



Your **ROTOSCOPE** for March 13, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

THIEVES ARE OUT THERE, WATCHING YOU

ERIN CAMPHOUSE SEES IT HAPPENING all the time, far too frequently: the Bad Guys watch, listen, sift through your trash, steal your numbers. So quickly, they run up credit card bills, empty bank accounts, live high on your good name. Erin is a 24-year veteran of the LAPD. She's seen it all. As an officer-in-charge within the commercial crimes division, she's investigated hundreds of cases of stolen and forged checks, embezzlements, frauds, complete identity thefts. You've read some of these cases in the paper, you've heard the warnings, and you think you safe and above such problems. But among our members I know of several of us already hit by counterfeit checks, faked checks, missing credit cards or their numbers. The Bad Guys love Good Suckers like us, especially those of us who think we're being careful when they've already found our weaknesses. You'll learn some of their tricks this week at Rotary, and some of the ways we can protect ourselves. Warren Weber has known Erin for years, and promises she'll not only entertain but also educate.

POLYGRAPH SEEMS NEEDED

WELCOME TO ROTARY, police chief John. Now that you're sworn in to follow the Four-Way Test: did you take the president's gavel? If not, who did? The other person close to it when the gavel disappeared was Debbie Priester, who so-sweetly claims she doesn't know much of anything about it. President Fred did DARE it to be stolen, and now he's caught with his Monkey Business - \$500 to the thief. Fred's squirming. He says now that those following the Four-Way Test should build better relations by returning the gavel without being paid. But that isn't fair to all concerned! We are missing two programs for this month and next. Perhaps one could be a demonstration by Chief Schaefer on how lie detectors work. Debbie's first up.

PLEASE REPLY TO INVITATION

OUR CLUB'S 30TH ANNUAL Paul Harris Fellow recognition luncheon is on Thursday, March 27th, at The Huntington's Friend's Hall (we're always amused that our great book, art, and garden institution only has one "friend" to recognize). Your personal invitation should be at your home, with a prepaid envelope for you to respond. The foundation committee asks you please to return the card, coming or not, so catered spaces won't be wasted, but will be ready for all who come. Members are prepaid through your quarterly dues, but reservations are required. Guests and spouses are very welcome to come (the lunch is \$48 per extra person), but again your response is very important to their planning. Please reply.

LOIS' TEAM RARING TO GO

FRED SOHL IS A LAME DUCK ALREADY, very lame, without even a gavel to keep things in order. Lois Matthews and her team are getting things organized for the first time ... actually, for the first time since a woman was last president of our club. Lois did her presidential training bit a weekend ago. Her officers and board, along with any other members who'd like a free lunch while learning more about Rotary, have more training on Saturday, April 5th.

THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY APRIL 5 is the next training time for Lois and her crew, and others are welcome to join. The club pays registration, morning coffee, and lunch. It's all over by early afternoon. Let Lois know if you'd like to come. She also offers those famous **YELLOW** shirts (if there's a blank between "famous" and "shirts," it's because Lois puts YELLOW in **YELLOW**, which seems to melt away as fast as **yellow** butter on a grill). If you are interested in buying a YELLOW district 5300 Rotary shirt, please write or call Miles Petroff, the assistant executive governor's aide or whatever his title: miles.petroff@verison.net, or call 909-993-4615. He'll give you price and size details, and he'll deliver them to you at the Assembly April 5th (or if you're not going Lois will bring yours back and punish you later).

LOIS' FIRST BOARD MEETING will be Thursday, April 3rd, after our usual luncheon at Community Church.

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MARCH	13	Noon	Tips on keeping your identity safe
	13	1:35	March board meeting after lunch
	20	Noon	Doug Larner
	27	1130 a.m.	Paul Harris Fellows' luncheon at The Huntington
APRIL	3	Noon	Lee Benuska
	3	1:35	Lois' 2008-2009 board will meet after lunch
	9	5:30 p.m.	Rotary on the Town at a fine new place in the Paseo
	10	Noon	Lee Benuska, again

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March 13: Watch Out for your wallet!



CAROLYN'S TREASURE-BOX

CAROLYN CRAIN IS RETIRING, says last week's paper, and she deserves to take a breather after the strenuous but successful efforts she's given our community in bringing about our marvelous new city library. We've already forgotten how many years it took, preparing three appeals to the State, going through feasibility studies, raising funds, designing the facility, moving, building, moving again, all while maintaining splendid library services for us. Carolyn would be quick to add that many people devoted extensive time, energy, and funding to bring about the fine facility that was just opened. But Emerson reminds us that institutions are lengthened shadows of the leader, and that is Carolyn.

THE CROWELL NAME is almost Rotarian, as Suzy and Don's gifted son Andy was our Ambassadorial Scholar to the London School of Economics in 1987-1988 and has been a visitor and speaker at our club. We celebrate the Crowell's leadership in building the new library, but it might also be considered the San Marino ROTARY library, given the number of our members who joined with Carolyn in making the dirt fly to such a successful end. Of course there's the City Council/Rotarian members over the years: **Matt Lin, Bob Twist, Gene Dryden, Paul Crowley, Betty Brown, Dennis Kneier**. Young squirt **Matt Ballantyne** came along as a helper in City Hall and grew up fast to manage not only the city but also the construction projects, all coming in on time and remarkably under budget. **Bill Steele** provided inspiration, and many of us helped fund a tribute to him in the library. **Emile Bayle** not only served on the Council, but also used his considerable salesmanship to badger funding. **Lee Mothershead** and **Len Therrien** gave generously in leadership. We're sure we're forgetting other Rotarians who can take a bow too, but we can never forget our hardworking librarian, building a fine team. Thanks, Carolyn!

PLEDGE WEEK

PUBLIC RADIO TOOK ALL LAST WEEK to beg for money. Educational television is out begging this week. John Harris isn't begging; he's reminding us of our obligation to pledge to The Rotary Foundation. Every Rotarian, Every Year – to contribute at least a hundred dollars each year, so our club once again shows 100% support to the worldwide programs. John says 80% of our membership has stepped forward to pledge this year. But March is the month that counts, and the missing 20% are needed to do their share for this year.

IN BALANCE, OR ALMOST

TREASURER DENNIS KNEIER is proud that his accounting shows we're still in the black after eight months of the Rotary year, and even after spending in February almost four times what we received. Dennis is proud he has things balanced too, or almost balanced. He did spend \$38 somewhere that he's not quite sure how to classify, so as any skilled and certified good accountant Dennis simply calls it "miscellaneous".

DENNIS HAS ONE CATEGORY that concerns us more than his "miscellaneous" balancing trick. He shows in his treasurer's report that we have spent \$859 so far this year in stationary expenses. This same category has been listed in our club throughout Gerry Wolcott's bookkeeping years: every year, we pay to be stationary. We thought Rotary clubs moved and accomplished things. But our dues go to be stationary? To stand still?

AND WHAT ABOUT PRESIDENT SOHL'S promise to pay \$500 if anyone could steal the gavel? It's gone, stolen, and someone deserves to be paid. Can Fred get Dennis to hide \$500 under miscellaneous expenses? Or maybe as part of the stationary, as we can't move without a gavel? Or can we force Fred to pay himself?

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Fred's Funny this week:
A boiled egg is hard to beat.

