



# Your **ROTSOCPE** for October 11, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## MEET IN THE GARDEN OF FLOWING FRAGRANCE

**COME TO THE HUNTINGTON GARDENS** promptly at 11:30 on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> – enter The Huntington at Allen and Orlando, as the east gate will be closed – park near the Botanic Center guard house – walk west to the Center, where we will host a barbecue lunch for some fifty craftsmen from Suzhou, China, who have created the botanic treasure. We will hear comments about the garden, then enjoy a special chance to walk about and see the construction in progress.

**MEMBERS PAY \$15, GUESTS \$25** at the door, by check or cash if you please. The extra cost is to pay for the extra meals we are offering the artisans from China. Your spouse and/or other guests are welcome, for \$25 each. The meeting will be over by 1:00 p.m., a little early as The Huntington opens to the general public – but not the Chinese garden, as our tour is an advance peek at its creation.

### OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

**FRED'S FAITHFULS WILL MEET** right after Thursday's barbecue and Chinese Garden tour – right at The Huntington, though the exact location has not been disclosed so hoi polloi do not interrupt the important affairs of State. If you're one of our officers or directors, don't leave too soon – Fred asks you to stay, and he'll whisper in your ear just where.

**WITH THE FIRST QUARTER** gone, along with almost half of October, Fred and the Board are getting themselves organized, with club organization to follow later or sooner. Later, maybe. When your committee assignments will be posted on line at the web site, and committee lists will be printed. Just have patience. Lots of patience.

### OCTOBERFEST ON 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30

**COME CELEBRATE OUR PRESIDENT FRED SOHL'S GERMAN HERITAGE** – at the Spanish Colonial Old Mill, after the Chinese Garden Western Barbecue! (This is called "Rotary Diversity Day," what we used to call "Multicultural Day" but that's no longer politically correct, and San Marino Rotary is nothing if not absolutely politically correct.)

**BRATWURST AND BEER**, dirndls and lederhosen, pretzels and gemutlichkeit, and if we're very lucky NO POLKA! – all in the Pomegranate Courtyard of El Molino Viejo, starting at 5:30 Thursday and winding down when the keg's empty. Come enjoy, and just tell them at the gate that Herr Sohl invited you.

## FULL DAY OF ROTARY ON OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

*NO NEED TO GO to work on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – 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.

## OCTOBER 2007

- 11 11:30 a.m. Meet at The Huntington's new Chinese Gardens
- 11 1:35 p.m. Board meeting follows, somewhere at The Huntington
- 11 5:30 – 7:30 Fred Sohl hosts Octoberfest at the Old Mill
- 18 Noon Justin Watson of the NFL – and now of San Marino
- 24 6:00 p.m. Dinner and fun at El Portal, 695 East Green (RSVP!)
- 25 Noon Craft Talks

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

Oct. 11: Huntington's Chinese Gardens, 11:30



## INTERCONTINENTAL

**SALLY AND CHRIS DATWYLER** have been in Opatija, Croatia, after spending a couple of days in Slovenia visiting Ljubljana and Bled. Last week they toured the Istria region, including a visit to Rovinj, a charming town on the coast that looks like Venice. Now they're in Istanbul, waiting to start a one week cruise of the Greek Isles in a wonderful time of the year.

**A PROBLEM FACING THE DATWYLERS** came with their check-in at LAX. **JEAN AND LLOYD OWNBEY** were also checking in for a London flight, and these two suspicious couples must have alerted all the Transportation Security forces on duty. With both Datwylers and Ownbeys boarding, TSA couldn't be too cautious. So they hand-checked all bags, our traveling Rotarians standing in line well over two hours.

**CHRIS' ROTARY SERVICE** continues, even on vacation. With a faithful laptop and wireless hot-spots, your weekly bulletin reaches you even while the Datwylers are traveling. Everyone knows that Chris writes our bulletin – excuse me, I mean I write our bulletin on my laptop each week, and then Chris posts it – sorry, I mean I post it on line and let you know it's there. This explains why the Roto-Scope can be rather lame some times, with little news and only dumb jokes. That happens when Chris – no, I should say when I am tired after a long flight such as this one, getting to Istanbul, and I'm trying to finish late at night in the elegant Istanbul Hilton, near the Golden Horn, and president Sohl's committee assignments aren't available to me, so I don't know much news from around San Marino Rotary. There. I have almost finished filling this long column, so now I can go join Sally and see the sights before boarding our cruise ship down the Bosphorus to Greece.

## NOW A \$500 CHALLENGE

**THE REWARD HAS BEEN UPPED:** Fred Sohl has been disappointed that no one's tried to liberate his gavel from him for the \$100 he offered. No wonder: a Ben Franklin is too small a reward for rich Rotarians to bother taking. So it's now \$500 from Fred, simply for removing his gavel from its secure attachment to his belt. Or you can bet he'll keep the gavel through his term, and get paid off if he (and you) make it. Charlie Rasmussen is in charge of the accounting – bring him the gavel, or bet against its theft, and either way you can win *five* Franklins.

## COME FOR FOOD AND FUN!

**PARTY GIRLS LUCILLE AND LYNETTE** mailed you a lovely fall-floral invitation to go out on the town with Rotary. It's their fresh concept of occasional get-togethers so Rotarians and their spouses can get to know each other better.

**DINNER AT EL PORTAL**, in the Arcade at 695 East Green (a half-block east of El Molino), is set for us on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00. Abel Ramirez offers a special menu with four different Yucateca choices for \$25 per person. Now the Party Girls want to hear if you're coming! They hope so – that's the whole idea to make it fun.

**DID YOU RSVP YES OR NO?** Our group isn't the best at such social graces sometimes! This makes it hard for planning, so you're asked – begged – to respond this week. Easy:

**Respond by phone to Lucille: 626-284-5585**

or

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Fred's Funny this week:

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? Well, he's all right now.

