



Your **ROTSOCPE** for December 6, 2007

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

WE ALREADY KNOW HOW – THEY NEED OUR HELP IN LEARNING

WE'VE LEARNED HOW TO take care of our teeth, and we teach our children to brush, floss, and protect their dental health. Many children in our area don't have the advantage of quality dental care because of the families' low income, and some parents and children don't know about preventative care and good nutrition. Ten years ago, The San Gabriel Valley Foundation for Dental Health was established to offer reduced-fee health care, and to teach dental care among disadvantaged boys and girls as well as their parents.

EDITH VALADEZ IS OUR GUEST SPEAKER, brought by Len Therrien to describe her work as clinic manager in providing quality care and instruction for uninsured or underinsured children. Through the big hearts of volunteer dentists and dental auxiliaries, and the contributions from friends, they're providing dental services to over 6000 needy children since they opened their doors, meeting their pledge to "put a smile on a child."

SHIFTING PLANS

THIS WEEK IS OUR ONLY DECEMBER MEETING at San Marino Community Church. As noted on the calendar below, we've a few schedule changes to consider as the holidays approach:

NOTHING AT NOON NEXT WEEK, because of the holiday dinner at San Gabriel Country Club. The previously scheduled board meeting is also cancelled.

NOTHING AT NOON ON THE 20th – we'll be meeting at La Casa de San Gabriel sometime that week to distribute our "Pillows" gifts to needy families.

NOTHING AT NOON ON THE 27th – party that night at the Hornberger's as our New Year's tradition.

GIFT TO GIVE?

THE DISTRICT'S DINNER to raise funding for The Rotary Foundation will be in Walnut on February 23, and president Fred has pledged something from our club as a donation for their silent auction. The item should be worth between \$50 and \$150.

THE BOARD VOLUNTEERED FRED, though his value falls under the \$50 minimum. So they're appealing to you – as a good way to advertise your business while giving a tax-deductible item to be auctioned. Please call or see Bob Eichel if you have something to offer (more than one auction item would be very welcome, of course). And circle that February 23rd date to attend the Walnut fundraiser.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS DINNER – PLEASE RESPOND!

LUCILLE, TERRY, AND THEIR SOCIAL FOLK are proud of their plans for a gala holiday dinner at San Gabriel Country Club starting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13th. The elegantly decorated clubhouse is ours, with reception, dinner, and entertainment – including a return of those delightful strolling carolers who pleased us last year with their Victorian dress and cheer. Your dinner choices have been taste-tested with care. Norberg, Petrillo, & Co. will be serving the top of the club's offerings and wines, along with the music and fun.

YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION is in the mail. What's needed now is your personal response! To plan correctly, the social committee really needs to know who is coming – and who cannot.

"DEAR ABBY" LAMENTED last week how few people seem to understand the need for a response to invitations. Show Abby that San Marino Rotarians mind their manners – and help their volunteer committee friends with organization of this festive evening. The price has been kept as reasonable as possible with club and personal subsidies - \$72 per person, less than last year. Please respond, coming or not – and we hope you're coming!

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| 6 | Noon | Children's dental needs |
| 13 | NO NOON MEETING | |
| 13 | BOARD MEETING CANCELLED | |
| 13 | 6:00 pm | Holiday Dinner Meeting at San Gabriel Country Club |
| 18 | Evening at La Casa – "Pillows and Plenty" – time T.B.A. | |
| 20 | NO NOON MEETING – Holiday Outreach to be announced | |
| 27 | NO NOON MEETING – Holiday party at Hornberger's home | |

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

December 6: Kids' dental needs



WRAY'S MEMORIES

CORNWELL'S LIST of old-time-San-Marino fixtures in our last issue drew scads of responses to Rotoscope. Well, one came. Have you more?

HUNTINGTON DRIVE WAS THE MEMORY. How it was one lane, two way traffic on each side of the Pacific Electric tracks, which were atop a berm down the middle of the drive from city limit to city limit. There were underpasses at Oak Knoll, Virginia, Sierra Madre, and San Gabriel, and overpasses at three other streets. Those overpasses were the most adventuresome - cars with longer hoods couldn't really see very well, and depended on the swinging ding-ding-ding disc as there were no crossing guards. As a result, San Marino experienced some dramatic accidents with occasional fatalities.

THE P.E. HAD LANDSCAPED its right-of-way around 1910 with cactus and desert plants, but by mid-century the dirt berm was getting pretty scruffy. With rain, rivulets of dirt washed onto the pavement below, turning to dust when the sun re-emerged. Today's lovely landscape is much better, and safer: with the two-way traffic that existed, parking and walking in commercial areas became pretty dangerous on "race days" when Santa Anita was open, especially as the tired bettors headed home in the dusk, sometimes banging into cars backing out of the narrow parking places along the drive.

THE CROWLEYS AND SCOTTS AND other delinquent kids who rode those "Big Red Cars" from San Marino to South Pas Schools, before our own district formed, had more fun with the streetcars. One stunt was to drop flares out the back from the motorman's cabin, stopping the following traffic. Another was to rock the car enough that the trolley came loose from the electric wire overhead, stopping everything. Late to class was never more fun!

"PILLOWS AND PLENTY"

REPEATING OUR EFFORTS of last year, the club is gathering funds to support gift bundles of much-needed winter clothing – and pillows – for boys and girls in our community who are without. Through the help of La Casa de San Gabriel - a superb volunteer group just a mile south of San Marino but surrounded by families in need – we plan to present as many bundles as our members will provide. Information will be presented at Thursday's meeting, and again at the Christmas gala dinner on December 13th.

"EVERY MEMBER, EVERY YEAR"

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION – the international effort of world-wide Rotary – received its greatest pledge ever last month, \$100,000,000.00 (look at all those zeroes!) to fight the last bit of the Polio virus on earth. Bill and Melinda Gates were convinced in Rotary's integrity and energy. Now we're asked to match the Gates gift. Not all the hundred-million will come from San Marino Rotary, but we need do our share. Now.

OUR CLUB GOAL IS \$28,500 this year. Every member gave \$100 or more last year, with a club average of \$233.

\$100 OR MORE from each member makes us a 100% Sustaining Member Club. We've upheld that goal each year for the last decade. Your check for \$100 or more, payable to "The Rotary Foundation", lets our Foundation Committee fill in your square on our chart, and helps us reach our goal. Of course, all Foundation contributions are tax deductible.

JOHN HARRIS KEEPS our records – see or call him (626-287-6332) if you've any questions.

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Fred's Funny this week:

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

