



Your **ROTSOCPE** for January 17, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

THAT BIG WHITE MARSHMALLOW NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

LOIS MATTHEWS IS BUSTING WITH PRIDE for the wonderful addition to Huntington Hospital facilities, the new West Tower that opened a few weeks ago. When the square structure was wrapped in plastic to keep construction dirt out of the other hospital wings, it sure looked like a big marshmallow. Now it's in full use as the latest in hospital facilities serving Pasadena-area health care needs, with the new medical pavilion rising at Fair Oaks and California.

LOIS IS BRINGING STEVE RALPH, successful president since 1994 of Huntington Hospital, with a few boasts about the tower's features and the Huntington's latest services and equipment – and with comments on problems and opportunities in our national medical situation. We hear differing plans from Presidential candidates for funding into the future. Bring your questions – and bring along guests – to hear insightful comments from Steve Ralph on the current and future state of American health care.

BECKHAM'S ON THE 30th

ENJOY BECKHAM'S TRADITIONAL British Grill with your Rotary friends on Wednesday evening, January 30 as our social committee offers another "night on the town" with your choice of braised ribs, salmon, or chicken piccata.

YES, BECKHAM'S IS STILL THERE. It's the Pasadena Athletic Club that's fenced off and shuttered. Beckham's is in its 40th year, on Walnut just west of Fair Oaks, with plenty of parking on site next to the old London taxicab. Send a check for \$35 per person, covering all but wine and bar drinks, to Lucille Norberg, 1872 West Drive, San Marino. Remember to indicate your choices of entrées. Beckham's needs our count and orders by the 20th.

FRIENDLY SPOT TO SURF

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL has redesigned its web site, featuring a number of improvements where you can get much information about our organization. Want to find a club where you're traveling? Need a picture or a form? RI has it and much more for you.

THERE ARE OVER 5,000 pages all about Rotary on line, and they're much easier to search and find. Rotary built its first site more than ten years ago, and continuing expansion had made it cumbersome to surf. Sections have been consolidated, added, moved, enhanced, all to give you everything you want to know and then some. It's where you register for annual conventions, too. Bookmark it now:

www.rotary.org

ONE MILLION BOOKS TO READ THIS YEAR

A MILLION-BOOK GOAL has been set for 2008 for Rotarians throughout the world to distribute in elementary schools in order to further reading. That's less than one book per Rotarian. San Marino Rotary does far better than that – we have been quietly distributing hundreds of books each year to youngsters in area schools where families don't have enough money for food and clothing, let alone reading books.

MAYBE OUR COMMITTEE IS much too quiet – many of our members, and even some on the board, aren't aware of our "READING BY NINE" project, kick-started a few years ago by Elliott Katz and furthered by Will Bortz and a small committee of the faithful who order books from Scholastic Publications at sharply-reduced prices, store them, get the Southwestern Interact Club students to paste in labels, identify elementary schools with greatest need, then take the cases of books there and give them away.

IT'S A HARD-WORKING COMMITTEE, though their reward comes at the end, just watching the beaming faces of kids as they clutch their very own books – maybe the only books they've ever owned. It's the key to their futures, and from the smiles it seems the kids understand that.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2008

JANUARY

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| 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 on Chinese New Year's Day |
| 14 | Noon | Bring your Valentine for our annual fashion show |
| 14 | 1:35 p.m. | Board meeting at Community Church after lunch |

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

January 17th: New Hospital Tower Opens



NO BURNING ALONG THE DRIVE

SAN MARINO'S FOUNDING CITY COUNCIL passed an ordinance in 1913 that automobilists were required to have a person walking in front of their vehicle, waving a red flag so the horses wouldn't be frightened. The flagman was required only along Huntington Drive, not on residential streets. A couple of years later, the flagman law was replaced with another ordinance forbidding "burning on Huntington Drive," with "burning" defined as a speed in excess of 15 mph. We're pretty sure that ordinance has also been replaced.

WRAY CORNWELL HAS BEEN reminiscing how Huntington Drive was watered each morning in the summer of 1913, in order to hold down the dust, and sprayed with a light coat of used oil the following summer. There was no pavement until 1921, Wray discovered. Down the middle were the Pacific Electric tracks, double until San Marino Avenue junction were the Sierra Madre line turned north to Mr. Huntington's private spur above Euston.

ALONG MOST OF HUNTINGTON, the berm holding the tracks was well above eye level, sometimes ten feet above the street. The dirt sides of the berms were pretty ugly, even with scattered cactus planted among the weeds. There were underpasses at Virginia Road and San Marino Avenue, but the overpasses were more exciting as it was hard to see a Red Car coming at you while you scurried over.

WRAY RECALLS HOW HUNTINGTON grew narrower around today's San Marino High as it headed east. Only in the mid-1950s were the lots shaved back from SMHS to San Gabriel Blvd., allowing two one-direction lanes to replace the single lanes each direction on both sides of the tracks. He recalls some exciting conflicts between cars and trains, too.

A SCOT TO LEAD ROTARY

JOHN KENNY OF GRANGEMOUTH, SCOTLAND, has been chosen Rotary's international president for 2009-2010. A past dean of his local law faculty, now a judge for this region at the west end of the Firth of Forth, Kenny was appointed deputy of his district by the Queen. He is a major supporter of The Rotary Foundation – both with his own donations, and with his time as a trustee and a referee of worldwide projects. He is a noted speaker on what Rotary accomplishes, rolling his r's with a delightful Scottish burr. You'll like him.

SAPPHIRES, RUBYS, DIAMONDS

SINCE ROTARY STARTED acknowledging donations to its international Foundation in 1947, a thousand dollar contribution brought Paul Harris Fellowships even as the same thousand that bought a luxury car in 1947 couldn't even cover the taxes on a new one today.

A FEW YEARS AGO, The Rotary Foundation began a system of colored stones to add to the original Paul Harris pin. Each additional thousand-dollar contribution brought a sapphire pin, and a ruby, and at the ten thousand dollar level a Diamond Pin signifies a Rotarian who is a Major Donor. At the same time, every thousand dollars also earns points that makes it possible to honor a family member or friend as a Paul Harris Fellow. This gets more people enrolled in the "every member, every year" drive for sustaining support to The Rotary Foundation.

IF YOU'VE NOT YET CONTRIBUTED during the 2007-2008 year that started last spring, your help is very much needed and appreciated in order to keep our club a 100% supporter. John Harris (626-287-6332) keeps our Foundation records and can answer your questions.

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Fred's Funny this week:

Remember that half the people you know are below average.

