



# Your **ROTSOCPE** for February 28, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## CHIEF LOSES HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST, SO WE TRY AGAIN

**JOHN SCHAEFER SPOKE ON** just the fourth of Rotary's Four-Way Test last week, and he went far over the time limit in the high school speech contest, so he lost– and we have another round this Thursday. We do appreciate our chief for stepping in on short notice when there was confusion about the date of the high school speeches, and his information on community-based policing was worth hearing. But John looks a bit old to be competing with the kids. So this Thursday four speakers from San Marino High and Southwestern will face off before our luncheon, and the winner will give the best speech as part of our program. A note to the person who asked when Chief John might join Rotary: he was posted for membership last week, and the vote is close but should be decided fairly soon.

**WARREN WEBER IS BRINGING** a few of the good teachers who received Mini-Grants this year to outline their creative projects and give their thanks for Rotary's support of our schools.

### SADIE HAWKINS CELEBRATES

**WE MISS AL CAPP** – Dogpatch would have a wonderful time with today's President and the fourteen Presidential candidates who've come and gone plus the four still possibles. But the kids have never heard of Li'l Abner, let alone General Bullmoose, Mammy Yokum, Joe Blitzplizk, or Sadie Hawkins. Tomorrow is Sadie Hawkins' day, for that matter – Old Maids and young divorcees will be out in force, searching out eligible hunks to drag off to Marryin' Sam.

**A COUPLE OF OUR** single male members need watch their step Friday, or maybe just stay home and out of sight. Meanwhile, our president gets an extra day in his term – Fred Sohl, we mean, not the other Lame Duck President who is already pretty much forgotten.

### "BRINGING OUR STARS TO L.A.!"

**THOSE CLEVER FOLK** back in Rotary's Evanston headquarters are sending out electronic postcards encouraging registration for the international convention and promising you'll "SEE THE STARS" in Los Angeles June 15-18. (I've seen Brittany, Paris, Brad, and George just this week, but only on TV – not on the streets). They also suggest you plan to visit the Hollywood Bowl and Walk of Fame, Rodeo Drive, Universal Studios, Disneyland, and Santa Monica Beach – nothing about Venice Beach, which might startle elderly Rotarians, and for that matter nothing east of Hollywood. Our Valley isn't on Evanston's sightseeing map. Take a look at your card, and register at:

<https://riweb.rotaryintl.org>

## HELPFUL ROTARIANS BOOSTING THE CHAMBER

**IT HAPPENS EVERY CHRISTMAS**, the transformation of the bus shelter at Huntington and Sierra Madre into The Little Christmas Church. It was a Chamber of Commerce project for several decades, but it seemed that Rotarians did all the work. Once again, Rotarians assembled it right after Thanksgiving, and took it down for storage last month until another year. Our helpful elves this holiday were Elliott Katz, Warren Weber, Lois Matthews, Larry Goodreau, and Jack Hamilton, with the muscular assistance of Mary and Bill Payne's visiting son Matt.

**LEE MOTHERSHEAD HELPED OUT** with the Chamber too, carrying away a huge box of chocolates from the January mixer. Lee promised to eat just a few a day, but somehow the candy's all gone already.

**WAYNE CARTER AND BARBARA VEENSTRA** brought the San Marino Directory back home in 2006, when a for-profit printer took the 70-year tradition out of town. Now they've helped the Chamber spark the 2008 edition, better than ever, featuring on the cover antiques from our police and fire department – vehicles, not public safety antiques. The latest edition was distributed throughout town with the help of Interact Clubs from SMHS and Southwestern.

## FEBRUARY / MARCH 2008

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28 Noon Another try for a Four-Way contest

### MARCH

6 Noon Ikebana flower arranging

13 Noon White collar crime report

13 1:35 March board meeting after lunch

20 Noon Miracles of stained glass

27 1130 a.m. Paul Harris Fellows' luncheon at The Huntington

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

February 27<sup>th</sup>: Speeches and Teachers



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

**ROTARY'S 103<sup>rd</sup> BIRTHDAY** was February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the date of Paul Harris' first meeting in his Chicago law office. The dozen original members rotating among each person's office has swollen to 1.3 million in some 163 countries, and the projects have grown too. The first service project performed by Rotarians was building public toilets near the Chicago Public Library. Today's projects still help satisfy human needs, but on an international scale.

**TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY**, Rotary International bought a full page in The New York Times and the Wall Street Journal national editions. Did you see the page, with color pictures and the story of Rotary's major projects to eliminate polio and to further peace? There was a good outline of the Rotary Centers for International Studies and the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, a report on Ambassadorial Scholars, and a sidebar on the Gates Foundation challenge for matching funding for PolioPlus.

**ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY AD** was somewhat wordy, but all very eye-catching and sincere. The two national papers are read by more than five million people each day, in print and on line, and those people tend to be the more important leaders in business, education, the professions, and government, exactly the type who should consider giving their own Service Above Self through Rotary.

**JOIN THE EFFORT TO** spread news of Rotary! Your membership committee – you're a member of membership, remember – ask you to bring a friend to a meeting. Next week, for example, Ikebana arranging might intrigue a guest, or the report on white collar criminals from an LAPD officer on March 13. Call a friend or two and bring them to one of those programs.

## RESIGNATIONS

**TWO GOOD AND TRUE MEMBERS** have had to resign because of business pressures:

**NICO CIFARELLI  
JOHN DUYMALYAN**

**THIS MEANS, OF COURSE**, we need two more good applicants just to stay even with things this year. The Membership committee – that's you, as we're all members – needs you to think of good prospects.

## THE RIGHT DAY FOR FENG SHUI

**SHODY CHOW INVITED** a Feng Shui master to tell us of the philosophies behind this Chinese technique. All was scheduled for a program in January, but a conflict developed and Shody thoughtfully helped move the program to this week.

**ANOTHER PROGRAM CONFLICT** developed for this Thursday, and Shody stepped in to help again. Now our Feng Shui program is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>, and Rotary appreciates Shody's graciousness in finding a third date for the speaker.

**MAY FIRST IS MAY DAY**, with flower baskets and maypole dances in old Europe, and with Socialist parades and speeches in the old Marxist world. May First used to be Moving Day in much of America, families leaving their winter homes to find new digs. Back on the East Coast, May First is the day some building superintendents turn off the steam heat, even if there's still ice on the streets. We hope this May First will prove the right day for Feng Shui at Rotary. Shody's a great guy for helping out with three dates for the same program, and it would be really embarrassing to make him move again! Thanks, Shody.

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Fred's Funny this week:

Where there's a will,  
there's an inheritance tax

