



Your **ROTSCOPE** for September 11, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

A NEW LIFE AS A REELECTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY

STEVE COOLEY WON ELECTION in the June Primaries for a third term as our County District Attorney, the first L.A. DA to win a third term since Burton Fitts in 1936, though Steve had criticized his predecessor Gil Garcetti in 2000 for seeking a third term (remember that hot campaign, with all the debates?). Why another term? Ask him at Rotary this week, as Cooley is coming to explain his plans. A veteran prosecutor, he is the first Republican elected DA in 70 years. A Los Angeles native, graduate of Cal State L.A. and SC Law, he told us at his last visit with our club of his pride in reorganizing the DA's office, creating an integrity division, a forensic science section, and a new Victim Impact Program. He changed the office's policy on the Three-Strike Law, and worked to be more even-handed in sentencing. At the same time, Cooley was unsuccessful in prosecuting Robert Blake for murder, and has been criticized by advocates for battered women for his handling of the Deborah Peagler case – both areas where Cooley may want to comment with us on Thursday. Come hear what our DA has to say – and bring a friend to Rotary too!

NO TALK AT BOARD MEETING

LOIS REMINDS THE BOARD of the monthly meeting scheduled for this Thursday right after lunch, and says it will only last an hour “unless you talk too much.” Well. From what we've seen over the years, the heavy talker at board meetings is the chair, of course. We hope Lois can restrain herself.

A FORMER MAYOR of our fair city, former president of that other large club in town, loved to declare that “no meeting should ever go more than an hour. Everything can be done in that time.” Unless, of course, the Mayor-President had lengthy items of his own to discuss.

BLURP

DEBBIE PRIESTER received the new 2008-2009 ENTERTAINMENT books, available for \$20 each, with all proceeds going to the Bill Steele Mini Grant Program. She has San Gabriel Valley books, and can order ones for any other area in the USA that anyone would want (including Wasallia, Alaska, if you're want to entertain Ms. Palin at a discount). You earn back the \$20 quickly in discounts at so many places nearby – a great holiday gift to a young couple or teacher, too. Debbie asked us to put a “blurb” in Rotoscope, so call her at 440-1959 and say you saw the blurb.

HAVE SOME FUN WHILE FIGHTING POLIO

A FEW FAITHFUL MEMBERS have already responded to our president's plea for volunteers to sell “opportunity drawing tickets” [NOTE TO DA COOLEY: *not* a game of chance, but of *opportunity*] for a red classic Corvette convertible during the County Fair run at Pomona Fairplex beginning Friday, September 5th, through the whole month. But more Rotarians are needed to work four-hour blocks from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. A minimum of 4 to 6 club members are needed in each group. The “opportunity drawing tickets” are \$20 each, and \$5 of that comes back to our club if we're the workers on duty. This \$5 profit can also be earmarked for PolioPlus.

WORKING THE RAFFLE SALE BOOTH – sorry, the “opportunity drawing ticket booth” – gets free entry and free parking at the county fair, well worth a few hours of chatting with fairgoers. If you've not seen the LA County Fair in recent years, it's worth your afternoon or evening. It's also worth your time to help families know more of Rotary's work in eliminating polio as well as other service projects.

INTERESTED? Of course your spouse, kids, others can join you in peddling those opportunity tickets, and also have time to visit the fairgrounds. Call Daniel Thomas at the Pomona Rotary to find hours and days open for you help:
714-337-5669

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2008

SEPTEMBER

- 11 Noon Our District Attorney, Steve Cooley
- 11 1:35 pm Board Meeting after our regular lunch
- 18 Noon They're still searching for something interesting
- 25 Noon Bringing NFL Football back to Los Angeles

OCTOBER

- 2 Noon Isaac Hung and John Schaefer
- 9 Noon Russ Osmonson and Gary Woods

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

September 11: Steve Cooley, D. A.



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

VIVIAN CHAN was so quiet about the Grand Opening of her Jasmine Café last month that we are surprised how the word spread across to City Hall. Vivian chose 8/8/08, while the 2008 Beijing Games were opening on the other side of our Earth. Food was lavish, delicious – and free – so as expected our city council was there, Dennis Kneier in front, Matt Lin with the ribbon-cutting scissors. Free food always brings the cop on the beat, and John Schaefer came to fill his plate. Same with underpaid teachers: Gary Woods got there in time for plenty of dim sum.

MATT BALLANTYNE doesn't miss any of the Grand Openings around town, thus having something to do so the council bosses think he's busy while he's finding that free food at the same time. Matt was at Vivian's with his son, sampling all the offerings. But Matt's son lost Jasmine's First Annual Barbecue Pork Bun-Eating Contest. It was Vivian's partner Earlene who brought a son to put away ten buns in an amazing three minutes. This boosted P. K. Lin's sales of Tums down at Huntington Pharmacy.

P. K. LIN made the headlines too, but with more expense and greater difficulty. Vivian gave out food. P. K. gave away \$10,000 in ladies' purses for his publicity. He didn't mean to do so, however – the store's robbers simply helped themselves. You probably read that the bad guys were found and are locked up – though the purses haven't gotten back to P. K.'s drug store as of last weekend.

MATT LIN follows orders, as any intelligent husband always does. Joy suggested Matt had given enough volunteer duty in service through the City Council, and thus Matt has announced he won't stand for reelection. Smart man.

CHEAP MAKEUPS

LOIS MATTHEWS GRIPED loudly about the high cost of living in Paris this summer, especially when she paid \$70 for a Rotary makeup lunch. Those Euro prices are pretty high even if it was 1:1 against our dollar, but with the dollar falling to tissue-paper status it's really tough to travel in the Old World.

TRY MOSCOW, THOUGH. Russian prices make Paris a great bargain. A "happy meal" at McDEULHL'C under the Russian Golden Arches is \$18.65 in rubles. And the McDEULHL'C stores all over town are filled with happy Russian kids and couples, too. (Sorry we can't find the Cyrrialic font so you can really appreciate how it looks!). Downtown is full of Ferraris and Rolls, and Lenin looks across from his tomb at the big "DIOR" sign on GUM in Red Square.

AND A ROTARY MAKEUP IN MOSCOW? At the mid-level Hotel Russkie the Moscow South club charges \$118 for a dry club sandwich and iced tea, plus the taxi fare to get there. (Note to our Secretary Haserot: For that expense, you should give three or four makeup credits!) Most of the tableful of Rotarians spoke English, but not to the American visitor, who sat staring at the puny plate. Enough did talk so the American got the word: Putin is right, Cheney wrong, and how would we feel if Russia put missiles into Cuba again?

RSVP FOR "ON THE TOWN"

PLEASE RESPOND by email or by post to your invitation to the next "Rotary on the Town", to be held at the Oak Tree Room in Arcadia on Wednesday night, October 1st. Our soc gals would like to hear from you! A check for \$35 per person (inclusive dinner) will get you a space. Send your check to Lucille Norberg, 1872 West Drive, San Marino. If you can't come, they'd appreciate knowing that to save them from having to remind you.

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Loquacious Lois Says:
If all is not lost, where is it?