



Your **ROTSOCPE** for March 27, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION LUNCHEON AT THE HUNTINGTON

DON'T COME TO COMMUNITY CHURCH THIS THURSDAY

WE MEET AT THE HUNTINGTON for a club tradition that started with a handful of members who had become supporters of The Rotary Foundation, and has swelled to include most of our members, spouses, and many friends. The hamburgers at the country club evolved into an elegant luncheon in the Friend's Hall at The Huntington.

USUALLY A SPEAKER FROM AMONG our Ambassadorial Scholars, selected and sent by San Marino Rotary for graduate studies abroad through The Rotary Foundation's awards. We haven't heard if there's a speaker this year, or if so who that may be, but come and find out for yourself. Members and guests need to have pre-registered, and your entry will be acknowledged at the doorway for this regular – but unusual – meeting.

"OUR MITCH"

OUR CLUB AWARDS an honorary Paul Harris fellowship each year, recognizing a local person who, though not a Rotarian, follows the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self". Some 52 others have been so honored over the years. This year the club applauds the San Marino Tribune's editor, but not only for his newspaper work.

MITCH LEHMAN DEVOTES special energy and time to a remarkable camp on Catalina each summer, to fund raising for local athletes, and to encouraging youth sports in our schools and community. For all his service. San Marino Rotary is delighted to applaud "Our Mitch," as his newspaper colleagues love to call him.

COME EARLY, STAY LATE

THURSDAY'S ROTARY STARTS earlier than usual, with a reception on the loggia of Friend's Hall at the public entrance to The Huntington. Usually there is music and wine, but we haven't heard if tradition will hold. Come and find out!

OUR HUNTINGTON FRIENDS invite us to stay after Thursday's luncheon to wander around among their treasures. Jim Folsom wants you to see his splendid Chinese Garden, and David Zeidberg invites you to enjoy his exhibition of Los Angeles Times' columnist Jack Smith. Jim's gardens are at their springtime best, and David's collections always magnificent. But no need to choose between them: take time to see both!

"ON THE TOWN" AT THE NEW PASEO CANTINA

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 9th – "March Madness" will be over, NBA just warming up, time to relax and enjoy your Rotary friends at another evening of fellowship, food, and fun as promised by our society ladies, Lucille and Terry. Your choice among interesting entrees follow social time, with a stirring Mariachi Band, folkloric singers, and traditional dancers at a new restaurant in Paseo Colorado's second floor, next to PF Chang.

YOUR CHECK FOR \$35.00 per person includes all the food and entertainment, but must be received by March 27th so a guarantee can be given Paseo Cantina. Send a check, payable to The Rotary Club of San Marino, to Lucille at 1872 West Drive. The Cantina will validate 1½ minutes' parking – bring your ticket to your server for the stamp.

PLEASE REPLY TODAY, if you've not yet sent your check. The evening promises to be good fun, and attendance at our "Rotary on the Town" events keeps growing. What a great way to get to know newer members better, and to share good times with old friends! Lucille is standing by, awaiting your reply. Come and enjoy!

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MARCH	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, maybe with stories to tell this time
	10	1:35	The "old and tired" board meets with Fred after lunch
	17	Noon	Australian group study exchange team
	24	Noon	Nat Read on Don Benito Wilson

THE ROTOSCOPE

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March 27: at The Huntington



LITERACY AWARENESS

ROTARY GETS ATTENTION by fighting polio, funding water, initiating peace discussions, building better health and hygiene in impoverished parts of the world. Not quite as attention-grabbing is another long-time Rotary cause: helping eliminate illiteracy, not only in those impoverished nations but right here near home, where far too many children and adults can't read.

TWO SAN MARINO ROTARY PROJECTS help combat illiteracy directly. We continue to present books to third graders just a few miles from our outstanding San Marino schools, young people who may never have owned a book of their own – and who live in homes where parents and other adults got through schools without catching the reading bug, or even without learning to read themselves. The "Reading by Nine" program was initiated by major newspapers several years ago, and thanks to Elliott Katz, Will Bortz, and others our club jumped in to help. Now newspaper attentions have turned elsewhere, and most of the original "Reading by Nine" supporters have turned to other causes, but we continue to hand out books to kids in local schools where reading is not common.

CORAZON'S "SUPER BUILD" is another area where our club helps fight literacy. Yes, Corazon builds houses in a day for impoverished families around Tecate, Mexico. But for each home we help construct, two students in those homes are funded by Rotary through four years of high school. Shelter is desperately needed by the families helped through Corazon – but literacy is a key to breaking that cycle of poverty. How do we spread good health, fight polio, provide water, teach hygiene to people who cannot read and write? Worldwide, and right near home, Rotary is doing its part to break illiteracy.

ASSEMBLY SATURDAY THE 5TH

IT'S EASY TO REACH: a half hour out the 210 to Etiwanda Avenue, and two blocks to Etiwanda Gardens to the west – worth the trip just to see the intriguing gardens in fast-growing Rancho Cucamonga, but worth more as Lois' board and incoming officers hold the District Assembly on Saturday morning, April 5. Coffee's served from 8:00 a.m., with the first sessions at nine. You'll be out by 2:00 p.m., after a luncheon and pitch for the international convention in Los Angeles. Lois has your **yellow** shirts to get you uniformed for her new year.

OPEN WORLD AMAZE RUSSIANS

FIVE RUSSIAN SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS met with several diverse non-profit organizations over a week sponsored by Pasadena Rotary, demonstrating the diversity of local groups serving education, youth, the elderly, animals, abused women, the handicapped, and underprivileged of our society. Over the week, the Russians were astounded at the energies given by volunteers and donors, without government subsidies or help. "Open World" has brought thousands of future leaders from the former Soviet since Congress established the exchange program in 1999, and this was one of the first groups to come to Southern California.

THE RUSSIAN VISITORS served lunch at Union Station, petted strays at the Pasadena Humane Society, saw kids growing stronger at the Boys and Girls Club, played chess at Pasadena's Senior Center, and toured 22 differing non-profits. One was in San Marino, where the Russians chatted with Russian and Central European students at Southwestern Academy, living at the school for their high school prep work, and met a Russian alumnus of Southwestern now studying at Occidental. It was all eye-opening experience, how Americans pitch in to help wherever needed, without governmental orders.

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Fred's Funny this week:
Remember:
the end never justifies the meanness

