



# Your **ROTSOCPE** for August 9, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## FUN WITH MAPS

**BILL WARREN GOT BIT** with the map bug a few years ago, and the infection hasn't cleared. Actually, Bill got so bit that he's not only developed a fine collection of antique and classic maps at his home above the Rose Bowl, he's also gone on to be president of the California Map Society and to volunteer as a docent at The Huntington. A retired engineer, Bill's late Jean introduced maps to him, and he owns over 100 from the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**THANKS TO WARREN YETTER'S** invitation, Bill's bringing a few delightful examples to share with us at Thursday's meetings – bird's-eye view maps of early Los Angeles and the subdivisions around us as they developed with the railroads. He'll show these on the big screen, and talk about the development of California through maps. We don't know Bill, but we've found some others among our membership who do – and they've spoken highly of Bill's wit as well as his thorough knowledge of maps. Come enjoy – and bring a guest who'd appreciate having fun with maps at Rotarv.

### TRUTHS ADULTS LEARN

**RAISING TEENS** is like nailing jelly to a tree.

**WRINKLES** don't hurt.

**FAMILIES** are like fudge, mostly sweet but with a few nuts scattered around.

**LAUGHING** is good exercise, like jogging on the inside of your soul.

**MIDDLE AGE** is when you start choosing your cereal for roughage rather than sweetness.

**TODAY'S MIGHTY OAK** is just the acorn the squirrel missed yesterday.

### LEADER, BUT NO TEAM

**LARRY SKAGGS OF GREEN VALLEY** Rotary was named Team Leader for the wintertime 2008 exchange between our district and southern Australia. Larry started with Rotary in Illinois, and moved to the Las Vegas suburb a couple of years ago when he retired from the Aurora, Illinois, police. Larry's a Bears fan, but other than that he's a very decent fellow. Now he needs a team to lead. Four business and professional career workers, aged 25-40 years, residents of our district but NOT Rotarians or related to any, are needed to be part of this Group Study Exchange. It's a great opportunity for the right ambassador – all expenses paid, meeting fascinating people Down Under. Greg Custer knows – he was on a GSE to Denmark in 1999. Let him know if you've a candidate.

## VIRUS STILL WILD – BUT GETTING CONTROLLED

**DO OUR NEWER MEMBERS** realize the progress that Rotary International has made toward eliminating polio virus in the world? For that matter, do our younger members realize how fear of polio dominated American children and parents not too many years ago, before the Salk and Sabin vaccines? Rotary hoped to have polio declared gone by our centennial year 2005, and we came close – so close. Outbreaks in Africa and the Indian sub-continent, with wars and religious rumors interfering with the immunization program, prevented the 2005 goal, but the cause is not over.

**SO FAR IN 2007** (to July 24), there have been 316 total cases globally – down from 788 a year ago, and 1998 in 2006. Of these, 114 were found in India, and 128 in Nigeria – though again, India dropped from 676 cases in 2006, and Nigeria from 1124. There have been NO new cases this year in seven nations recently infected (Nepal, Cameroon, Bangladesh, Kenya, Ethiopia, Namibia, Yemen, and Indonesia.) Countries with a scattering of cases include Pakistan, Afghanistan, Angola, Congo, Chad, Myanmar, Niger, and Somalia – that's all. Still too many, given jet travel capable of reintroducing wild poliovirus into countries previously polio-free – including our own nation. If you're a newer member who did not participate in Rotary's PolioPlus program over the past twelve years, please consider joining our cause with a contribution through The Rotary Foundation.

## WHAT'S UP FOR AUGUST?

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| <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 9: Bird's Eye Views with Imagination



## A GROUP FOR YOU

"ROTARY ACTION GROUPS" gather experts in certain fields and Rotarians passionate about a particular cause to join with each other and cooperate with clubs and districts on projects that target a specific goal. RI has established fourteen "Action Groups" so far – from microcredit to water. Others include blood donation, world health fairs, fighting AIDS, and blindness prevention. There are groups offering medical missions, assisting with earthquake relief, and helping third world housing and education projects.

**OFTEN ONLY ONE OR TWO** Rotarians in a club or area may belong to an "Action Group," using RI as a catalyst to share ideas and to encourage local and international projects. RI has been quiet about publicizing these "Action Groups," but incoming RI president Wilfrid Wilkinson wants each of us to review the global networking groups and consider joining one that appeals to our particular knowledge and interests.

**YOU CAN FIND OUT** how to join a Rotarian Action Group, see the list of various groups and fellowships, and help where your interests suggest. Go to: [www.rotary.org/programs/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/programs/fellowships) and you'll find the fourteen current groups as well as their projects and goals.

**ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS** are listed at the same spot. There are scores of these hobby and sports groups – different from the "Action Groups," the fellowships focus on more fun, but use their interests (such as flying, model-building, particular sports, hiking, etc.) to interact with youth and to assist with shut-ins in their communities. From collectors to cooks, gardeners to computer nerds, there are Rotary Fellowships in vocational and recreational fields of all sorts. Check them out!

## SUCCESS

- AT AGE 12** success is having friends.
- AT AGE 17** success is having a driver's license.
- AT AGE 50** success is having money.
- AT AGE 80** success is having a driver's license.
- AT AGE 90** success is having friends.

## TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE!

**OUR INNOCENT YOUNG PRESIDENT** Fred challenged any and all members – actually, he didn't limit the challenge to members, so your friends from the CIA, Mafia, and CSI can join the cause: steal the gavel. This is an old (if childish) game at San Marino Rotary. Some presidents lost theirs within seconds of taking office, some held on a few weeks. Fred copied Joe Lewis of several years ago in chaining it to his body, though Charlotte says that Daddy takes it off when showering. That may be your opportunity.

**ANOTHER CHALLENGE FOR YOU** is getting the full membership to contribute a little something for the Bill Steele Mini-Grant endowment. Dick Cooper would really like to hear from you if you've not had a chance to help.

**MAYBE THE TWO** could be combined: whomever steals Fred's gavel gets a honorary Mini-Grant? Or each Mini-Grant contributor gets a chance to steal the gavel? Fred thinks he has the SMPD on his side, but Gary Isaacs thinks otherwise – what a fine souvenir for Gary to take into his retirement! Or Fred could be like our 1999-2000 president, who never was given the gavel so he never lost it.

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Fred's Funny this week:  
What's round and bad-tempered?  
A vicious circle.

