



Your **ROTSCOPE** for October 2, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

THEIR FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FAME

A PASADENA ROTARIAN LAMENTED to me over the weekend that her club was so big they didn't have any time for Crafts Talks, the Rotary tradition she had enjoyed while belonging to a much smaller club out of state. "We just don't know each other in Pasadena, and at the Hilton's big round tables it's impossible to talk with anyone other than the Rotarian on either side of you." Ah, but San Marino's size is just right: we can still give newer members time to introduce themselves, to tell of their backgrounds, families, careers, and avocations. Two such come this Thursday:

ISAAC HUNG has a sly wit and gentle smile, so we know his fifteen minutes on our podium will be both entertaining and informative;

JOHN SCHAEFER should have no wit or smile, of course, as our Top Cop must be serious as he sends out the motors to hide in the shadows and bust speeders, but John ignores such rules as he'll show Thursday at our lectern.

SIX ON WEDNESDAY THE 1st

A REMINDER TO WEAR your shiny boots and best bib and tucker to join Lois out high-steppin' and line-dancin' – or to sit and chuckle at the antics – as the season's first Night on the Town is held at the

OAK TREE ROOM
1150 West Colorado Blvd.
between Foothill and Huntington
just east of the track
Arcadia

FUN STARTS AT SIX. SIX P.M., that is.

THANKS, GIRLS

SOMEONE WILL WIN the red Corvette four of our girls helped raffle off at the County Fair, and could be driving it home as you read this (note that Lois OK'ed the sexist diminutive's use above, as she says the group thinks they're still girls, as evidenced by their good looks). Second prize is an Alaskan tour, including visits to Gov. Palin's favorite hunting spots; third prize is a thousand dollars worth of gas, enough to fill the Corvette's tank with the high-octane stuff it drinks. A tip of our hats to the girls who gave time to stand in the September heat and sell tickets for PolioPlus.

SERVICE FOR OUR CLUB AND COMMUNITY

LEN THERRIEN beats Rotary International with a portfolio of pictures. Last week we shared news from RI, selling their CD of Rotary in Action for \$20. Len provides his own, for free: pictures of our meetings and members and play and work, with a new slide show a click away at www.sanmarinorotary.org.

DEBBIE PRIESTER continues to peddle those "Entertainment" books, offering a great saving in these tough times while kicking the proceeds back to Rotary. She'll have more at this week's meeting.

SAME DEBBIE continues to give tender loving care to TLC, the "Teen Leadership Camp" for 8th graders that gives local boys and girls help in building their skills. If you know an eighth grader at Huntington or around town (can't be related to a member), urge him or her to check out TLC. Meanwhile, thank Debbie for her efforts with our club's youth services.

LARRY GOODREAU serves our club too, even though he's pretty mean about it. Lois wanted to give warning that she's starting to fine members who show up without wearing a Rotary pin. Larry wouldn't tolerate such. He started fining last week, so Lois is slipping this warning into Rotoscope to remind you to wear your pin or Larry will getcha.

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| 1 | Evening | "Rotary on the Town" – to Arcadia |
| 2 | Noon | Isaac Hung and John Schaefer |
| 9 | Noon | Russ Osmonson and Gary Woods |
| 9 | 1:35 p.m. | Matthews' Monthly Meeting |
| 16 | Noon | Lunch, with singing by Chris Norgaard* |
| 23 | Noon | Lunch, with soft-shoe dance by Matt Ballantyne* |

** unless they've found something better by that time.*

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

October 2nd: The Isaac and John Show



KEY MEMBERS' ENDORSEMENTS

RELIGION OR POLITICS are never appropriate topics for Rotary meetings or bulletins, except of course this year as some of our more obstreperous members have spoken out with strong support for their Presidential candidates:

PAUL CROWLEY has been the most outspoken, concerned about government involving itself in business that Paul says is the business of America. Paul found an old lawn sign in his car trunk, now in front of his house: "Keep Cool with Coolidge".

WARREN WEBER feels we need a calm and steady engineer guiding the difficult economy, hence his unbending support of another term for his candidate, the Great Engineer Herbert Hoover.

LOIS MATTHEWS wants a woman in the White House, but could not decide among her favorites Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, or Harriet Beecher Stowe. As a compromise, she now favors Governor Miriam Amanda "Ma" Ferguson of Texas.

CARL MINTON is staying with his choice since 1948, the boy governor Harold Stassen for President.

GORDON WEAVER prefers an Annapolis graduate and Navy hero, Admiral George Dewey.

EMILE BAYLE likes the idea of "every man a king" and wants a man from the south, though he doesn't know whatever happened to Huey Long.

DOUG LARNER trusts no politician that can't handle a horse, and is voting for his hero Teddy Roosevelt.

DENNIS KNEIER disagrees about horses and all the other candidates of San Marinians. He remembers the man who said "if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog!" Dennis is for Harry Truman.

"FUTURE VISION"

TRYING TO SIMPLIFY access to The Rotary Foundation and to direct more resources toward projects with sustainable outcomes and high impact on their areas, Rotary International's board has adopted the "Future Vision Plan" with two new kinds of grants:

TRF DISTRICT GRANTS, so local districts have access to up to 50% of their district designated funds, and

TRF GLOBAL GRANTS, larger projects in one of six areas of focus: peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, education and literacy, and economic and community development.

CLUBS AND DISTRICTS can either create their own "global grant" projects in any of these areas or sponsor packaged global grants which TRF will develop over the next few years in partnership with a non-governmental organization that has expertise in the selected area.

IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION about either district or global grants, see:

www.rotary.org/futurevision

RESTAURANT TIP

OUR CLUB HELPED INSPIRE a new restaurant and wine bar in Old Town, so we can give Chef Yi-Fan a plug. Over four years studying at Southwestern, the handsome American/Taiwanese student was very active in Interact, serving as president in 1998-1999. During our "Operation Shadow" in April 1999, he spent the day (from 4 am) with an Arcadia restaurant owner, and chose to be a chef. He graduated from Pasadena's California School of Culinary Arts after Southwestern, then had Michelin star training in Germany and France. Now his BrenArt, 53 East Union, opened to strong reviews. Go say hi, Yi-Fan!

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Momma Matthews' BFF:
She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.