



# Your **ROTOSCOPE** for September 25, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## ENTICING THE NFL BACK TO LITTLE OLD LOS ANGELES

**JOHN SEMCKEN'S MAJESTIC PEOPLE** did it before, developing a shoddy warehouse area into the \$400 million Staples Center to entice the Lakers, Kings, Clippers, Sparks, and Avengers, let alone conventions and concerts. Our Monterey Road neighbor John was a key member of the Majestic Realty team behind Staples, and now they want to have the same success out where the 57 and 60 freeways meet in the City of Industry. John, an Annapolis graduate who spent eight years as a Navy fighter pilot in the F-14 Tomcat, is using his aerospace engineering and piloting to fight for a 75,000 seat stadium, office buildings, theaters, retail shops, and restaurants surrounded by green space.

**MATT BALLANTYNE BRINGS SEMCKEN** to Rotary this Thursday to explain more about the Industry plan and to answer your questions about the project, including the key one of the possibilities for an NFL team to fill that big stadium. And if that doesn't work, Matt can always offer Semcken space in Lacy Park for his entertainment complex.

### SLIDE SHOWS OF SERVICE

**WHAT A DELIGHTFUL WAY** to show your kids and grandkids, your neighbors and colleges, what Rotary accomplishes all around the world – while feeling very proud of your own contributions to better health, water, literacy, and other Rotary projects you support through your dues and efforts! RI offers a CD with hundreds of images of Rotary people, places, and projects. The 2007 collection just went on sale for \$20 (this is the third in the series; 2005 and 2006 are also still available), and RI asks us to pitch it to you. The CDs can be ordered on line at [shop.rotary.org](http://shop.rotary.org) any old time, or during business hours by calling 847-866-4600 in Evanston.

### USED CAR SALESMEN NEEDED

**THE SHINY RED CLASSIC CORVETTE** is parked at the Pomona fairgrounds and ready for the winner of a Rotary raffle to drive home – but more sales people are needed between now and the closing of the fair September 28<sup>th</sup> to sell raffle tickets in four-hour shifts that benefit PolioPlus as well as the raffle team. What do you get out of it? Free parking, free entry to the fair, and fun in encountering all sorts of happy people while boosting Rotary's incredible project of wiping out dreaded polio throughout the world. We need more helpers. Call Dan Thomas to book: **714-337-5669**.

## SAY YES – OR NO – BY WEDNESDAY TO NEXT NIGHT ON THE TOWN!

**THE OAK TREE ROOM** needs confirmation of numbers, the food needs to be bought, the line dancers need your help in making it another great "Rotary Night on the Town" – but if your social committee hasn't heard from you, they really need your response today, now, in making their plans.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>** is coming up fast, and it's only fair to our committee to have a response from all our membership so they can commit to the restaurant. They've planned a great country dinner – and country dancing, including line dance instruction and fun (no, you don't really need to get out and dance, you're welcome to come eat and watch, but why not try it if you never have?).

**PLEASE, PLEASE, RESPOND.** By this Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, payment must be made for the places. Send your check before then to Lucille Norberg, 1872 West Drive, or drop it by Lucille's house across from the library. Cost including the dinner is \$35 per person, and Lucille promises lots of down-home food – and down-home fun. If you can't come and haven't responded, please be courteous and call Lucille at **284-5585**.

**THE OAK TREE ROOM** is at 1150 West Colorado in Arcadia, on the east side of Santa Anita racetrack. It's worth the price of attendance just to see Lois Matthews' duds and have a laugh at our duded up president!

## SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2008

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25 Noon Bringing NFL Football back to Los Angeles

### OCTOBER

1 Evening "Rotary on the Town" – to Arcadia

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 25: Raiders, Rams Back in Town?



## SAVE BIG BUCKS NOW AT 100<sup>TH</sup>

**DIDN'T INTERNATIONAL ROTARY** pack up and leave Los Angeles' convention site just a few weeks ago? Seems too soon to be thinking of the next RI convention, but several pages fell out of our fax machine this week hustling attendance at Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> annual convention, in Birmingham, England, 21-24 June (that's June 21<sup>st</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>, for those who still think like Yanks). The Birmingham planners have a good point: by booking early, you'll make the weak dollar strong enough to afford a cuppa and a banger by the time you get there in June, as there are lots of good hotel, air travel, and activity discounts available now, in the fall.

**BIRMINGHAM DOESN'T SEEM** the most electric spot to visit, but the dozen pages from the organizing committee promise real British hospitality, visits in the Lake Country, tours into Welsh villages and Scottish distilleries, ferries out to the inner and outer Hebrides, great discounts downtown London, a canal boat across Scotland, and many other events before and after the 100<sup>th</sup> convention. More serious, there is a Rotary World Peace Symposium at the convention site the weekend prior, and an Alumni Celebration for Foundation alumni on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**WHAT ALL THE FAXED SHEETS** are really pushing is that you think seriously of coming to Birmingham, and booking this fall to get major discounts. Air offers for six different airlines, hotel rooms, and pre- or post-convention travels are assembled through Member Access at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). There are hotel reservation forms and requests for home hospitality on line, and a "bring a friend" option to "allow younger Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Foundation alumni to bring along a friend" at a very low rate (even if the 'friend' may be of the opposite sex, they can share – who says RI is stuffy?)

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**JOHN SCHAEFER** is our "new" police chief. **GARY WOODS** is our "new" schools supe. So both were introduced at community meetings last week. So how long does one serve to lose the "newness"? Seems to me that Gary Isaacs was a "new" police chief until his retirement, and as for Jack Rose – he was so old he was new. **MATT BALLANTYNE** has been our "new, young" city manager for ages now, though he's so young he's still being carded. Matt will be "young" until he's really old. If our city and district governments were on the ball, they'd officially strip their officials of any "new" labels once they accumulated X-number of battle scars.

**TOM KIBLER HAS MOVED UP** – from a plain old alternate to full member on the city's design review committee. *Sucker!* - actually, I mean *congratulations!*

**WILL BORTZ NEEDS TO WATCH OUT** for Ave's well-being around the San Marino Historical Society where she volunteered as president. The *Tribune* says Ave reported to the city council that there is a "naughty problem" at the White Adobe on the high school grounds. Ave really thought it a "knotty problem," but if our local paper says naughty things are happening in town, it must be so.

## FALL'S HERE- CHRISTMAS COMING

**ONE MORE PITCH** for the "Entertainment" books being sold by Debbie Priester on our behalf – with coupons of substantial discounts at area restaurants, theaters, and other attractions that will entice you. Debbie explained it all once again last meeting: one of those deals where everyone wins! You buy the book, for our valley or Debbie can order one for practically anywhere. You get your money back by saving at your first use, then get a good return from then on. Debbie gives all the proceeds to San Marino Rotary Charities. Fine gift for newlyweds, young couples, let alone their elders. See Debbie!

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Medical maven Matthews insists that  
to dilate sure beats dyin' early.