



Your **ROTSOCPE** for April 10, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

ONE OR TWO MEMBERS, ABOUT ONE, TWO, MAYBE THREE CAREERS

THERE WILL BE A CRAFT TALK this week, or maybe two craft talks, or one talk on two crafts, or possibly a talk on three crafts. We'll see.

CATHY RAACKE WAS A MEMBER, then left us for a few years, then came back. Does this make her a new, or possibly a recycled member? She may be one of the speakers this Thursday, or the only one, or maybe not at all. She might talk on her career with alarm systems, or maybe her career with the Chamber reviving the San Marino Directory, or her career focusing the disorganized district governors. Whatever. We'll see.

IT'S SPRING. You remembered to mail your property taxes Thursday, didn't you? You finished and filed your reports to the IRS and the FTB, right? Come enjoy lunch. Life is good.

WEDNESDAY AT 5:30

REMEMBER, YOU LUCKY ROTARIANS and their spouses who booked to join the next "Night on the Town" meet at Paseo Cantina, on the second floor of the Paseo Colorado, at 5:30 this Wednesday. And remember to bring your parking ticket to your server, who will validate it for you.

PAY NO ATTENTION to Elliott Katz's mixed review of the new restaurant. No one else pays attention to Elliott about anything, especially Leone. He's no epicure. Come judge for yourself!

LUCILLE NORBERG pours drinks, plays mariachi, sings, dances, cooks, and washes the dishes – all for you to enjoy.

IT'S ALL RATHER CONFUSING

PRESIDENT FRED ACKNOWLEDGED his gavel was stolen, exactly as he dared it to be. The dare included a promise to pay \$500 to whoever took it. Last week Fred said he had paid his debt, but it was unclear if he paid the full amount, or two whom. John Harris was either the witness, or the arbitrator, or the receiver.

SAN MARINO POLICE acknowledged the gavel was reported stolen, and pledged it would be returned to Fred at this week's meeting. Just how they can be so sure makes one or more of our town's protectors rather suspect. All too confusing for my simple mind to grasp. Maybe all will come clear at this week's meeting if Fred keeps his pledge and the gavel returns.

CASH IS KING! – GET YOUR SHARE!

OUR FEDERAL FRIENDS ARE SENDING YOU \$600 to pull us all to recovery. Your club leaders think this too paltry. They promise more, much more, more than eight times more.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR YOU! Not bad, on your investment of only \$100. How to get such a return without visiting the track or a casino? Come to Rotary this week, and the opportunity is yours. No fooling around with condos, travel, TVs, it's CASH for the prizes in this year's Limited Nonpublic Offering: buy one ticket, and you win one big prize. The only detail is that your ticket must be the one drawn in June for the main prize. But there are lots of other cash prizes too, all for you – if you win.

ONLY 200 TICKETS will be sold, starting this Thursday. If you're at Rotary, stop by the raffle table and invest. If you're skipping the meeting, any of our club officers can help you with tickets, until they're gone. Best of all, even if you don't get the \$5,000: the proceeds go to support San Marino hometown projects, mostly helping youth in our community, as this year's San Marino Rotary Charities campaign gets a boost through your support.

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| 9 | 5:30 p.m. | Rotary on the Town at PASEO CANTINA, Paseo Colorado |
| 10 | Noon | Craft or Crafts Talk or Talks. We'll see, whatever |
| 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 |

MAY

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| 1 | Noon | Finally (we hope): program on Feng Shui, delayed 3x |
| 8 | Noon | Building modern outdoor sports arenas |

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

April 10: A Craft, or maybe two



REACHING TROUBLED KIDS

KAY O'BRIEN was a member of our club for several years when she headed San Gabriel Valley Medical Center's Foundation and after retiring while Matt Lin worked to repair Kay's damaged wrists. Her bright red hair shines like her bright smile. She charmed us all then, and still does during occasional visits.

TERRY AND KAY MOVED fulltime to their vacation home in Bishop, where both have been active with the Bishop Noon Rotary. Inyo is a small county, yet not free of big-city juvenile gang problems. The Inyo juvenile center is in Bishop, and Rotary's special project there is with the kids – as they say, a primary focus of Rotary "this year and next is to work with the kids of this world." Bishop Rotary drew on their members to share career paths and life experiences with the local juvenile offenders, and the O'Brien's have made this their special way to help.

KAY TOUCHED A NERVE in talking at the juvenile center, telling of a difficult childhood and finding a way to persevere and prosper with initiative and work. And when Terry told of mistakes made and costs paid along his path in life, and of a family member's incarceration among "some very hard-core criminals, where he say two people killed his first day locked up – you don't ever want to end up in a place like that – and you don't have to," no kid stirred. "Someone helped them [the Rotarians] out and they're trying to help somebody else," said one kid. "Yeah," said another, pointing at the Rotary logo of a gear, "that gear can be driving one more and that gear driving another and ... little things can make a difference!"

SEE MORE OF KAY'S "Reaching Out Program" at the Noon Rotary's online site at:
www.bishoprotary.org

THAT WHISTLE!

THE CROWS SCATTERED AWAY from the Community Church lawn, two little girls in the Nursery School started crying, worshippers paused in the sanctuary, as the shrill whistle of incoming president Lois Matthews ordered her board to gather after lunch last Thursday. We've heard drill sergeants' bellows, police loudspeakers, those air raid sirens every last Friday of the month during the cold war, even Mother's scream "to get back in the house *right now*, young man!" All those put together couldn't match Lois' whistle. Even worse, she's getting the club *organized*, and wants your committee choices **right now!** It's going to be a long year.

LATE, FULL OF BEER AND CHEER

THEY WERE A DAY LATE when their return flight from Melbourne was canceled, but our district group study exchange team to district 9790 in the heart of Australia's "food basket" are back, bubbling about the new delights in food and drink, lunch or "tea" with piles of Barbie, and the dinner when a bagpiper "Piped in the Port" as he led another Rotarian bearing a silver tray of special "after dinner spirits." But the GSE team was equally excited about seeing the projects Australian Rotarians have done in the rural communities where clubs have built picnic shelters, restored a historic tobacco shed, and constructed a water park for the local kids.

THE AMERICAN GSE toured Rotary House downtown Melbourne, where bone marrow donors and families of patients can stay while receiving cancer treatments at the hospital next door. They found an Open Door Rotary Farm where children with serious medical problems, brought to Australia by Rotary from their third-world homes, to receive free corrective surgery. They witnessed how Rotary Shares by touching the lives of children every day. You'll meet the returned GSE team at the district conference, hearing of the beer but more of the good works Rotary accomplishes down under.

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Fred's Funny this week:
Overpopulation comes when
people take leave of their census.

