



Your **ROTSOCPE** for February 14, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

THE LATEST FROM MILAN, PARIS, NEW YORK – AND SAN MARINO

MARGIE MUST BE OFF TO all the European and New York fashion shows, bringing us the latest to show at our traditional Valentine's Day Fashion luncheon this Thursday. Her staff at Margie's wouldn't tell us where she's traveling but of course we know it's to all the best houses across two continents. Meanwhile, Tony Jocoy's staff doesn't know if he's bringing men's ware to show off, but that shouldn't stop you from inviting your favorite Valentine to lunch.

FREE LUNCH FOR YOUR VALENTINE, TOO! President Fred declared that the ladies can come as guests of the club on Thursday (he didn't say if male spouses of female members are free too, but what the heck, bring them along and he'll never notice). You can't get a cheaper date anywhere else in town – invite your Valentine, enjoy your Rotary lunch, admire Margie's fashions, and maybe even gawk at the knees of male models if Tony has shorts to sell. As always, Margie will use some of our Rotary family as models – the prettier ones, like Paul and Chris and Wayne.

MORE MONEY THAN WE THOUGHT

THE AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS we help send for graduate studies around the world now receive up to \$24,000 a year, raised recently by The Rotary Foundation and richer than the Rhoades, Wilson, Truman, Fulbright, any other major scholarship. We have sponsored 21 men and women who were selected by the district. Now we're seeking the 22nd – a current college junior who is bright and interested in this special opportunity. Candidates must apply by the end of February. Let Bill Payne know of a worthy person who is not a member of a Rotary family. Two of our Ambassadors will be speaking to us later this year – Carol Huang returns from the American University of Beirut for our luncheon in March, and Grace Wong will be our speaker in December.

RI FOUNDATION DINNER 16th

THE DEADLINE IS PAST, BUT – our president has pull. Fred Sohl says he can get you into the Royal Vista Golf Club on Saturday evening the 16th for cocktails at six, dinner at seven, and a speech from Joe Serra of the Stockton Rotary Club on "A World Free of Polio". It's the District's Foundation Dinner, black tie optional, for \$85 per person.

INTERESTED? CALL FRED – and come early for the Silent Auction too, with items donated by our president. Or if you'd prefer to stay home Saturday night and not get all dressed up, send your \$170 to the club's Foundation Committee and put it to work eliminating the polio virus.

NEW CLUB PROJECT: CLONE YOURSELF

CHAIR GENE DRYDEN and his membership committee are calling on you, each of you, all our members, to find a person most like yourself and bringing him or her as your guest, encouraging membership. To sweeten the deal, from now through December Fred Sohl will present a special collector's item pin to those members who bring their "affinity person," as Fred calls them. Yes, it may be difficult for you to find someone as good looking, as witty, as bright, as charming as you. Nobody said that being a Rotarian is easy. Should you happen to have an identical twin, bring your twin to a meeting and you get your reward, presuming you and your twin are speaking to each other. If you've no twin, you might consider volunteering at any university research program working on cloning projects. Just a bit of your DNA might grow you a candidate for San Marino Rotary. If those two suggestions don't work for you, follow Fred's advice and close your eyes. Think of everyone you know, anywhere, and find the one person most like yourself. If you've already brought that person to a Rotary meeting, Fred says no deal. The offer is open only to friends most like you with whom you've not yet shared Rotary. Sounds tough, but think hard. The right match is out there somewhere. Perhaps one of the on-line matchmaking services might be able to help you. Fill out a Commitment Card at a club meeting, or email Gene Dryden: drydene@earthlink.net. He's sitting there waiting to see if he has mail from you.

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| 14 | Noon | Free lunch with Margie's fashions for your Valentine |
| 14 | 1:35 p.m. | Board meeting at Community Church after lunch |
| 21 | Noon | High School speech contest (changed from Feb. 28 th) |
| 28 | Noon | Feng Shui concepts for your home and office |

MARCH

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| 6 | Noon | Ikebana flower arranging |
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THE ROTOSCOPE

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

February 14th: Valentine Fashions



HOME HOSPITALITY EVENT

JUNE WON'T BUST OUT for another sixteen weeks, but the 99th Rotary International convention in Los Angeles June 15-18 will be here in a moment. As our share of helping to entertain the thousands of Rotarians and their families coming to Southern California, our club plans "A Night in Old California" at the Old Mill on June 16th.

WAYNE CARTER HEADS our team for this official home hospitality event, but every active member and willing spouse will be needed to plan, set up, and carry out a special evening. Right now, while you're thinking of it, get that date into your PDA, on your refrigerator calendar, or wherever you save dates. Then be prepared to pitch in when Wayne whistles.

AND IF YOU'VE NOT YET done so, register on line to attend the convention and some of its events. First, register for the 2008 convention at:

www.rotary.org

You can also fax or mail the registration forms from The Rotarian magazine to RI:

Fax **847-866-3064**
Mail **14254 Collections Center Drive**
Chicago, Illinois 60693

ONCE REGISTERED (which is required before event tickets may be purchased), consider these:

CALIFORNIA EXPERIENCE, Saturday, June 14, 5:30 p.m. at LA Live and Nokia Theater downtown;

CONCERT UNDER THE STARS, Tuesday, June 17, at the Hollywood Bowl, with gourmet box dinners available by previous order.

ORDER TICKETS, a LA2008 shirt or blouse, and even a seven day transportation pass at:
www.rotary2008.com

BANNER EXCHANGES

VISITORS FROM DISTANT CLUBS don't come too often to San Marino, so it was pleasantly different to welcome two such in two weeks:

IDA WHITE FROM ST. THOMAS, U. S. Virgin Islands, was in town a week ago and says she may return soon.

PETER GROSCHUPF FROM AMMENSEE, Bavaria, will definitely be back occasionally, as he's on a project in Pasadena and will commute between here and Germany.

FRIENDSHIP TOUR TO TURKEY

INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR Gene Hernandez is organizing a "Friendship Tour" of Turkey, with an extension to Greece, for July. Past district governor Garbis Der Yeghian is selling and will guide the tour. Two options are available: leaving July 1st for three days on a cruise around Greece, or flying July 5th directly to Turkey for a week's visit with Garbis.

THE TOUR GROUP IS LIMITED, and Gene must make it first-come, first to go with a deadline for applications on February 29th. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due at the end of this month, with the balance due by April 5th. Of course, spouses are welcome to join Rotarians on Garbis' tour to this historic but troubled part of the world.

OUR DISTRICT'S 2009 GSE, a team of young professionals from 5300, will be in Turkey that April. The July trip of older Rotarians is intended to establish contacts and friendships in this area of Anatolia and around Istanbul. Prices and other details are available at Garbis' tour company's web site:

www.tayftours.com/rotarytour/index.php

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Fred's Funny this week:
Change is inevitable.
Except, of course, from a vending machine.

