



# Your **ROTSOCPE** for August 2, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## DOING ALL THEY CAN TO HELP DOWN-AND-OUT

**THE UNION RESCUE MISSION** is Los Angeles' oldest and largest non-governmental agency serving our poor and homeless neighbors. Situated on South San Pedro on Skid Row since 1891, today's Mission offers a wide range of services far beyond a soup kitchen. They know many of the street people can't get work because of illiteracy, so they're offering a reading program. They know others can't apply for work because they don't have a mailing address, so that cycle gets broken by the Mission providing post office boxes. In these and many other places, today's organization is truly rescuing those in need.

**ANDY BALES, HEAD OF THE URM** program founded by Lyman Stewart and Union Oil, is this Thursday's Rotary speaker. You'll be impressed with all that's being done to do more than "giving a man a fish," as URM works to "teach a man how to fish." And women, and children, so many caught in a cycle of poverty but breaking free.

### TRUTHS CHILDREN LEARN

- NO MATTER** how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- IF YOUR MOM** is mad, don't let her brush your hair.
- YOU CAN'T TRUST** dogs to watch your food.
- DON'T SNEEZE** when someone is cutting your hair.
- YOU CAN'T HIDE BROCCOLI** in a glass of milk.
- NEVER HOLD** a Dust Buster and a cat together.
- THE BEST** place if you're sad is your Grandpa's lap.
- IF YOUR SISTER** hits you, never ever hit her back. They always catch the second person.

### AUSTRALIA NEXT WINTER

**FOUR GREAT FOLK** will enjoy a month-long exchange of culture and goodwill as members of a new Group Study Exchange, going to Australia February 6-March 9, 2008. It's a rich experience for professional and business men and women, aged 24-40 and already in a career, who can take a month with all travel expenses paid by Rotary and by club hosts abroad. We need to nominate one or two candidates for the district's GSE – what a grand opportunity for someone who enjoys travel, or even more for someone who has never had the chance or the funds to explore. One catch – the GSE team *cannot* be Rotarians or in Rotary families. But think of a neighbor, a worker on the street, who would benefit from the exchange, and talk with Grea Custer to get all the details.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR SAN MARINO ROTARY

**TREASURER DENNIS KNEIER** presented the board with the year-end financial report, and it's good and solid. Our club did better than breaking even – there was a healthy balance of receipts over disbursements, though a few costs for our operations were a little over budget. Dennis' proudest news is that there are no outstanding receivables - in fact, the last fiscal year saw collections of a few past-due accounts.

**OUR CLUB HAS SOME \$34,000** in the bank, though almost \$8,000 of that is there temporarily pending the finding of that deuced Joker to split the \$8K between the lucky member and our "Charities" account. The institution of credit card payments has cost the club some bank fees, but the advantages of these collections make those fees very much worthwhile. There were some extra costs this year for stationery purchase and for the Utah convention, but even those still left a "profit" for our activities.

**CHEERS ARE DUE WAYNE** for his leadership, the board and treasurer for their diligence – and are due each member for supporting Rotary and our community projects through prompt payments and club service.

## WHAT'S UP FOR AUGUST?

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| <b>AUGUST</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>Noon</b>      | <b>Andy Bales from the Union Rescue Mission</b>      |
|               | <b>9</b>  | <b>Noon</b>      | <b>Bill Warren, antique map expert</b>               |
|               | <b>16</b> | <b>Noon</b>      | <b>Clif Smith on the trials of the weekly press</b>  |
|               | <b>16</b> | <b>1:35 p.m.</b> | <b>Board Meeting – note changed date</b>             |
|               | <b>23</b> | <b>Noon</b>      | <b>Caltech's David Stevenson covers the Universe</b> |
|               | <b>30</b> | <b>Noon</b>      | <b>Chef's Choice from Terry Madigan</b>              |

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

August 2: Giving More than Soup



## NO MORE FREE DRINKS

**THE KNEIER FOUNTAINS** ran afoul of various authorities, and Dennis' Water Service for Man and Beast is officially discontinued for the time being, while Dennis works on solving the problems.

**THE FIRST PROBLEM CAME** from the high traffic out of the Huntington Garden Zoo, across Euston, and west to enjoy a drink from the Kneier watering trough. Gary Isaacs had police patrols on duty to direct the heavy traffic, but scores of wily coyotes disobeyed the officers on duty and scrambled across Euston at whim. The Huntington is an Official Breeding Station for San Marino coyote packs, and as soon as the pups were big enough to dig under the fence, they head for the Kneiers to drink. A few sips and the coyotes began howling in harmony, and that noise violated our city's noise-abatement ordinances.

**MORE PROBLEMS CAME** to Dennis when pictures of his watering trough spread in the press and TV. An antiquities expert in northern California spotted the ceramic olla Dennis used, and declared them of cultural heritage value. Dennis is going to substitute a few tin cans, if this meets the approval of the Design Review Board.

**THE ULTIMATE PROBLEM** is more serious. All the Kneier publicity brought out our friends from the Mosquito Abatement District. Seems those little wiggly things in Kneier's trough are mosquito larva, who are enjoying their warm watery home for a couple of weeks before becoming adults off feeding nectar from Dennis' plants, and sipping some of his blood. Then they lay plenty of eggs for the next generation. The normal life-span of an adult mosquito is about two weeks, but the ideal conditions offered by the Kneiers kept them breeding longer. Our vector control people didn't like this!

## THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

**ELLIOTT KATZ PASSES ALONG** the simple steps through a long life:

1. **YOU BELIEVE** in Santa Claus
2. **YOU DON'T BELIEVE** in Santa Claus
3. **YOU ARE** Santa Claus
4. **YOU LOOK LIKE** Santa Claus

## ONLY SEVENTEEN OUT

**NINETY PERCENT** of our membership took advantage of the generous matching funds to boost the Bill Steele memorial endowment for "mini-grants" during our club's fiscal year just ended. That's impressive. But to make it 100%, we ask the seventeen members who didn't contribute to step up and help.

**CLOSE YOUR EYES**, and you can hear Bill exhort us to contribute – "it's all tax-deductible!" Though he would be modest if not embarrassed about the grants being in his name, he'd be thrilled at the concept of permanently funding this program to encourage creative units to be developed by local schools. As a great booster of the schools and of any program helping young people, Bill always did more than his share, and recognized the value of the "mini-grants".

**DICK COOPER WOULD LIKE** the seventeen to help – even with a modest amount, your weekly coffee-money or a couple of movie ticket purchase amounts would be welcome, though of course each bit above that makes the fund more secure. See Dick on Thursday, call him at 449-8568, or send along small or big contributions to the club's post office box, 80301 in San Marino 91118.

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Fred's Funny this week:  
If your parents didn't have any kids,  
there's a good chance you won't either.

