



# Your **ROTSOCPE** for August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## PICK A TOPIC, MAKE UP, MEET SOME NEW FRIENDS

**ASTRONOMY, ECOLOGY, FIREFIGHTING, CRIME-FIGHTING** – four fascinating topics at local Rotaries, surely something you'd enjoy hearing, or at least go for a hearty breakfast in that laid-back village to our north – no meeting at Community Church this week, but Lois needs and expects everyone to make up somewhere, please. Here are a few suggestions, none more than a few minutes away and all with some good Rotarians to meet:

- TUESDAY the 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 a.m.:**      **SIERRA MADRE at CAFÉ 322**  
322 West Sierra Madre Blvd – park on street
- PROGRAM: Oh, come on; this is Sierra Madre, casual little town they don't have program yet, but what the heck, it's a fun bunch any old time for a good breakfast.
- TUESDAY the 5<sup>th</sup> – NOON:**      **SOUTH PASADENA, at ONEONTA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
in the Tower Room, 1515 Garfield at Oak – lots of parking in front
- PROGRAM: **Alonzo Hill, Special Agent, on FBI activities in Southern California**
- WEDNESDAY the 6<sup>th</sup> – NOON:**      **PASADENA, at the HILTON HOTEL**  
150 South Los Robles – use VALET (cheaper than self-park!)
- PROGRAM: **"Weapons for Wildfires" – How California's New Equipment will Help**
- THURSDAY the 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 a.m.:**      **PASADENA SUNRISE, at the UNIVERSITY CLUB**  
175 North Oakland – ample parking immediately to the north
- PROGRAM: **Arnie Phifer, Carnegie Observatories on Long-Range Looking Devices**
- FRIDAY the 8<sup>th</sup> – NOON:**      **ARCADIA, at EMBASSY SUITES**  
211 East Huntington – parking to west of entry, or valet
- PROGRAM: **"Heal the Bay" on Santa Monica cleanups, pier aquarium**

## NEXT THURSDAY, AUGUST 14: DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

**BACK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH** next week for our regular luncheon, but special with the official D.G. visit for the year. It's important to attend.

**BOARD MEMBERS MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM AT 10:30** – Governor Gene Hernandez wants to hear of our reorganization and our plans for 2008-2009.

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- 7      CHURCH CLOSED; YOU'RE ASKED TO VISIT ANOTHER CLUB**
- 14    10:30 am    Board meets with District Governor Hernandez at SMCC**
- 14    Noon        District Governor's Visit – come support Lois and Gene**
- 21    Noon        Ronald McDonald's local home**
- 28    Noon        Maybe crafts talks??**

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

August 7 – Makeups Elsewhere



## WE HAVE THE RIGHT ANSWER

**OUTGOING RI PRESIDENT** Wilfrid Wilkinson – “Wilf” to thousands of Rotarians he met in his year - traveled twelve times around the world – over 300,000 miles – in twelve months, from India to France, Hong Kong to Brazil, the Philippines to Turkey, with Chicago as a stop every couple of weeks to manage things at the headquarters in Evanston. He told many gathered at RI’s Los Angeles convention last month just how much *Rotary Shares*.

**DISASTER RELIEF IN PAKISTAN**, vocational education in Sao Paulo, tsunami recovery projects around the Indian Ocean, a four-star hotel for patients and families visiting the M. D. Anderson Cancer center in Houston, Wilkinson found these and many other Rotary-sponsored projects sharing help with millions.

**PEACE CONFERENCES WERE HELD** last Rotary year in Bulgaria, India, Kenya, and Turkey to discuss obstacles to peace in each of these regions and to consider concrete proposals how Rotary clubs can offer practical solutions.

**WILKINSON WRITES** in his farewell to his official duties, but not to his deep interest in Rotary:

“**I WAS ESPECIALLY STRUCK** by the words of Olafur Grimsson, president of Iceland, who said to me: ‘Rotary has the right answer. Your organization includes men and women on an equal basis. You have members from many countries who represent every race, color, and creed. So what the world must do is have more Rotarians.’”

**WILF WILKINSON ADDED:** “I couldn’t agree more.”

## SECRET OPENING

**VIVIAN CHAN IS A SHY** and quiet person, so you may not have heard that she and Earlene Cheung have completely remodeled the old health club at 2148 Huntington between Margie’s and Jann’s gossip shop, installed a marvelous kitchen, attractive tiling, Mandarin-red decorations, and opened Jasmine Café – well, not *officially* opened it, as the city big-shots have not yet cut the ribbon.

**FRIDAY THE 8<sup>th</sup> AT NOON** is Jasmine’s ribbon-cutting ceremony. The deadline is already past to RSVP, but we bet if you show up and look hungry that Vivian will slip you a wonton or maybe a fortune cookie as the guests enjoy a “reception with sumptuous food”. The big secret is not the opening – it is how to get fed. You must show up on time! Very important, as the vultures circle every new opening in San Marino and pick the plates clean in a hurry – those starving folk such as city council members Bob Twist, Dennis Kneier, and Dr. Matt if he’s ever in town; the mendicants from city hall such as Matt Ballantyne and John Schaeffer, who rush down to these openings; and maybe the biggest eaters, Chamber types such as Emile Bayle and Dennis Magrdichian, who cut their grocery bill by attending these San Marino ribbon cuttings. Crash the party, and enjoy Vivian’s food – really very good, “what you’d cook at home if you had the time” Vivian says – yeah, if you had the time and a skilled Chinese mother to show you how.

## ROTARY NOTECARDS

**CONSIDER SENDING** a Rotary note card to share some of Rotary’s achievements with friends and family around the world. A set of twelve photos showing NID Polio elimination days, water and reading projects, and exchange programs is available through RI’s official marketplace, [www.shop.rotary.org](http://www.shop.rotary.org). There are other goodies available at that site that might also intrigue you.

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**Lucky Lois Says:** It’s hard to make a comeback when you haven’t been anywhere.