



# Your **ROTSOCPE** for January 24, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## DAN STOVER TIME AGAIN

**DAN STOVER LOVED MUSIC**, though it was just an avocation for him. A member of Alhambra Rotary, Dan spent on several portable pianos and organs over the years, long before keyboards were invented. He would perform at his club, and any club, at any place, any time, once overnight along the Rose Parade route, once for a surfer meeting at the beach, and many times at district conferences, conventions, assemblies – find the occasion, and Dan would be there. At his death, our district named the annual high school music competition in his honor, and the Stover Award has been a popular contest among local clubs. This is our time to find our candidate for the district award. Young people from San Marino High and Southwestern Academy will perform at this week’s meeting before a secret panel of judges – and you, listening in too. Our winner goes on to local and regional contests, and the winners appear at the district convention this spring. It’s fun for the kids, impressive and enjoyable for us. Come listen and cheer your favorites this Thursday.

### SOME ENCHANTED EVENING

**THEY WILL SING IT** to you and your Valentine, and it may come true – if you’re one of many in our club signed up for another “Rotary on the Town” dinner, this time at Beckham’s Grill on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**DON’T MISS A GREAT EVENING** with good food, some fine door prizes that might be yours, and selections from Oklahoma, West Side Story, The Music Man, My Fair Lady, and of course South Pacific.

**LUCILLE NORBERG NEEDS RESERVATIONS** in to the restaurant by January 20<sup>th</sup>. If you’ve not responded, please stop reading this boring old bulletin and give Lucille a call or get her your check for Rotary’s January dinner party.

### JUST WHAT DID HE DO?

**JACK HAMILTON WAS CHOSEN** San Marino’s “Business Person of the Year” by the Chamber of Commerce, though the award has been kept fairly secret. We’re glad for Jack’s honors, though we are unsure if his modesty is because he was the Chamber president that started the award now given to him, or because it’s unclear just how his dental practice is such a major business in our town. Professionals don’t generate much if any sales tax, so he can’t help the city in that way. Maybe it’s just because of the growth in his practice, but then comes a question how he accomplished that – maybe by giving more trick-or-treat candies to the kiddies, thus encouraging caries, or maybe by his soothing chair-side smiles? Maybe he’ll let us know when he pays his fine to Rotary.

## HELP A GRAD STUDENT FRIEND ENJOY A RICH YEAR

**KNOW A BRIGHT AND SUCCESSFUL UNDERGRADUATE** who will benefit from graduate studies abroad – all expenses paid, and then some?? Great applicants, currently juniors in college, are being sought by our committee for TRF Ambassadorial Scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year. We’re proud that Rotary’s Ambassadorial Scholarships may be the best of all international awards: students can go to one of some 150 countries where Rotary has clubs, spend one academic year, and receive up to \$23,000 for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room and board, incidentals expenses, and intensive language training as needed. The Rhoades, Wilson, Fulbright, Marshall, Truman programs are no where near as generous, and Rotary’s Ambassadors receive extensive support and family-type welcomes from Rotarians in the clubs where they’re living and studying. Ask any of the 21 San Marino Rotary-sponsored scholars we have sent abroad since 1979. They know.

**OUR PROBLEM IS GIVING AWAY THE AWARD!** All members are needed to think of acquaintances who are qualified to apply. No members of Rotary families are eligible, but you may know a neighbor, colleague, friend with a junior this year who’d be perfect for our sponsorship. We’ve from now through February to find up to three. Help!

## JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2008

### JANUARY

24 Noon High school student music contest

31 Noon A formula for success

### FEBRUARY

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

21 Noon High School speech contest

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

January 24<sup>th</sup>: High School Musicians



## FED FUNDS FOR LACY?

**YES, ONE TIME AT LEAST** Federal money went into Lacy Park, though it was under special circumstances that might be understood even by a hard-hearted Big City newspaperman. It was over sixty years ago, and America had just finished ridding the world of Fascism across both Atlantic and Pacific. As often happened in The War, so-called by anyone still around who was alive back then, public and private property was borrowed or leased for many purposes. Pasadena's elegant Vista del Arroyo Hotel was taken by the Army for a hospital – not just a hospital, but a mental institution for soldiers suffering from what was then called “shell-shock,” understood today as post-traumatic-stress disorder. (It wasn't understood at all then; one famous general who often visited his father in San Marino but never lived here as claimed by some of our local historians had slapped a PTSD patient. But I digress from the Lacy Park story.) The boys at the Pasadena hospital needed exercise, and there was no room for such on the hospital grounds along the Arroyo. Half-trucks brought them to Lacy Park, commandeered from our city and fenced by the Army so the men could exercise while officers in jeeps toiled around to supervise, tearing up our beautiful park in the process. (Healthy young women in San Marino snuck past the fence to watch the healthy young men exercise, often with their shirts off in a display the girls found not only rare as most young men were off to war, but also delightful enough that at least one marriage I know about resulted. But I digress again.) The War's end saw Lacy virtually all dirt and debris. Grass was gone, bushes had been cleared, water pipes broken, many trees damaged or even cut down. San Marino pressed claims for the needed repairs. The Army balked. It took a few years for some reimbursement to come out of Washington, less than San Marino had spent on restoration, but yes Fed funds for Lacy.

## FOUNDATION DINNER FEB. 16

**THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL FOUNDATION DINNER**, a fund-raiser for The Rotary Foundation with inspirational speakers and intriguing auction items, will be back in Walnut as last year on Saturday evening, February 16th. Fred Sohl has contributed a handsome gift as part of the auction. Information on the program and tickets for the black-tie-optional event are available on line at the district web site. It's always a sell-out, so consider joining Fred and buying soon – go to:

[www.district5300.org](http://www.district5300.org)

## LETTER FROM CHARLES BARR

**DEAR FELLOW ROTARIANS:**

As Rotarians we frequently assume that everyone else knows all about Rotary and the good works that we do as Rotarians. Rotary should no longer be the world's “best kept secret”. This month's theme reminds us that as individuals we each have the responsibilities to personally become more fully aware of Rotary, and to inform family, friends, colleagues, and the community of Rotary's purpose and its many local and international activities. For an example, I have recently been amazed by a number of misinformed comments I have heard from both Rotarians and non-Rotarians about the Rotary Foundation's ongoing polio eradication project. As Rotarians we need to be aware of the status of this world-wide endeavor, the largest, most aggressive one ever taken on by any service organization. We need to know what concrete steps Rotarians are doing in concert with other health organizations and governments to eradicate this dreadful disease from the face of the world. And then we need to clearly communicate this information to our colleagues and friends.

**Governor Charles**

*Continued next week*

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**Fred's Funny this week:**

**The short fortune teller who escaped from prison  
is a small medium at large.**

