



Your **ROTSOCPE** for May 1st, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

FENG SHUI MASTER JOHNATHAN NG

NO, IT'S NOT MAGIC, NOT SUPERSTITION; it's thousands of years of understanding the energy around us and working with the world, and Shody Chow is bringing his friend Johnathan Ng to explain what Feng Shui is all about.

MR. NG HAS BEEN BUMPED twice before this year because of program confusions, but Shody says he will join us this Thursday for sure with a PowerPoint presentation on the philosophies involved, and suggestions how to use those concepts to help in your home and office.

SEVERAL MEMBERS ASKED ABOUT GUESTS who were interested in hearing of Feng Shui, and some even came the other times this program was announced. Yes, of course, your spouse and other guests are very welcome to come hear Johnathan Ng.

HOW TO HELP?

YOU KNOW HOW IT IS every time we have a woman president. They shake men up by organizing things instead of expecting secretaries to do details. We're stuck with Lois Matthews' planning next year months in advance, instead of our traditional ways of whatever and whenever, the way we guys do it. We might as well humor her and go along with it. Which means getting those darned committee choices made, and letting her know how and where we will serve through Rotary after she takes office in July. About half our members have responded to her request, most of the women and even some of the men. If you're in the *other* half, please get with it so Lois will get off our backs? Email Lois now at: LoisTable@aol.com.

NOT ENOUGH WORKERS

THE ECONOMY? LETHARGY? The Los Angeles host committee for the 2008 Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles June 14-17 is finding world-wide registrations coming in rather slowly (around 53% of their goal right now), and local Rotarian volunteers equally slow in offering to help greet at the Convention Center. It's a fine way to *feel* the international scope of Rotary while greeting and guiding visitors from 160+ nations. Give four hours, a day, whatever works for you. But don't put it off – ease the worries of the organizers and offer to help:

www.rotary2008.com, click on **LA Host Organizing Committee**, then at the top on **Volunteer**, then click **Volunteer Application**

SUPPORT THE ECONOMY – SPEND YOUR REBATE HERE!

YOUR \$600 REBATE CHECK should be in your mailbox Monday. Spend it Tuesday, and our economic downturn will be reversed by Thursday's meeting. Even better, invest it at Rotary, win the Grand Prize, and you can give even more service above self to stop the recession – whoops, sorry, the *temporary downturn*.

THE SCHEME IS SIMPLE, just as Dr. Townsend, Upton Sinclair, EPIC, and Ham 'n' Eggs schemed in the 1930s: spend that rebate, and all will be well. INVEST that rebate, and all will be better! Your Rotary friends are selling only 200 tickets, at \$100 each. Grand Prize is \$5,000 – yours for only \$100. Second Prize is \$1,500, third is \$750, fourth is \$500, fifth prize more than doubles your money and gives you \$250. And 20 get their money back! Elegant. Best of all, our club will raise \$10,000 for local philanthropic donations, primarily to boost youth programs in San Marino.

COME PARTY MAY 29th at Joy and Matt Lin's home on Oak Grove, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., when our 2008 raffle winners will be announced. Just \$100 out of your IRS rebate can make you one of the 25 winners, and you'll never miss the \$100 as you'll have \$500 left to spend quickly and solve the recessi ... the temporary downturn with enough for you to buy a couple sacks of rice and a few tanks of gas.

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1	Noon	Finally (we hope): program on Feng Shui, delayed 3x
8	Noon	Building modern outdoor sports arenas
8	1:35	Fred's elderly board gathers for cigars after lunch
15	Noon	Spring program
22	Noon	Frank Knolle's flights into Templehof Airport
29	Noon	High school art program
29	6-8 p.m.	Raffle drawing at the Lin's gardens

THE ROTOSCOPE

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SEE L.A. THROUGH ROTARY EYES

THOUSANDS ARE COMING NEXT MONTH, Rotarians with their spouses and some children to "Discover L.A." by attending host events showcasing the best our big neighbor city has to offer. You can join several of the "host events" planned for visiting Rotarians, and even pretend you're a tourist.

"CALIFORNIA EXPERIENCE" JUNE 14 includes wine tasting, a classic car show, art exhibition, and dance/singing groups, all on the outside plaza of the LA Convention Center. The featured performer is Roger Neumann and his Band, with vocalist Madeline Vergari. That evening in the new Nokia Theater next door is a show with Natalie Cole and Steve Tyrell. Cole combines jazz, R&B, and pop hits from her Grammy-winning performances, and Tyrell redoes Frank Sinatra-era standards in what's described as a "sultry and swinging style." The L.A. host committee invites you to check 'em out, then come: www.stevetyrell.com/2007/the-life.php and www.nataliecole.com and www.nokiatheatrelalive.com/lalive.php

"HOME HOSPITALITY" JUNE 16 is also touted by our L.A. neighbors, urging you to "come spend an evening with an American family and learn more of life in this country." I've a hunch they really don't mean that San Marino Rotarians are welcome, unless it's the *Republic*. We know too much of life in this country already.

"CONCERT UNDER THE STARS" JUNE 17 at the Hollywood Bowl, with classic movie scores and the Bowl's fireworks to conclude. You can bid to conduct the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra too, with all proceeds going to The Rotary Foundation (bids start at \$2500 and go through May 15th). Tickets and bidding are at: www.rotary2008.com

CHARITIES TAX FILINGS

FORMS 990 and 199 for the year ended June 30, 2007, have been filed for San Marino Rotary Charities and are available for public inspection.

PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT with Bob Eichel if you are interested in reviewing our non-profit "Charities" filings.

"CHARITIES" 2008 FISCAL YEAR will end June 30th, and those reports will also be available for your inspection after they are prepared and filed.

OUR SCHOLAR WAS CHOSEN!

IT'S A TRIUMPH FOR OUR CLUB, for our support of Ambassadorial Scholars, and in particular for Bill Payne in overcoming outdated rules and procedures and forcing our district to move into the latest in 1990s techniques. Our club's main candidate for the 2009-2010 award is abroad now with an exchange program her Colby College sponsors in St. Petersburg, Russia. The stuffy old guys of the district selection committee expected her to fly here for an interview, and Bill pushed through a videoconference so our candidate and the district committee could meet electronically. And it worked!

CHRISTINE SHU was selected as one of five Ambassadorial Scholars from our district. The rich program provides \$24,000 in scholarship assistance, living costs, language training, and transportation. Christie is a junior at Colby in Maine, and plans to attend after her graduation in June 2009 the University of World Economy and Diplomacy in Tashkent, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Christie wrote two essays in English and Russian. In addition, she has studied Chinese, Spanish, Latin, and French. Five of 17 applicants were interviewed by the district this year, with videoconferencing the new way.

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Fred's Funny this week:
The 50-50-90 rule: If you've a 50-50 chance of getting it right, there's a 90% probability you're wrong.

