



Your **ROTSOCPE** for March 20, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

WOMEN DO NOT BELONG IN ROTARY!

THAT WAS THE OFFICIAL POSITION of Rotary world-wide for more than 70 years: men can serve their communities, but women cannot possibly be considered for membership. Then one little mouse roared: In the Bicentennial year of 1976, our neighboring Duarte Rotary admitted two women, both with key leadership positions in the community. When this was discovered by Rotary International, they took the charter away while the "EX-ROTARY CLUB OF DUARTE" (with an "X" in black tape through the familiar wheel) fought through numerous state and Federal court trial to the United States Supreme Court, which ruled in 1987 that such discrimination was unlawful.

MARY ANN LUTZ, a Monrovia City Council and Rotary member, comes this week to remind us of the way Duarte helped the world of Rotary change the way it thinks of itself and its membership. Mary Ann operates a court reporting consultancy, while devoting many hours to volunteer service – exactly what we need and expect from good Rotarians such as her. You'll find the story painful, though with a happy ending.

STRANGE BURDEN OF PROOF

LAME PRESIDENT FRED PROMISED \$500 if anyone could take away his gavel during his term. It's gone. That's the truth. And it's fair to all concerned if he pays whoever has it, thus building better relationships while keeping his promise.

NOW FRED WANTS PROOF that his gavel is gone, and that someone has it. Sort of like calling the police to report a stolen car, and the police want proof that it's gone before they look for it, and the insurance company demands proof of loss before they pay. But it's worth five big ones for our gavel-borrower to send a photo of the gavel in hiding, and surely Fred will pay as he's a man of his word. Isn't he?

RESPONSE NEEDED, IF NOT SENT

OUR PAUL HARRIS FELLOW recognition luncheon on Thursday, March 27th, will be at The Huntington's Friend's Hall with a reception starting at 11:30. You've already paid for your plate, and you're urged to bring your spouse and/or a guest for an extra \$48 a person.

BUT RSVPs ARE NEEDED! The committee doesn't want anyone to go hungry – and doesn't want any plates to be bought that aren't used. Many of our members haven't responded yet. Please respond now, while you're thinking of it – so easy with the card and stamped envelope sent you last week. After lunch, The Huntington invites you to stay as long as you wish and revisit some of their treasures.

LOIS AND HER YELLOW GANG INVITE YOU TOO

THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY APRIL 5 is a morning of information and training for incoming officers and board members who will be joining Lois Matthews in planning our service and activities next term. But the Assembly is a fine time for other Rotarians, especially newer members, to spend a pleasant Saturday morning learning more of the marvelous programs and services provided by our club, district, and international organization.

FREE LUNCH! (LIGHT BREAKFAST, TOO!) The club will pay for you to attend the District Assembly, including a good lunch that counts as a meeting. However, Lois needs to register you, if you're able to join the session.

ALSO AVAILABLE ARE THOSE bright **YELLOW** shirts such as Lois wore a week ago, just what you want for your spring wardrobe. All the incoming board promise to be in **yellow**, and you can join them. Sort of a millennium-generation thing, to dress like your leader – and we're grateful the district chose **yellow** shirts rather than Fascistic **brown** shirts. Tell Lois you'll be in uniform, you'll attend the Assembly, you'll help her get organized for a splendid year.

MARCH / APRIL 2008

MARCH	20	Noon	Mary Ann Lutz on Women in Rotary
	27	1130 a.m.	Paul Harris Fellows' luncheon at The Huntington
APRIL	3	Noon	Lee Benuska dances and sings
	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
	10	1:35	The "old and tired" board meets with Fred after lunch
	17	Noon	Australian group study exchange team

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

March 20: The fight for the right to serve



MORE CAROLYN'S HELPERS

WE WERE AFRAID we'd left someone out in listing last week some Rotarians who helped Carolyn Crain bring about the town's new treasure, our Crowell Library – but we did worse than we thought, neglecting some major helpers:

CHRIS DATWYLER spent many hours counting, investing, acknowledging, keeping records of the many contributions (including his own, of course);

ANDY BARTH was a leader as always in sharing to help build this outstanding facility for not only his own children but for so many others;

LOIS DERRY stirred Realtors and numerous others in town to join her in support for bricks and books to boost San Marino library resources;

ZEHRA AND GEORGE SUN organized special events to introduce the library need and opportunity to their neighbors;

EMILE BAYLE became almost impossible to ignore, twisting so many arms in his charming fashion, badgering for support in a irresistible way.

THE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE has a fine story with great pictures in the current issue, showing the result of all the years of effort. There's the familiar lineup of handsome folk – Matt Ballantyne, Matt Lin, Lee Mothershead, at the library dedication late January, with the biggest and broadest smile of all right in the middle, shining from a beautiful lady, our leader **CAROLYN CRAIN**.

SEND A NOTE OF THANKS TO CAROLYN! – either at her home, or in care of City Hall. She'd appreciate it. And she deserves our praise so much.

SEE THE STARS!

IT'S A BARGAIN AT ANY PRICE, but the price is low to the end of this month: Rotary's 99th International Convention, right here in Los Angeles June 15-18. Breakout sessions are planned each day on over thirty areas of service, and entertainment includes Natalie Cole, The Canadian Brass, and our own Pasadena POPS. Best of all is the chance to really appreciate the strength and success of the Rotary world of service, but you've got to come to see it! By tickets before March 31st on line at:

www.rotary2008.org.

CANTINA ON APRIL 9TH

ANOTHER NIGHT ON THE TOWN for you and your Rotary friends: Wednesday, April 9th, 5:30 p.m. for drinks, then an elegant and exciting four-course dinner at **PASEO CANTINA** on the second floor of Paseo Colorado next to P.F. Chang.

LUCILLE, TERRY, and the gang have a mariachi band, folkloric dancers, and singers to entertain you, and a great dinner, all for \$35 per person (no-host wine and bar), including tax and tip. You'll have several entrees to choose among that night.

THE FIRST "NIGHT OUT" drew 61 members and spouses to El Paseo, then 74 came to Beckham's in January. More do make it merrier! Come try the new Cantina (they will also validate your parking at Paseo; just give your parking ticket to your server for the stamp).

BUT PLEASE: RESPOND! Send your check before March 27th, payable to the Rotary Club of San Marino, and mailed to 1872 West Drive, San Marino. Come for an evening of great food, lively music and dance, and many good friends.

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Fred's Funny this week:
He is a self-made man.
And he worships his creator.

