



Your **ROTSOCPE** for May 8th, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

CHALLENGES OF MODERN OUTDOOR SPORTS STADIUMS

CUTTING A BASEBALL DIAMOND out in a cornfield somewhere and putting a few crates around where spectators can sit just won't do it any more. Autos ringing a dirt football field so their lights would allow night game might work in a tiny Texas town, but not for the big-time. Ruth's house for the Yankees is to be demolished, the Dodgers' Chavez Ravine is remodeled, Wrigley and Gilmore fields are long-gone. Today's stadiums need their private suites, diamond screens, flashy attractions. All-you-can-eat dawgs and a winning team don't hurt, either.

LEE BENUSKA'S SON KAL knows this well. Kal's experiences of creating 21st century stadiums form a fascinating talk for this week's Rotary, with a few anecdotes how tough it is to satisfy the owners, the governments, the players, the franchise holders, the media – and oh yes, the fans. Kal's business becomes our entertainment at lunch, and our entertainment-sites for professional and college sports. Come bring a guest, and enjoy the stories.

DID YOU FORGET?

ARE YOU THE ONE during our April 17th meeting who gave Lois your committee preferences for next year, but forgot to put your name on the paper? Should it be you, would you please send her email and identify yourself. If you haven't yet responded to her planning sheet for 2008-2009, Lois would really like your email about that, too, but only if you'll remember to include your name. Identify yourself to: LoisTable@aol.com.

MARGIE'S UPDATES

MARGIE IS BATTLING cancer. With the help of her oncology and surgical teams, it's going well. Last week's surgery to support a lung was good. She'd like to hear from you, but no phone or visit yet – instead, this modern woman is using modern Internet help in reporting her progress and receiving your messages. Go to www.carepages.com. Click "Visit a care page". Register the first time. Then enter Margiefrancis. Easy.

DEAR FELLOW ROTARIANS:

SPRING IS IN THE AIR which means it is once again time for our Rotary Charities Fundraiser. As you know Rotary Charities support our numerous local San Marino community programs including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the scout house, little league, the YMCA, and the Library.

This year our goal is to net \$10,000.00 to fund local programs. To achieve this goal we need to have the participation of each and every Rotary member to either buy or sell 2 raffle tickets at a \$100.00 each.

Our grand prize this year will be \$5,000.00 cash and 24 runner up cash prizes. Since our sales is limited to 200 tickets this means you have a 1 in 8 chance of winning a cash prize at our drawing which will be held on May 29, at a fabulous San Marino venue. This will be an event to remember!

Tickets will be on sale for the next six weeks at our Thursday rotary meetings and you can either pay cash, check or have it billed. Tickets can be sold to non-Rotarians and you don't need to be at the event to claim your prize.

I thank you in advance for your participation and look forward to having a terrific fundraiser to finish off President Fred's exceptional year.

Gene Orlowsky, Chair

Jack Hamilton, Chair

Greg Thompson, Chair

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| 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

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

May 8th: Kal Benuska on Stadiums



ROTARY'S L.A. GATHERING

RI'S HEADQUARTERS IN EVANSTON and the organizing committee in Los Angeles remain concerned about lower-than-expected advance registrations and asks YOU to sign up now, if you haven't. They're also eager to build a bigger audience for the shows they planned, with Steve Tyrell, Natalie Cole, and at the Hollywood Bowl.

LAST ROTOSCOPE WE LISTED LINKS to the main events at the June convention. This week Evanston sends another plea for you to consider these shows, then sign up. So we can report we've done our duty, here they are again:

www.stevetyrell.com/2007/the-life.php

and www.nataliecole.com

and www.nokiatheatrelalive.com/lalive.php

"CONCERT UNDER THE STARS" is at the Hollywood Bowl the evening of June 17th. Again, registration is going slowly, and RI would really like you to come. A twist is that you can conduct the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra – really our Philharmonic, of course – in the Star Spangled Banner, right after Rotary's president conducts his own national anthem. All you need do is bid on line to make a contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Highest bid by midnight, May 15th, becomes the conductor. Last we checked, the top right now is \$4,000. If you win \$5,000 at San Marino's raffle, then you can be guest conductor for \$4,001 and still have pocket change for good box lunches at the Bowl.

TO BUY BOWL TICKETS, and to bid for the conducting job, get on line and pledge the best you can offer as a tax-deductible contribution to TRF. The deadline is midnight the 15th – doesn't say what time zone, but we're guessing Central, or 10 p.m. here. Check it out at: www.rotary2008.com

WHERE'S FRED'S \$500?

WE THOUGHT WE REMEMBERED hearing president Fred pledge \$500 for the return of his lost gavel, but we've not heard of the funds being paid. Maybe Fred is too modest to make a fuss about his generous offer. We know his luck and his feng shui are in the right place. We're not sure about his charity or astrology.

WHEN YOU NEXT SEE FRED, please remind him of his commitment. Perhaps he's so busy with springtime Rotary functions that the \$500 has slipped his mind, and if we all remind him, we're sure he'd appreciate the nagging.

SATURDAY IS PEACE CONFERENCE

THIS COMING SATURDAY, MAY 10, is our district's thirteenth International Peace Conference at Fuller School of Psychology's Travis Auditorium on campus. "The Power of Compassion" is the theme, discussing how to engage "The Other" – working to reduce those cross-cultural stresses and images of "us and them". In a tightly-paced six hours, twelve compassionate individuals from among Us and Them will be talking on racism, negative stereotypes, diversity, and reconciliation.

COME FOR THE DAY, or come for just a few hours. You will be enriched and inspired. Leaders from Asian, Muslim, Latin, and African-American communities join Senator Jack Scott, Sheriff Lee Baca, and representatives from different faiths in offering their observations and suggestions how we can seek to bring us all together.

ADMISSION IS FREE, and your thoughts are welcome. Our district and Fuller's staff combine to produce a stimulating discussion. The morning session begins at 8:30, and the afternoon session ends by 4:00 p.m. There is a lunch break with several opportunities nearby for food, but it's the food of thought that makes the conference so worthwhile.

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Fred's Funny this week:
The things that come to those who wait will be
the things left by those who got their first.

