



Your **ROTSOCPE** for October 9, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

TWO MORE CHANCES TO MEET NEWER MEMBERS

WALT DINGUS DECLARED that school administrators had only two functions to keep them busy: locking doors and turning off lights. Our late member and longtime superintendent of schools had it almost right, though it's more complicated for administrators these days. They also need to know how to un-jam copiers, direct traffic, and fill out endless forms. Otherwise, the Peter Principle holds: tolerable teachers rise to be school or school system heads, with the impossible task of pleasing students, teachers, parents, trustees, and the whole community at the same time, while facing continuous struggles for funding. Walt would be proud of these two school administrators, however:

RUSS OSMONSON is dean at Southwestern, working with boys and girls living on campus from highly varied backgrounds and countries while calming teachers and parents and keeping his boss off his back, and

GARY WOODS will be the "new" superintendent of schools for our community's district for another decade or two, working to sustain the excellence of our schools while struggling to stave off the economic storms around us.

You'll enjoy getting to know each man better at Rotary this Thursday.

PIG PARKED FOR POLIO

A POLIO PIG came to our club, and you're invited to feed it dollars that will go to RI's PolioPlus campaign. But president Lois has a better idea, that we all pay our share to meet the Bill and Melinda Gates challenge and finish off the disease worldwide. RI says if each Rotarian worldwide kicks in \$50, the challenge will be met and the last round of inoculations can be given in those five areas that are still infested with a few polio cases. Look at the RI web site for the latest and best news on Rotary's campaign to wipe polio off the earth:

www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus

FREE LUNCH ON THE CLUB!

PERLS will turn you from an ordinary slob into a great leader in only three hours, and it's done in a beautiful setting with a fine meal included. "PERLS" is another of Rotary's many acronyms I can't remember word-for-word, but it involves training for leadership in our organization. Our district offers another PERLS session on Saturday morning, October 25, 9-12, at Etiwanda Gardens, just off the 210 a half-hour or so from your home. President Lois Matthews offers to pay your fee, too – talk with her if you're interested in being a PERL.

GOOD NEWS! BASKET IS FILLING!

PRESIDENT MATTHEWS' GOOD NEWS BASKET is what the doctor ordered these days of grim news: look on the sunny side, share triumphs or little pleasures from your own family and life, and make us all feel better! Thanks to those who've already shared, funds are being gathered to do Good Things with the Good News proceeds. Think up something to share this Thursday, kick in a bit to the basket, and help us all smile with you!

HELP WANTED: MORE PHOTOGRAPHERS to digitalize our meetings and activities. See our president to discuss salary, benefits, and opportunities. (No salary, of course, but the benefit of preserving our antics forever.)

JOKER IS SOMEWHERE in the deck, and after just a month there's \$500 in the pot already - \$250 for you, if you draw the right card. But you won't win – if you don't play!

BLOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 1st at City of Hope, a Saturday so it should be easy for any of us to get there and help build supplies as we head into the winter and greater need. President Lois has the details.

SO WHAT DID JIM PINK plant in the chief of police's office? Jim's an ardent fisherman. We trust it isn't a dead fish.

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| 9 | Noon | Russ Osmonson and Gary Woods |
| 9 | 1:35 p.m. | Matthews' Monthly Meeting |
| 16 | Noon | A cancer survivor tells her story |
| 23 | Noon | Meeting will be in Press Box at the Rose Bowl – special! |
| 30 | Noon | Maybe Halloween goblins and monsters? |

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

October 9th: Administrators Russ and Gary



SPECIAL DATES UPCOMING

WE MOVE AWAY FROM Community Church twice in the next few weeks, and that confuses most of us set-in-our-ways guys (the women in our club are much sharper: instead of relying on complicated Blueberries or Boysenberries or other electronics, they remember all their obligations by filing them away in their pretty heads).

START GETTING THESE CHANGES in mind now, if not on your paper or electronic calendars, and don't come to church for Rotary these weeks:

OCTOBER 23, THURSDAY, at the ROSE BOWL:

Our luncheon will be up in the press box on the west side of Granddaddy, and if you've never been up to see the Rose Bowl grass, the 100,000 (less a few taken out recently) seats, and the San Gabriels behind, you'll really enjoy the experience. Hardly a parking problem: Drive around the Bowl to the west, and you'll find thousands of spots waiting for you. But you've gotta remember the change in place for our weekly meeting!

NOVEMBER 4, TUESDAY, at THE HUNTINGTON:

Tuesday, that is, Election Day, so it should be easy enough to remember: after you vote early, come join our annual experience for elementary school kids at Jim Folsom's marvelous learning center on the west side of The Huntington's parking lot. There's a morning setup scheduled for those members who've already volunteered (you know who you are!) starting at 8:00 under Greg Custer's direction, other volunteers coming later when the kids arrive. All of us are expected for lunch at the Botanic Center as usual at noon. When it's over, by the usual 1:30, you can go vote a second time. And even a third.

WE FAILED RULE #1

LEAVE IT TO THE LADIES: four of our aggressive sales persons scored the record sales amount for the Corvette raffle at the County Fair, and our club received back a share of \$150 (that works out to much less than minimum wage for the four women who worked out in the fields and farms that day, but they said they had fun anyway).

NO CORVETTE WAS WON IN SAN MARINO, however, and we found out why: the ticket has eight rules and Rule #1 says

"INFORMATION MUST BE LEGIBLE."

Well. That *is* a complication. Seeing the handwriting around our group, it's obvious that when they drew one of our tickets for the 'Vette they couldn't decipher "Osmonson", so they drew again.

RULE #8 MUST HAVE COME from Pomona Rotary's lawyers: "Any information on this ticket will not be sold or distributed to any other agency." What the heck does that mean? The "information" is simply a picture of the Corvette, the price of the raffle, the date to be drawn with "Winner Need Not Be Present," and of course all eight rules. Not much to sell, let alone "distribute to any other agency."

PEACE PROGRAM EARNS TENURE

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL started using our dues three years ago to build peace education programs in seven world universities. Most were pilot programs, and most are gaining permanent status as Rotary peach education initiatives. Latest to be made permanent is the program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, which has drawn over 150 students from the US and 28 other nations for a two-year master's degree. The Rotary Foundation board has also decided to remove limits on the number of applications a district can submit for Rotary World Peace Fellowships.

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More of Matthews' Medical Terms:

A cyst means to give someone in need a helping hand.