



# Your **ROTSOCPE** for May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## CAROLYN CRAIN

**OUR GOOD MEMBER**, wonderful librarian, fine friend, and loving partner of Alan slipped away Thursday morning, May 8<sup>th</sup>, released from the cancers that had returned to weaken her even as she fought back fiercely. She triumphed in bringing our community the splendid new library, and she looked beautiful at its January dedication, but she has grown weaker since. Carolyn said recently that she was ready to go, and we're joyful she has crossed over smoothly.

**CAROLYN'S FAMILY ASKS** that we not call them now. A celebration of her accomplishments are being planned for next Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, at her library, but plans are still tentative. We'll let you know. We do know your caring thoughts, prayers, and messages to Alan and the family are needed and welcome. Their home is at 2808 Halsey, Arcadia 91006, or email Alan: [apierpoint@southwesternacademy.edu](mailto:apierpoint@southwesternacademy.edu).

## THURSDAY'S PROGRAM

**ALL THAT'S LISTED IS "SPRING PROGRAM"** – and none of our program people have any idea what surprises president Fred has in mind. Perhaps he'll organize a springtime dance, or have us make May baskets, or sing how we're all "Younger than Springtime". He won't tell anyone, so you'll simply have to come have lunch and discover firsthand just what may be in our president's mind, if anything.

## MARGIE'S MOVED!

**MARGIE HERSELF** hasn't moved, but the "Care Page" site we gave last week has shifted to "CaringBridge," where you can read regular updates and send regular messages. Margie is home, though no visitors without calling first – but you can "visit" easily by going to: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/margielowefrancis](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/margielowefrancis). You'll be guided to register the first time – it's even easier than "Care Page" – try it out.

## THE HAWAIIAN SPRING SOCIAL

**YOUR RAFFLE COMMITTEE** wants to imitate president Bush by giving out money to stimulate San Marino's economy – giving away half their proceeds from our Big Raffle. Have you bought your share of chances to win? Tickets are limited, at \$100 each, and that investment could earn you \$5,000.00. Contact the triple-chairs below to buy your chances – by check, cash, or charge, we don't care.

**THE BIG DRAWING WILL BE HELD** at 7:00 p.m. in the Royal Gardens of Joy and Matt Lin, 1050 Oak Grove Avenue, on Thursday evening, May 29<sup>th</sup>. It's our Spring Social, with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, from 6:00 to 8:00 that night. You're very welcome, with spouses – BUT you're needed to RSVP by sending your check for \$10.00 per person to Rotary Club of San Marino, Post Office Box 80301, San Marino 91118.

**RSVP BY MAY 25<sup>th</sup>** – we ask you to wear Hawaiian dress – enjoy the Lin's lovely canyon gardens – mix with your Rotary friends – and we hope you'll take home the first prize, or one of the 25 other prizes, returning your "investment" to you. Remember, however, that the *other* half of the raffle proceeds go directly to help fund charities in our town, many for activities with youth such as the Scouts, YMCA, and so forth. It's fun, and as Bill Steele asks us to remind you, it's all tax deductible. So why wait – buy another ticket – increase your chances – help our community through San Marino Rotary Charities – then come on the 29<sup>th</sup> to win (though you don't need be present if yours is one of the winning tickets to be drawn at the social).

Gene Orlowsky, Chair

Jack Hamilton, Chair

Greg Thompson, Chair

## MAY / JUNE 2008

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| 15 | Noon     | Spring program – a surprise from Fred              |
| 22 | Noon     | Frank Knolle's flights into Templehof Airport      |
| 29 | Noon     | High school art program – student contest winners  |
| 29 | 6-8 p.m. | Raffle drawing at the Lin's gardens (BY RSVP only) |

### JUNE

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| 5  | Noon      | Miracles of Stained Glass                       |
| 5  | 1:35 p.m. | Incoming board – Lois' gang – meets after lunch |
| 12 | Noon      | Salute to the military                          |

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

May 15<sup>th</sup>: Springtime Something or Another



## \$500 IS A GOOD START!

**NO ONE KNOWS** just what got into Fred Sohl early in his presidency, when he dared anyone to take away his club gavel, and pledged \$100 if it could be done. No one knows why he upped the dare to \$500, then said he'd pay \$500 if it was stolen, *plus* another \$500 if it wasn't returned by the end of his term. We don't care what got into him, but the dare worked. The gavel disappeared, and still can't be found. After only a few months of hemming, hawing, stalling, rationalizing, Fred finally paid the "if it gets stolen" \$500 to The Rotary Foundation. Now we await the second \$500, if the gavel doesn't get found by June 30<sup>th</sup> – six weeks to stay hidden.

**OUR DISTRICT'S PEACE CONFERENCE** is Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at Fuller Seminary, and the list of speakers is exceptionally good. If you registered, remember to go; if you haven't, get to the School of Psychology (Oakland at Walnut) around 8 a.m.

**WE ARE HOSTING ROTARIANS** from many parts of the world at the Old Mill on June 19<sup>th</sup> as part of the "Home Hospitality" of RI's international convention. Wayne Carter has a good group at work on this, but will need help. Talk with Wayne to see what you can do.

**OUR THIRD AND LAST** distribution of "Reading by 9" books to third graders will be on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m., at Sanchez Elementary School, 2730 Del Mar Avenue, Rosemead - just ten minutes south of Huntington Drive on Del Mar, where you will find some smiling faces eager for their books. The demography is primarily Latino, very poor, and the kids really appreciate our gift books – and even more, your encouragement to them just from your being there. Please take a few minutes, join Will Bortz, and help boost these happy scholars.

## ART CONTEST

**TWO WEEKS FROM NOW**, at noon on May 29<sup>th</sup>, we hold our annual High School Art Contest, with awards in painting, drawing, photography, and ceramics.

**VIVIAN CHAN** and her committee are scurrying around gathering, judging, awarding, and displaying this year's crop of student talent. Art departments at San Marino High and Southwestern Academy are providing entries, but if you have young artists in your family of high school age, the committee welcomes submissions. Plan on seeing the results at our lunch on May 29<sup>th</sup>, when we usually have a speaker on the arts also.

## ROTARY'S WIDE WORLD OF BOOKS

**"A MOUNTAIN OF BOOKS"** is the goal of the Los Angeles convention organizing committee as the commemorative project of LA2008. Will you help? Literacy is crucial in determining academic, professional, and personal success, in any language, anywhere. Rotary's worldwide effort is aimed at helping kindergarteners through third graders read at grade level by the age of nine. To do that, of course, kids need books – and in too many families, even close to our well-educated San Marino, homes are without books.

**WE PARTICIPATE LOCALLY** with books for Pasadena and Rosemead third graders, but the "mountain" will be built as part of the convention to show just what Rotarians can accomplish when we work together. They can be ordered up to June 1<sup>st</sup>, and they'll be delivered in time for the convention. After our visitors return home, the seven Rotary districts that host the international convention will be distributing the books in southern California and southern Nevada, as many as you'll help provide. The price is a bargain, thanks to Scholastic which did well with Harry Potter and is giving back. Look on line at [www.rotary2008.com/conventionproject](http://www.rotary2008.com/conventionproject) or telephone with a credit card to: **800-387-1437**.

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Fred's Funny this week:  
A flashlight is a metal tube  
used to store dead batteries.

