



Your **ROTSOCPE** for May 29th, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

A FULL NOONTIME AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

THIS WEEK'S MEETING IS AT THE CITY LIBRARY'S COMMUNITY CENTER – NOON ON THURSDAY – with all the student art that was submitted for our annual contest. Photography, drawing, painting, ceramic winners will be recognized, and you can enjoy all the submissions. President Fred is offering a light lunch to all members and guests, the student contestants, and their parents and friends, so get there right at noon as the room only holds eighty or so. Fred also plans to honor the grand contributions of Carolyn Crain in the creation of the new Crowell Library. Carolyn was also one of the leaders in our annual art contest. Come join Fred in celebrating Carolyn.

VIVIAN CHAN GIVES HER usual great enthusiasm and organizational skills to pulling the art contest together, together with her committee of John McClurg, John Rizzi, Zehra Sun, and Bob Twist. Come thank Vivian too!

CONVENTION HELP

THE L.A. CONVENTION ORGANIZERS are as nervous as the mother of the bride, and they've good reason: it's happening soon, and they continue to seek helpers, especially for the "greeter desk" at the convention center and the headquarters hotel. Attendance isn't what they hoped, either – but you know Rotarians; they're sometimes tardy in responding. If you're tardy about volunteering, they'd sure like to have you step forward now and ease their worries. It's easy, and you don't need to actually register – just go to:

www.rotary2008.com/home.html

YOUR LUCKY NIGHT!

FRIDAY THE 13TH is a good night to give up some beauty sleep that you didn't need anyway, and join Rotary friends in having fun helping with GRAD NIGHT games and activities at SMHS. Rotary traditionally mans and womans the games, from midnight to four a.m. – in two shifts, your choice of twelve to two, or two to four (that's really June 14th, so there's no problem with Friday the 13th jinxes). Dennis Magrdichian is our chair – help him, help Rotary, and the graduates by calling Dennis at work **800-325-9417** or at home **626-577-7725** and volunteer.

THE HAWAIIAN SPRING SOCIAL

PARTY TIME! TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO DISTRIBUTE! GET WHAT'S YOURS– AND SHARE THE REST!

SPRING SOCIAL THIS THURSDAY, MAY 29TH, 6 to 8 pm

in Joy and Matt Lin's gracious gardens

1050 Oak Grove Avenue, San Marino

Street parking – often more available at north end of Virginia Road, across from the Lin's home

HAWAIIAN DRESS IS REQUESTED. We're not quite sure how Polynesian the committee expects you to look, if with bare feet and bare chests for the men and grass skirts for the wahinis, but you can figure it out. It's San Marino, remember, so casual is not too.

ABOUT HALF OUR MEMBERS haven't bought raffle tickets yet. They're \$100 each, and you can pay by cash, check, or simply say "charge it" to your Rotary bill. Only 200 to be sold, and half the proceeds go to our charity functions right here in town. Call any of the chairs' offices and say you're in:

Gene Orłowsky, Chair
441-2264

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MAY

29 Noon Student art contest winners at San Marino Public Library

29 6-8 p.m. Raffle drawing at the Lin's gardens (BY RSVP only)

JUNE

5 Noon Miracles of Stained Glass

5 1:35 p.m. Incoming board – Lois' gang – meets after lunch

12 Noon Salute to the military

19 Noon RI Home Hosted Hospitality

26 Evening Demotion Dinner – Details Coming Soon

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

May 29th: Noon Art Show, Evening Party



PANDA PROJECT EMERGENCY

OUR CLUB STARTED AN INTERACT CLUB for the students at Southwestern Academy 18 years ago, and the students really caught the service-to-others bug. A liaison from the club worked with the kids for a few years, as required by RI rules, but we've been busy with other things recently so the Interact guys have done their thing on their own. We regret there wasn't time at our meetings this year for you to meet the 2007-2008 officers, as they've done some very good things you should know about, using our club's cash donation to provide them with transportation to off-campus projects. Our club's budget constraints cut their transportation money this year just as gas prices shot up, so Interact has had to make up the difference and scrounge some rides.

WHEN THE CHINESE EARTHQUAKE hit two weeks ago, some of Southwestern's Interact members became concerned about the loss of life. They have continued to sponsor "Shelter Boxes," which they understand have been flown into southwest China's earthquake zone to be distributed among a few of the millions who are homeless. Students from Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai, and the Chinese north knew their own families were safe, far away from the epicenter, but have followed the news carefully and joined in prayers for the injured.

SOUTHWESTERN INTERACT STUDENT David Liu learned last week from his parents in Shanghai that the Wolong Panda Center on a mountaintop near the city of Wolong was severely hurt by the three minutes of violent shaking. Most buildings were destroyed, eight workers were killed, and a dozen pandas were injured or lost. All but two of the lost pandas have returned; as of today, helicopters still haven't found the wandering ones. Helicopters have dropped some shipments of bamboo shoots into the

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mountaintop Panda Center, but there's no flat space there for helicopters to land with more supplies, nor roads not blocked by landslides to get there by truck. The situation for the rare pandas – only 123 are left of the giant animals – is not good. Southwestern's students are well aware that the human situation is even more critical, but as David said at last week's Rotary meeting, "we're gratified with the help for humans coming to China from all over the world, but the giant pandas are God's creatures too and they're not getting much aid yet"

DAVID AND HIS FRIENDS MADE a power-point presentation for the students last Wednesday, combining David's pictures from his own weeks of volunteering at the Panda Center each summer with pictures of the scene after the 'quake, with the buildings destroyed. A dozen students pledged to work this weekend and give all their earnings to the pandas. Others got parents, neighbors, and friends to write checks; more gave from their weekend allowances. So far, about 80 students have given or raised about \$3,000, which is being sent to Pandas International for immediate relief use.

DAVID AND THE SOUTHWESTERN INTERACT invite you to join this urgent need. See the pictures and news on line at www.PandasInternational.org (David can be seen in several pictures, bathing the animals and cleaning cages last July while he was working there with his mother, shown with him). They ask you to help if you can. You can contribute directly at the Pandas site, though the students would like to combine all gifts into one and wire the money as soon as possible directly to the Wolong Center's bank in Shanghai. The students asked Southwestern to be the funnel, so that U.S. tax donation can be claimed by Americans donating. Send any contribution to INTERACT at Southwestern Academy, or email the kids your pledge at:

www.Interact@SouthwesternAcademy.edu

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Fred's Funny this week:
When you're a defendant, you're putting yourself in the hands of 12 not smart enough to get out of jury duty.

