



Your **ROTSOCPE** for November 29, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

OUR OFFICIAL VISIT BY THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNORS volunteer almost full-time work for a year, helping sixty-odd clubs in each district with their service projects and programs. Sort of like our Federal system these days, the big guys in Evanston issue the orders, and the districts must carry them out under the governors' leadership. It's a tough job, taking so much time away from one's profession or business while touring a stretched-out district (ours is pretty silly, from here to Utah). R. I. in Evanston has each governor pay an official visit to each club each year, and this week it's San Marino's time for that official visit.

GOVERNOR CHARLES M. BARR – Charlie to hundreds of friends – asked that he visit during a regular luncheon meeting. He will also meet with our directors and officers, reviewing our plans and offering ideas and suggestions. He stands at our lectern as our speaker this week, describing district and Rotary work. You'll like this great guy.

CORAZON – FROM THE HEART

OUR DISTRICT HAS PLEDGED to build three houses in three days, and add rooms to two other houses, through Corazon – the remarkable program we heard about earlier in the year. The district needs 210 volunteers to cut, nail, paint, feed, teach, give child-care on a one-day hands-on international service project a few miles below the border near San Diego.

SATURDAY, MAY 17th, 2008, is the "Build Date". The volunteers may be Rotarians, partners, and their children or grandchildren over the age of 14. Tim Harrigan did it and can testify for this great experience. Most volunteers stay Friday night in Chula Vista, then caravan south at 6:30 to build. Join in! – registration is THIS WEEK, at www.district5300.org/superbuild.

READY OR NOT ...

AH, YES, CHRISTMAS IS COMING – for San Marino Rotary, with a gala to start all the holiday celebrations now that your gifts are wrapped and your cards sent (they *are* all done, aren't they?).

HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING is at San Gabriel Country Club on **Thursday, December 13**. Your own invitation should be in the mail soon. Your response, yes or no, is needed and appreciated, please.

HOLIDAY OUTREACH PROGRAM is also in San Gabriel, but somewhat different than the country club set. Many families there are in need, just a short walk from us. On **Thursday, December 20**, we'll try to help a little. You'll hear more about it soon.

ROTARY IS PART OF CHARLIE BARR'S DNA

HIS GRANDFATHER JOINED Upland Rotary shortly after it was founded in 1923, and became president in 1928/29. His father was inducted in the 1940's, and was president in 1963/64. Charlie Barr joined Upland Rotary in 1971, and was club president in 1995/96. Three generations in Upland Rotary – must be hereditary. Charlie was born in Los Angeles, and served six years in the California Air National Guard – as a baker half that time. His professional career has involved small business ventures. He first worked in banking, from being a teller to vice president and cashier, then as a travel agent and owner of a local travel business. At the same time, he operated a pub in Laguna Beach, so he's proud of his unique Rotary classification: *Saloonkeeper*.

CHARLIE RETIRED FROM travel in 2001 and the pub in 2004, making a commitment to use the majority of his time and talents to serve others through Rotary. He has helped charter an Interact club, served with RYLA and TLC, co-chaired a PERLS seminar for future Rotary leaders, and led a GSE team through Northern Mexico. He has stayed active with TLC, the eighth grade leadership program, and with GSE, as district chair in sending and receiving group study teams. Through his travels and personal Rotary experiences, he believes The Rotary Foundation is central to promoting world peace. Every month is "Foundation Month" to Charlie, as he'll tell us this Thursday.

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29 Noon District Governor Charlie Barr's official visit

DECEMBER

6 Noon Children's dental needs

13 NO NOON MEETING

13 6:00 pm Holiday Dinner Meeting at San Gabriel Country Club

20 Noon Holiday Outreach for friends at La Casa de San Gabriel

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

November 29: Governor Charlie



WRAY'S MEMORIES

WRAY CORNWELL WAS QUOTED in the Pasadena daily paper that we're not supposed to read in Tribune Country, confessing that he does read the Star-News as he answered editor Larry Wilson's soliciting memories: "You're Not Old-School Pasadena Unless You Recall ..." Wray listed:

- Jazz at Zucca's in East Pasadena
- Mexican food at La Posada before Parsons was built
- Dinner at the elegant Blue Fox on North Lincoln
- Guinness and darts at the original John Bull
- The Den Restaurant on North Lake
- Antique auctions in scruffy Old Pasadena
- Leishmans' Crown City Millworks on West Green
- Santa Fe Super Chief at the Del Mar station
- Tom Lehrer at the Pasadena Civic
- Burton Burton and his Casablanca Fans, VW's, carousel horses, arcade machines, and other stuff

WRAY FORGOT THE "K" in Burton K. Burton. He remembered the Casablanca Fan stuff in the Burton-restored building at Del Mar and Fair Oaks, now the Maserati dealership, but Wray forgot Burton's other office in the original Santa Fe Station north of the 1930's Spanish Revival building we heard about three meetings back (the speaker said the old station was *south* of the newer one, but he's from Iowa and didn't know which way was north). Burton had a third collection of jewelry-store window pieces stuffed into a wonderful old factory on Mission near the end of Orange Grove, but that's in South Pas so wouldn't fit Wray's "Old-School Pasadena" list.

WHAT ABOUT OLD-SCHOOL SAN MARINO, Wray? Are you old enough to remember Pierre's, two-way traffic on each side of Huntington, drive-in girls at Twohey's, four groceries on Mission and four along Huntington, eight gas stations, and of course the Big Red Cars? What else?

OUR "FINCA" KEEPS WORKING

GUATEMALA HAS BEEN THROUGH continuing hardship since the civil war ended there in 2000, with drug couriers using the Isthmus as a corridor from Colombia to the market in the North, with resulting crime and corruption. But San Marino Rotary's little "FINCA" project, where we invested a few thousand dollars in land to resettle wartime refugees, continues to cycle aid through a locally-run "savings bank" with most of our initial donation still intact. We just saw results in a lush crop on our acreage, and we're proud again of our work.

WHAT'S HAPPENED WITH 3-H?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL STARTED a new program called "3-H" with much publicity a couple of decades ago. The three H's stood for "Health, Hunger, and Humanity" – basically, grants from The Rotary Foundation to fund long-term self-help and grassroots development projects that use a sustainable, integrative approach to address humanitarian needs. That's a fancy description of catching rainfall to quench the thirst of dry villages, of building solar ovens to save precious fuel, of funding school and park furnishings from discarded crates, barrels, and junk, and many such good works in the poorest parts of our needy world.

3-H CONTINUES TO GO STRONG, though we don't hear so much about it. Your dollars to TRF are divided into small bites to feed hundreds of humanitarian grants in medical care, literacy, water and sanitation, and education. 3-H is a catchall for many small but essential service programs for people in need. The cute name isn't publicized as much as it was a few years ago, but the good work goes on in so many ways and places. Just another reason to be proud of your annual support from "Every Member, Every Year".

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