



Your **ROTOSCOPE** for January 3, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

FOUR EARTH YEARS DRIVING AROUND MARS

TWO YOUNG GEOLOGISTS LEFT EARTH in June and July, 2003, and reached Mars six months later. January 3rd marks the fourth anniversary in Earth Years of the first geologist's landing, and except for some weeks spent hiding in caves from dust storms, both have been busy digging and driving around the red planet's surfaces under direction of their masters back in Pasadena. The two robot geologists, a team of Mars Exploration Rovers named SPIRIT and OPPORTUNITY, have sent back billions of bits of information to JPL, startling the world with suggestions of water and of unusual materials on our neighboring planet. The pair are the Lewis and Clark of Mars exploration, orchestrated by a team up from the Rose Bowl in the Arroyo Seco. Spirit and Opportunity have endured some hardships, unexpected discoveries, mystery encounters, and health crises with their electronics, but they're still digging away with fine success overall. Today is Sol 1423 – in the solar time of Mars – and we celebrate the four Earth Years of the Rovers on Mars with a very special report at our first Rotary luncheon of the new year.

THREE SCHOOLS FOR OUR BOOKS

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE taking books to three local schools participating in the Reading by Nine program:

--**LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY** on East Washington in Pasadena, with Greg Custer coordinating;

--**WASHINGTON ACCELERATED SCHOOL** on North Raymond, Pasadena, with James Nash as our sponsor;

--**SANCHEZ ELEMENTARY** on Fern Avenue in Rosemead, where our Reading by Nine chair Will Bortz is our man.

THIS IS ONE OF OUR CLUB'S happier programs. Ask any of the three men just why.

HAVE YOU A GIFT TO REGIVE?

PRESIDENT FRED PROMISED a gift from our club, but so far nothing has appeared as San Marino Rotary's contribution to a silent auction at the district's Foundation Dinner on February 23rd in Walnut.

MAYBE YOU RECEIVED a Christmas gift you'd just as soon pass along to some other guy? Or maybe your company has an offering for auction? All proceeds, of course, go to The Rotary Foundation, so both the gift and the winning bids are tax deductible to the full extent of the law (minus value, that is). The district would like the auction items to be valued between \$50 and \$150. Bob Eichel is the collector for Fred Sohl, who just makes the promises. Help both out, please

TO HECK WITH ROTARY RULES! – WE DO IT OUR WAY

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PUTS OUT a thick book of "Rules and Procedures" to govern clubs, and a model club charter organization for all clubs to follow, but San Marino does things differently. Our nominating committee is supposed to let us know their choices for upcoming officers at least a week in advance of an annual meeting, and that annual meeting needs to be announced early too, with notice published in your bulletin. But who cares for Evanston's rules! In a brief moment at our December 6th luncheon, we held our annual meeting and club assembly, heard the nominating committee's report, tolerated no motions to accept or second, voted "Aye!" without the president even asking for a "nay!", let alone nominations from the floor – and we're now stuck with **EMILE BAYLE** as our president-elect-elect-whatever. Next time, don't blink or YOU may be the nominee! The good side is that because Emile wasn't legally elected we can simply ignore his fines and orders throughout 2009-2010.

THOSE SAME R.I. RULES require clubs to hold regular meetings every week unless a legal holiday falls on the club's regular meeting day. So much for that one, too. We haven't had a meeting for a month, and somehow our city has survived, the sun rose each day in December, and a new year has dawned. Let it be Lois Matthews' task to reorganize our board as requested by Rotary. We do things OUR way.

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3	Noon	JPL is off to Mars
10	Noon	Lucille Norberg's life story
10	1:35 pm	Board meets after lunch at Community Church
17	Noon	Steve Ralph, back from Huntington Hospital
24	Noon	High school student music contest
31	Noon	A formula for success

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

January 3rd: Four Years of Roving Mars



WRAY STRAYS FAR AWAY

CORNWELL'S LIST of old-time-San-Marino fixtures continues, though he fills his tank with 29c gas and cruises far away for dinner. He remembers Marino House on Mission, in John Rousselot's building that later housed the John Birch Society. The Moores served a very nice dinner there – but following their church teachings, served no alcohol. Wray recalls The Old Virginia in South Pas in what was once part of the Cawson Ostrich Farm – and he forgets the brick-and-ivy walls of the charming Monterey Inn, closer to home at the southwest corner of Fair Oaks, gone when Monterey Road was widened there.

WRAY RECOMMENDS lunch at Madam Portier on East Olympic, or Rand's Roundup, or the Roger Young Auditorium, or the Turner Inn, or Mike Lyman's, or Lawry's California Center – now all gone. So are good old dinner houses such as the Stuft Shirt or The Honker in Pasadena, or the Bit of Sweden or Scandia on Sunset if you could afford \$2 entrees. Remember the Bull and Bush, or Costa Grill, or the Cove, or Little Joe's, or Robaire on La Brea? C.C. Brown's near Grauman's Chinese had the world's best hot fudge sundaes. But they're all gone.

CHEER UP – SOME STILL SURVIVE. Gus's Barbecue on Fair Oaks isn't quite the same since earthquake rebuilding, but Musso & Frank's, Cantor's, and Langer's haven't changed anything but prices. Monty's is gone from Pasadena, but The Windsor is back with a different style. There's Miceli's, the Pacific Dining Car, Pie and Burger, The Derby, Taix, San Antonio Winery's lunchtime buffet, and of course Grand Central Market for all the fixings any ethnic group might seek. Dino's is now Scarantino's, but spreads the same tomato sauce over everything. And Philippe's 10c coffee, The Original Pantry's always-open door, and The Smoke House go on.

"COME SEE THE STARS!"

THERE THEY ARE, strolling Hollywood Boulevard or waving to you if you'll simply follow the map to the homes of Hollywood Stars – or so R. I. in Evanston seems to think. Register and see the stars at the 2008 International Convention in Los Angeles June 15-18.

NATALIE COLE is the headline star for the convention, appearing LIVE [R.I.'s emphasis] at the Nokia Theater. Early-bird savings can be had on line if you buy tickets at: www.rotary2008.com/ticket_orders.htm

2007 DEDUCTIONS AVAILABLE

OUR FOUNDATION COMMITTEE urges you to let the Federal and State governments help you meet every Rotarian's commitment to make a donation to The Rotary Foundation – every year – by sending \$100 or more in a check dated in December 2007 to take off your taxes in April.

JOHN HARRIS WOULD BE delighted to oblige with a contribution receipt in your name, and you're adding to points toward your Paul Harris Fellowship or another sapphire or two.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL INVESTS all annual fund donations for a year, and the resulting income pays all the overhead for Foundation administration, education, and other operations.

THUS EVERY DOLLAR THAT you contribute to The Rotary Foundation goes to work with worldwide Rotary projects in health, combating hunger, serving humanity – and to meeting our pledge to Bill and Melinda Gates in matching their gifts to our PolioPlus program where we're close but not yet there.

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Fred's Funny this week:

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

