



Your **ROTSOCPE** for January 10, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

A BIT OF PEPPER IN OUR POT

OUR CLUB AND ALL ROTARY included nothing but dull old men for many years, earning lots of kidding if not sarcasm about all the Babbitt Rotarians. Then women came in – under considerable protest, understand, and only thanks to the Duarte club funding legal actions to make it happen. San Marino Rotary adapted well enough to finding tablecloths and flowers on our table. We've not really changed all that much, surviving even pregnant women presidents and members marrying each other. Now comes a peppery redhead to shake things up a bit, dragging the old men out for nights on the town, organizing more parties, bringing special music and magic to our events.

LUCILLE NORBERG GETS ALL THIRTY MINUTES this Thursday for her Craft Talk. Lucille has lots to talk about, from her youth in the Ozarks to California and her service projects out here. She's joining our other women in San Marino Rotary in promoting more social activities mixed in our service. A peppery redhead is good and tasty for us.

MAINTAIN ANCIENT TRADITION!

FAR BACK IN THE LAST CENTURY – just a few years ago actually, but it's more impressive to think back to the 1900s – our club achieved 100% participation in The Rotary Foundation's program of "every member, every year". Each of us are asked to contribute at last \$100 to TRF, making San Marino Rotary a "100% Club" once again.

THE 2008 DRIVE is in progress, and many already gave as indicated on the chart of contributors at lunch. If your name isn't yet highlighted, please bring a check to lunch this week, or mail your donation to the club (it's important that the club gather contributions to send on to TRF in Evanston, for proper crediting)

THEY HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT Rotary Foundation programs, such as Ambassadorial Scholarships or Group Study Exchanges? Have an idea for a grant? Want to know your own contribution needs to achieve Fellowship or another sapphire? The Rotary Foundation operates a "Contact Center" in Evanston, and in the year since it opened handles 5,000 questions a month. Most calls can be answered immediately.

CALL TOLL-FREE: 866-9-ROTARY (976-8279) – the Contact Center is open Monday through Friday, eight to five. Or email any hour, and they will get back to you when next open:

contact.center@rotary.org

A BRITISH NIGHT ON THE TOWN

MORE FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND FUN is promised for Wednesday evening, January 30, and our second dinner party of this Rotary year, this time at Beckham's Grill and Crown Bar on Walnut just west of Fair Oaks (with the London taxicab parked at the door). You can dine on your choice of braised short ribs, grilled salmon, or chicken piccata while enjoying some love songs from Broadway and maybe taking home a door prize.

COME JOIN THE PARTY! You should have received an invitation already. If not, or if you mislaid it, just send your check for \$35 per person, made out and mailed to Lucille Norberg, 1872 West Drive, San Marino. Be sure to note your choice of entrée – beef, fish, or chicken. Beckham's is providing a special room for the Rotary group, and their pub-bar is a comfortable place to meet your friends before or after dinner (wine and bar drinks are on your own, if you are over 21 as is common among our membership).

BECKHAM'S DEADLINE IS JANUARY 20th – get your check in before that date, when the club must confirm our numbers attending.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2008

JANUARY

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| 10 | Noon | Lucille Norberg's life story in only thirty minutes |
| 10 | 1:35 pm | Board meets after lunch at Community Church |
| 17 | Noon | Steve Ralph, with the latest from Huntington Hospital |
| 24 | Noon | High school student music contest |
| 31 | Noon | A formula for success |

FEBRUARY

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| 7 | Noon | A Feng Shui Master's suggestions |
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THE ROTOSCOPE

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

January 10th: Lucille's Turn



WRAY' SHOPPING LIST

GIFT CASH TO SPEND after Christmas to spiff up your wardrobe? Wray Cornwell recommends you watch for the menswear sales at The Andover Shop or Bill Winn's on Huntington Drive, or along South Lake at any of the good stores where \$50 three-piece suits will be half-off: try Hackett's, Desmond's, Silverwood's, Atkinson's, or go right across Lake to Bullock's. Just watch out for the Big Red Cars!

FOR WOMEN'S WEAR, WRAY SUGGESTS Damon's, right across from Van de Kamp's bakery at Huntington and Chelsea – easily spotted by the slowly turning blue windmill, near the Oak Knoll P.E. stop where the trains either turn toward Pasadena or continue eastbound.

F. C. NASH'S OR HERTEL'S sell attractive dresses from \$4 up, all the way to special styles nearing \$50 for those formal occasions. Both stores have expert corset fitters too, with January sales on the full-body designs. I prefer Nash's, with the canary cage just inside the door, though most women prefer Hertel's wonderful inventory of thread, buttons, zippers, and bobbins for your home sewing. Plenty of parking at the Green street entrances to either store. Though there's some talk about turning Green into a one-way street, that hasn't happened yet.

THE SEARS TOWER is there on Colorado, across from the Gothic towers of Pasadena Presbyterian Church. You can enter Sears from Green Street too. All seven floors smell of rancid popcorn from the vendor at the south entrance. Beadle's Cafeteria is close enough to walk. Just go west on Colorado, past The Broadway store. You know, it's right where the Maryland Hotel used to be.

ONE PROBLEM, WRAY: they're all gone now.

YOU KNOW YOU'LL BE GOING ...

...**SO BUY YOUR REGISTRATION NOW** while prices are lower, and please our friends in Evanston who are pressing hard for high attendance at the 2008 Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles. Last year the convention had moved from New Orleans to Salt Lake City, and not enough people came to cover all the costs. R.I. wants to do better this year. You can drive to the Convention Center in fifteen minutes, so you've no good excuse for not attending. Get on line and register now:

www.rotary2008.com/ticket_orders.htm

DINE, SHOP, TRAVEL, and SAVE!

PREVENT RECESSION, give California a soft landing, start the year off right! Try that new restaurant in Pasadena, buy the outfit you've been eyeing, take in a movie, all for up to 50% less!

ENTERTAINMENT '08 IS ON SALE, coupons and discounts at scores of restaurants, deals on shopping, special prices at many theaters for movies and concerts, and Rotary benefits when you buy a book – or two, as they're thoughtful gifts for younger couples in your family or neighborhood.

DEBBIE PRIESTER HAS SOLD boxes of Entertainment books over the years, taking nothing for herself but giving back many dollars to the club. She has copies of the West San Gabriel Valley book, and she can get you other books with discounts to Palm Springs, San Diego, the Riverside area, Las Vegas, and much of the United States – again, a nice gift to mail relatives or friends in other metropolitan areas. Quite a few of the restaurants offer two dinners for one, as a way to introduce themselves to you. Just one evening more than pays for the book. Debbie is delighted to help you save!

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Fred's Funny this week:
He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

