plans, while the incumbent president slips into lame-duck status, getting lamer in May and demoted in June, and off we go again. Fred's still in the learning stages, but only fifty more weeks and we start all over again with Lois as the Rotary gears turn and churn out presidents each year. All a downhill slide from here, Fred. Enjoy the ride!

## **WHAT'S UP FOR JULY / AUGUST?**

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| <b>JULY</b>   | <b>12</b> | <b>Susan Prager, president of Occidental College (bring a guest!)</b> |
|               | <b>12</b> | <b>1:35 Board Meeting right at the church after our luncheon</b>      |
|               | <b>19</b> | <b>Global Business Report by Richard King</b>                         |
|               | <b>26</b> | <b>More Craft Talks – Lucille Norberg and John Donovan</b>            |
| <b>AUGUST</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>Emile's Working on It</b>  |
|               | <b>9</b>  | <b>Emile's Working on This One, Too</b>                               |
|               | <b>16</b> | <b>And Another from Emile</b>   |

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

July 12: Oxy's President Prager



## NEW DISTRICT, RI LEADERSHIP

**ANOTHER DISTRICT GOVERNOR** leads 5300 with this start of a fresh Rotary year: Charlie Barr, third generation Upland Rotarian, whose travel experiences made him absolutely convinced that Rotary promotes world peace through alleviating hunger, water shortage, poverty, disease, and illiteracy in developing countries.

**CHARLIE WAS BORN** in Los Angeles, serving six years in the Air National Guard before careers in banking and in travel. For thirty years he owned a successful travel agency while on the side operating a small pub in Laguna Beach. Thus his chosen classification: *Saloonkeeper*, which brings a few sneers from a few stuffy old goats and nannies, but which gives Charlie and the Rotarians who know him a little grin. He's retired now from both the travel and the pubkeeping business, devoting his time to Rotary as a leader with teen leadership camps, a Group Study Exchange to Mexico, and making our clubs pull together in service.

**WILFRED WILKINSON – "WILF"** to many friends around the world – is the new president of Rotary International. A retired accountant from Trenton, Ontario, Canada, Wilf built his own chartered accounting firm while helping his country and ours develop higher standards in fraud prevention. His energies have also gone to a home for handicapped adults, to the Scouts, Loyalist College in Ontario, and to the national ballet school in Canada. He participated in Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) grant programs in India, volunteering there six times including immunization work in the slums of Delhi. He has administered polio drops to kids in Pakistan, Kenya, and Tanzania, and helped with water projects in Namibia and South Africa – not just supervising, but pitching in to help. Good fellow, Wilf.

## SEEMS LIKE WE JUST PAID!

**ANOTHER QUARTER, ANOTHER NEED** to support your club with those dues necessary to operate and to make our projects come true. If you're on automatic billing, it's already done, simple and painless – well, no pain until the credit card statement comes.

**IF YOU'RE GETTING** a paper bill, please don't put it aside – we've rent, food, and other expenses, and we've ongoing projects of "Rotary Charities" work in town and of "The Rotary Foundation" service worldwide.

## FOR JIM FOLSOM

*INSPIRED BY his talk on the Huntington Gardens, with a touch of help from The Pinafore's hearty sailor-singer Lee:*

**He is the very model of a teacher most botanical  
With information to disclose in manner  
quite fanatical.**

**Sometimes it is whimsical  
and very often lyrical,**

**He is the very essence of a scientific principal.**

**He is justly famous now in venues international,  
For gardens he created  
with vistas that are magical.**

**Be it petal, frond, or sepal  
he clearly has no equal.**

**He is the very model of a gardener pedagogical.**

Sir Elliott Katz  
June 2007

*(AND WHO ELSE in our town would rhyme "sepal" with "equal," let alone know what "sepal" means?)*

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**Fred's Funny this week:**  
**A parachute is like a mind.  
It only works when it is open.**

