



Your **ROTSOCPE** for October 4, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

GOODBYE POLIO – THANKS TO ALL OF US WHO'VE HELPED

LEE MOTHERSHEAD REMEMBERS WHEN our mothers feared their children's sniffles, when our classrooms included a crippled classmate or two, when the threat of polio hung over all families. Our handsome 15½ year old student body president at Southwestern went home Friday, took sick on Saturday, and was dead by Sunday. Then came Sauk and Sabin, and the polio virus was conquered in rich countries, but not in much of the world. Rotary took up the challenge of eliminating the virus world-wide by our centennial in 2005, a noble goal but even more difficult than it seemed. We're close, but not there yet. Our "PolioPlus" program used hundreds of thousands of Rotary volunteers to organize National Immunization Days, or NID's, even stopping wars for a day while children were immunized and given the "Plus" – other immunizations for childhood diseases, and a brief first-time checkup by volunteer physicians. Therese and Lee participated in a NID in India, and he's talking today with pride in what Rotary has accomplished so far to conquer polio – and on what remains to be done.

OPT-OUT TUESDAY

DID YOU SEND AN E-MAIL to the Rotary Guy In Charge of Selling Members' Home Addresses and Phone Numbers, only to have it bounce back undeliverable? Some in our club experienced this, so we checked and found the entire Rotary International web system, including e-mail to the staff in Evanston, is off line from Thursday the 27th to Monday, October 1st so a new web page could be posted at www.rotary.org. Just why this takes five days is another question, but if you don't want to be called at home by R.I.'s "partners" you must e-mail Tuesday or thereafter with your name, address, home phone(s), club name, and request to "opt-out" – or solicitations will come that don't seem to meet the Four Way Test. E-mail: robert.mintz@rotary.org

ROTARY ON THE TOWN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24th, at EL PORTAL, 6:00 p.m. – you're invited for a casual dinner, conversation, and fun with your San Marino Rotary family. Fred Sohl plans several evenings to bring us all together. Abel Ramirez will prepare a special menu with four entrée choices from his Yucateca specialties. If you don't know El Portal in the arcade between Colorado and Green, a half-block east of El Molino, you'll be charmed by the setting – and pleased by lots of free parking in back, entered mid-block on Green. Cost is \$25 for everything but drinks. Your RSVP is very much needed by October 18th so space can be reserved. Call Lucille at **626-284-5585** or send an e-mail to Lynette at lsohl@sciproperties.com

FULL DAY OF ROTARY ON OCTOBER 11TH

NO NEED TO GO to work on Thursday, October 11th – go to Rotary activities instead and fill the day:

CHINESE GARDEN TOUR at The Huntington – hosting the artists from Suzhou, China, who constructed the new botanic treasure, the Garden of Flowing Fragrance. You're asked to come at 11:30 promptly, entering on Orlando road and walking through the guard house near the Botanical Center where we'll have a barbecue lunch, hear comments about the garden, then tour the construction in progress. To cover the extra costs of our 50+ guests, members are asked to pay \$15 at the door, with guests charged \$25. We'll finish by 1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING at 1:35, after the garden tour, though president Fred's schedule doesn't say where. Find it!

OCTOBERFEST AT THE OLD MILL, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – our Spanish heritage building with German heritage bratwurst, beer, pretzels, and lots of gemutlichkeit, both fried and baked. Wear your dirndle or lederhosen and celebrate Bavarian King Ludwig's birthday with Fred Sohl. Cost is not mentioned, but bring lots and your stein will overflow, Fred promises.

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| 4 | Noon | Lee Mothershead on Rotary's Inoculations |
| 11 | 11:30 a.m. | Meet at The Huntington's new Chinese Gardens |
| 11 | 1:35 p.m. | Board meeting after lunch |
| 11 | 5:30 – 7:30 | Herr Sohl's Octoberfest at the Old Mill |
| 18 | Noon | Justin Watson of the NFL – and San Marino |
| 24 | 6:00 p.m. | Dinner and fun at El Portal, 695 East Green |
| 25 | Noon | Craft Talks |

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

October 4: Lee Mothershead on NID's



INTERCONTINENTAL COLLABORATION AT ITS BEST

ROTARY DISTRICTS IN RUSSIA, across Canada, and scattered around the United States have chartered a Intercountry Committee (ICC) to find ways of supporting the growth of Rotary service in Russia, where Rotary and other such groups were long forbidden.

THE FIRST CLUB IN RUSSIA formed in 1990 downtown Moscow. Seventeen years later, there are 51 clubs in Moscow, St. Petersburg, and in other parts of western Russia (but none yet to the east). The ICC will promote "twinning" – clubs in the US and Canada pairing with clubs in Russia to hold annual meetings, identify Rotary materials to be translated into Russian, and building bilingual Web sites.

"CLUB TWINNING" is the first step, focused on projects to help children. Clubs in Alaska and Yukon, in Arizona and Ontario, in Kansas and Nova Scotia, have already paired with similar-sized clubs in European Russia.

"ROTARIANS CAN DO things that governments can't," commented the Texan who is the ICC president. "When you sit down and talk together and strip down the politics, there's very little difference between us."

EIGHTY RUSSIANS FLEW TO SKOKIE, Illinois, for the first United States-Canada-Russia ICC meeting. Americans came from Kansas and Oklahoma, Alberta and Manitoba, Louisiana and Mississippi, representing over 550 clubs with more than 25,000 members. So far, no districts in California have participated. Is this something we might want to consider?

REMEMBER DONNY OSMOND?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IS OFFERING a DVD set of Donny Osmond's performance at the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the price has been discounted sharply. Amuse your children and grandchildren! Buy the last-century sound of the Osmonds, and teach the kids what *real* music was like 'way back then! Be inspired by Donny singing "California Here We Come!" as the theme of the Los Angeles Convention! Maybe all the Osmonds may reunite at the 2008 meeting.

GARY'S FLYING HIGH

TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS on the beat around our town, and Gary Isaacs is about ready to hang it up and go flying. Gary came here from Baldwin Park in 1980, climbing on up to agent, sergeant, captain, and twice serving as interim chief of police while the city was finding new chiefs.

GARY'S INTERESTS led him to help the department innovate its phone, computer, and communications systems – if anything crashed, they needed Gary to fix things up. Two years ago, he finally agreed to take on the chief job himself, and he's accomplished improvements in police-community relations while reducing crime and easing traffic problems in town. He sits in on several committees of area chiefs, planning for events we hope don't happen but for which we want our police to be prepared.

GARY CAN'T WAIT to get his plane out and go traveling with Susan, and to teach others the joy of flying. He has to hang around a few more weeks, though, so you still have a chance to sit with him at Rotary and draw out a few stories of police adventures.

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Fred's Funny this week:

San Marino Police were called to a day care where a three year old was resisting a rest.

