



Your **ROTSOCPE** for August 23, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

SIMPLE EXPLANATIONS FOR COMPLICATED STUFF

DAVID STEVENSON IS THE Van Osdol Professor of Planetary Science at Caltech. That sounds stuffy and heavy. No, Professor Stevenson is a delightful guy who can make the origin, evolution, and structure of planets easy enough for even Rotarians to understand. He works in theoretical planetary science – planets, he says, include Earth, large moons, and planets in other solar systems. This involves the use of basic physics – condensed matter physics and fluid dynamics – to understand these objects. Much of his work is concerned with interpreting data returned by such space missions as Galileo, MGS, and Cassini. He's not usually involved in the missions themselves, but delights in working on the problems coming from NASA/JPL missions that need solutions. However, he's going to be involved in potential future missions, which he'll describe to us. He's also researching terrestrial problems, such as the nature and evolution of Earth's deep interior, down under the mohoe. Sit back, follow along, you'll enjoy learning from Dr. Stevenson – honored several times for his clear, humorous, great teaching, as you'll experience this week.

PROGRAM PUZZLE

SEPTEMBER'S PROGRAMS haven't flowed down the pipeline to the bottom, the sewer where your bulletin editor is stuck waiting for them. But we discovered why: chair Emile Bayle is hiding above the Arctic Circle in Iceland.

SINCE TREASURER Dennis Kneier reports the club is in the black, even with a surplus, we've decided to fly there and try to find the Bayles (probably in one of those volcanic hot tubs with naked Iceland blondes). Tell Dennis not to worry – we'll save receipts, and try not to spend too much. If we can find Emile, we can tell you the excitement he's planned for September. If not, well, we'll just have to wait for his return. If you need me, I'll be in the volcanic hot tubs.

JOIN THE PARTY!

IF YOU MISSED Wayne Carter's demotion party, or if you were there and wondered if you acted decently all night, there's an easy way to catch up.

LEN THERRIEN'S VIDEO of the dinner and program is posted at the club web site, along with clear pictures of the foolishness in dumping Wayne and promoting Fred.

CLICK ON www.sanmarinorotary.org and you're right at the party. The guys acting silly are elderly members. The ones with dignity are the new members. Those looking puzzled at the whole thing are spouses. We hope the elderly don't scare away our innocent youth.

MERCY SHIP CRUISING AGAIN – WITH OUR HELP

SHE HAS BEEN TIED UP in the Baltimore Inner Harbor – we drove past her a year ago, rusty and forlorn at the dock. The old ship Hope is now repainted, restocked, and ready to provide free medical care to some of the world's poorest patients. Bright white with Rotary blue, the newest Mercy Ship – *Africa Mercy* – set sale in May from Maryland to England for stocking with \$2,000,000 worth of supplies and equipment donated by European Rotarians, and is now anchored off Monrovia, Liberia. Once a Danish ferry boat, then the Hope, now the fourth ship operated by Mercy Ships, a U.S. based charity formed thirty years ago to bring medical and humanitarian services to places where access to health care is limited to the very rich. Since then, Mercy Ships have worked out of 550 ports in 70 countries, with help from Rotarian volunteers in each port. Rotary International – with funds from you through The Rotary Foundation – provided a 78-bed floating hospital for *Africa Mercy*, complete with six operating rooms, a dental clinic, an optical clinic, and air-conditioned accommodations for 450 crew members and volunteers. British and Irish Rotarians added another \$1,400,000 to build an onboard eye-surgery center to remove cataracts and treat glaucoma. European Rotarians sponsored an international lounge, where the volunteers from some forty countries can interact. In ports, Mercy Ships works with local Rotary clubs in community development, helping set up land-based humanitarian projects to continue the work after the ships sail on to another needy port. Great program – of *yours!*

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23	Noon	Caltech's David Stevenson covers the Universe
30	Noon	Chef's Choice from Terry Madigan

SEPTEMBER

6	Noon	Emile Bayle lectures about something
13	Noon	Emile gives another lecture, unless he forgets
13	1:35 p.m.	Board meets after lunch
20	Noon	Emile Dances, Sings, Soaks in the hot water

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

August 23: Planetary Science Simplified



GET GAVEL!

SAN MARINO POLICE are busy negotiating with San Marino City, so they might not notice a quiet theft or mugging. San Marino's crossing guards are busy too, herding coyotes from the Huntington Gardens across Euston to enjoy beverages from the Kneier Fountain and Mosquito Breed. San Marino's busybodies are busy complaining about the yellow boards covering our new library, and San Marino City Schools people are giving the new superintendent scores of ideas for him to enact immediately. Now is your time!

NOW'S THE CHANCE for you to corner president Sohl, who has been out of town most of this month but who's returning this week to work. He carried our gavel with him on his travels, getting a few bruises when he would roll over in a strange bed and hit the gavel – which he's kept welded to him by a stout chain. He did have to remove it for some airport security inspections, but other times was able to bypass a secondary strip-search by flashing his Rotary membership card. That really impressed the TSA.

FRED HAS DARED EACH AND ALL of us to get his gavel. There aren't many dark alleys in San Marino, but the one behind Starbuck's might do. Maybe all of us could meet at the clock and block Fred on his way to work, or catch him when he's otherwise off guard. Maybe we could bribe Charlotte with a new doll, and get her to remove Daddy's gavel when he's not watching. Maybe we could gang up on him the next time he presides over the club. Maybe it should be up to our board, next time he meets with those he still thinks are his "friends." After all, it was his dare that started this. Take up Fred's dare, distract him, get the gavel. It's sort of a symbol of honor, now that he's provoked the chase.

BEN'S GETTING DOCKED

BEN SCHMID STOPPED for lunch with us the first meeting this month – and we hope our good member gets off Balboa Island more frequently to see us. He told the story of his half-page color picture in the L.A. Times, lounging across his Sabot, waiting forty years for a tiny little old dock space. The publicity did its job: Ben caught our attention, and that of the Harbor Commission that has his name on top of the list, after four decades waiting. We're not sure if this is the power of the press, or the charm of Ben in his natty blue outfit.

KLUMPH SOCIETY

ARCH KLUMPH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN a happy and generous person, despite an awkward name. One of the original founders of Rotary, one of the first presidents after Paul Harris, Chicago businessman Klumph started the idea of building a permanent foundation within Rotary to do good things world-wide. The first donations to what is now The Rotary Foundation came from Klumph and his wife – with a couple hundred dollars. Klumph kept pushing, giving much more himself while encouraging others to Think Big. For several years, R.I. named "Arch Klumph Fellows" among major donors to the Foundation, and two of our late members received that honor.

NOW THERE'S AN "ARCH KLUMPH SOCIETY" to honor people who have given at least a quarter-million dollars to The Rotary Foundation. Their portraits hang in the Klumph Gallery on the 17th floor of RI's headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. The latest is a Rotarian from Nairobi, son of a small-business owner, starting college with a loan from a neighbor. Yusuf Kodawawwala did well in life, becoming a surgeon and investing in Kenya properties. He retired to Seychelles, joined Rotary, and gives about \$50,000 a year to finance 500 students.

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Fred's Funny this week:
A society of sheep must in time beget
a government of wolves

