



Your **ROTSOCPE** for **August 14, 2008**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

MEET OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR EUGENE HERNANDEZ

GENE IS A FOURTH-GENERATION CALIFORNIAN, born and raised in Burbank and a graduate of Burbank High. He studied criminal justice at San Jose State, where he earned his bachelor's, then completed a Masters in management at Cal Poly Pomona. He also graduated from the California POST Command College and from the FBI National Academy in Quantico.

GENE WAS A ROOKIE OFFICER with Fullerton police in 1972, then joined the Orange department where he rose to captain. In 1998 he became chief of police with the City of Chino, where he retired nine years later. His list of volunteer service is long – YMCA, Chamber of Commerce programs, Family Solutions for abused children, Elks, State of California PTA, Chino Boxing Club, Chino Valley Medical Center board, Boy Scouts. He became a Rotarian in 1986 with Orange North, and has held virtually all positions there, then in Chino where he was president in 2003.

HE HAS COMBINED his enjoyment of international travel with Rotary passions, participating in wheelchair distribution in Puerto Vallarta, a clean water project in Zambia, *Project Corazon* home-building-in-a-day in Cerro Azul, and as a team member in a NID – National Immunization Day against polio in Chahalka, India. He led our 2006 Group Study Exchange Team to central Europe, and serves on the GSE district selection committee. Gene received his PRLS leadership pin in 2005, Rotarian of the Year in 2002, and he and his wife Louise are Paul Harris Fellows.

GENE AND LOUISE APPROACH their 40th wedding anniversary. They live in Yorba Linda and have three children and three grandchildren.

THOSE WHO KNOW GENE praise him heartily for his warmth and spirit. You'll catch the same this Thursday, as he talks with Rotary passion of "making dreams real" through Service above Self.

TRYING TO CLARIFY THE SHARE SYSTEM

THOSE BUSY STAFF FOLK AT RI in Evanston love their acronyms and initials almost as much as our friends with the Federal government. The APF and DDF and WF of the TRF in SHARE grants to HHH or GSE does get a bit confusing. Lois knows it all perfectly, of course, and asks that you review this SHARE stuff with her:

SHARE IS TRF'S SYSTEM – "TRF" is The Rotary Foundation – of distributing program money world-wide. SHARE puts your TRF contributions into Ambassadorial Scholarships, Matching Grants, Group Study Exchanges, and so forth. At the end of each Rotary year each district's contributions to the APF – that's the Annual Programs Fund – are divided into two pots: 50% to the World Fund (WF) and 50% into the District Designated Fund (DDF). TRF uses the WF half to fund programs where any district or club worldwide can draw, regardless of its own record of contributions. The DDF half lets each district decide which TRF-approved programs it chooses to support.

THE THREE YEAR FUNDING CYCLE is unique to TRF. Our contributions are held by RI for three years after Evanston receives them. This lets TRF earn interest by investing the contributions to pay for administration and fund development costs. This also lets each district decide their programs and pick their candidates for fellowships, study exchanges, and so forth. In this way every dollar you contribute to TRF goes to work worldwide, without a penny going to administrative expenses, provided that inflation doesn't exceed the interest earned in the three year wait.

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| 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 14: District Governor's Visit



ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

PASADENA ROTARY IS THE OLDEST CLUB in what is now District 5300. Pasadena organized in 1920, sponsored by Rotary International's fifth club, Los Angeles (San Francisco Rotarians sneer that they're older, club #2 and founded in 1908, but of course Chicago is older than all, where Paul Harris formed the first service club in 1905). Alhambra came next, in 1924, and it was Alhambra that sponsored San Marino Rotary in 1939 (not 1929 as was said in the district newsletter recently).

FROM 1950 WHEN ROTARY first organized groups of clubs into districts, we've been part of eight different districts: 160, 160-C, 519, 532, 6310, 5260, 530, and finally 5300 in 1990, as R.I.'s hired staff in Evanston kept realigning clubs in different groupings. One can imagine some eager young staff workers in Illinois, looking at California-Nevada maps and thinking of their flat prairies. They drew 5300's boundaries along the Interstates, not realizing we don't group that way. Thus La Canada was cut off, though only with argument in 1990 was South Pas included in 5300 by a little jog in the western boundary. Altadena and Pico Rivera are in the two western corners, but the eastern end stretches past Las Vegas to the Utah and Arizona borders, giving district 5300 governors hundreds of miles to cross each year while putting San Fernando, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange County, and the Palm Springs areas in other districts. Strange groupings!

FOUR SAN MARINO MEN (no women – yet) have given a year to service as district governors: Ed Norwood in 1950-51, John Clay in 1966-67, Steve Garrett in 1994-95, and Lee Mothershead in 1998-99. They must be administrators, teachers, sales people, and politicians; diplomats, P.R. experts and speakers and they must like driving – and chicken lunches.

EXPANDING ROTARY

RI's NEW PRESIDENT D. K. LEE sees membership growth as a key to "making dreams real". He asks all clubs to increase membership by 10%, and all districts to create two new clubs. He is eager for younger members, both for their energy and expertise but also to train the next generation of leaders, and the next.

D. K. REMINDS US THAT "membership is the responsibility of each of us. Every one has an obligation to keep Rotary strong, active, and growing. If we hope to *Make Dreams Real* for the world's children in a meaningful and lasting way, we must ensure a new generation of Rotarians to continue our work."

TO SHARE IDEAS FOR GROWTH, Dong Kurn Lee is holding twelve presidential conferences over the next year. One will be in Phoenix, on January 9th and 10th, and Lois hopes someone from our club would be able to attend. Other membership conferences will be in Johannesburg, Buenos Aires, Baltimore, Cairo, Merida, Vienna, Leicestershire, and Sao Paolo.

THE MEETINGS WILL ALSO ADDRESS child mortality, one of Lee's top concerns. Infant deaths in the United States continue to be higher than any other developed nation, and the Phoenix gathering wants to consider how to reduce this sharply in our country.

PRESIDENT D. K. ADDS "if we are to reduce child mortality, in this Rotary year and for many years to come, we need to have Rotarians to do it. Every project we do in water, health and hunger, and literacy helps create a better world. Every project helps change the world, a little bit at a time. And every project needs caring and capable Rotarians," which is why R.I. must take in more and younger new members willing to roll up their sleeves and get active in projects, not just writing checks.

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Lively Lady Lois Says: A fool is a window washer on the 27th story who steps back to admire his work.