



# Your **ROTSCOPE** for October 16, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## HOW WRITING CAN HELP YOU HEAL

**AUTHOR JULIE DAVEY** has published children's books and college writing guides, but when she wrote from her own experiences battling cancer she reached out to thousands in offering help in healing. Her *Writing for Wellness: A Prescription for Healing* and the class format she developed as a volunteer at City of Hope is now used in medical and wellness centers and taught at major universities. As a two-time cancer survivor, Julie has devoted the past eight years to encourage cancer patients, family members, and friends to write about their lives – the good times and the bad – in order to help them put their challenges and losses into perspective. Of the hundreds participating in her classes, more than sixty have contributed their writings to her book.

**JULIE PLANS TO** get us really involved this Thursday, not just talk to us. She will also bring a few copies of her book. All of her royalties go to City of Hope, and checks can be made to the COH Gift Shop. Surely you've a friend or neighbor touched by cancer in their families who would appreciate being your guest at Rotary this week!

### PIG TO STICK AROUND

**THE POLIO PIG WILL STAY WITH US**, eager for your loose change and bills as extra contributions to PolioPlus support as we join more than a million Rotarians worldwide in helping match the Gates Foundation grant and complete our long struggle to eliminate the polio virus from the world. Yes, we'll all be billed \$50 this year to meet our share, but the pig's at the secretary's table each week to welcome anything more you're able to give – even the coffee or donut change that you really can do without! Updates on PolioPlus are posted weekly at:  
[www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus)

### LOIS MAY NOT GET HER STICKER

**OUR MICHIGAN CHEERLEADER**, line dancer, lettering three times for tennis, basketball, and the cheers, may be facing a major challenge from a new measure approved by our Council City. Matt Ballantyne will now be measuring loud noises, forbidding any with out-of-sight decibel counts, and issuing stickers to approved noisemaking machines. We haven't read the whole code, but we presume Lois' loud whistle for attention and her obstreperous voice will need Matt's check. We don't think she'll get an approved sticker.

## WE'RE JOINING IN SUPPORT FOR TWO INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

**OUR BOARD APPROVED** funding for two projects, one new, one familiar, in places where our club can monitor the activities and make sure our cash is put to good and honest use:

**\$1000 to CORAZON**, the house-in-a-day effort of our district to help needy families just over the border into Baja California Norte – this year, not just one house, but several to be constructed by Rotary volunteers in a busy Saturday in May. Our cash doesn't get you excused from coming to help if you're able – not just physically able people are needed, but others who are willing to help with food service, child care, medical and dental exams, and just sharing love and friendship with those struggling people whose homes are being remodeled or constructed during the 2009 CORAZON project.

**\$1500 to a SCHOOL IN CHIANG MAI** that is serving the Karen people there. Chiang Mai is in the "Golden Triangle" of northern Thailand and into Laos and Burma, where the indigenous Karens live – Caucasians in the Golden Triangle for many centuries, sweet and gentle people with many in severe poverty. Lois and Phil Matthews learned of the good folk who reaching out to the Karens in a school near Chiang Mai, and know our funding will be put to the best of uses. We'll be having more information on what's being done, and what more we can do, later this year.

## OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2008

### OCTOBER

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| 16 | Noon | A cancer survivor tells her story                        |
| 23 | Noon | Meeting will be in Press Box at the Rose Bowl – special! |
| 30 | Noon | Vistage International – building better CEOs             |

### NOVEMBER

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| 4 | 8:30 a.m. | Greg Custer's Helpers meet at Jim Folsom's center        |
| 4 | Noon      | <b>TUESDAY</b> at Huntington Botanic for regular meeting |
| 6 |           | <b>NO THURSDAY MEETING</b> at Community Church           |

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

October 16<sup>th</sup>: Writing as Therapy



## PAY ATTENTION TO THESE

**FREE LUNCH AT ETIWANDA GARDENS**, a delightful meeting-place just a half hour out the 210, courtesy of Lois Matthews if you sit through PERLS – the leadership training session that our district is offering on Saturday morning, October 25, between nine and twelve. They'll make you a Rotary leader in just three hours, and throw in lunch too. See Lois to take her up on her offer.

**BLOOD BANKS ARE LOW** throughout California, and fall brings increased needs every year. Yes, you are needed to give blood if you're physically able, and yes, there are lots of places to do so, but an easy and interesting place is out at City of Hope, which will give you a tour and inspire you with their new programs in the conquest of cancer. Sign ups for their November first – a Saturday, all day, 15 minutes away – are with Lois at the meeting this week and next.

**A VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHER** joined Lois' staff last week, but you're welcome to help too, and you'll score points with Lois if you'll volunteer.

**J. D. TAUGHT** his Old Man everything about retail, according to a feature in the *Star-News*, and the senior Hornberger took over the business on retiring from banking. Thanks to J. D.'s lessons, his father kept building the company J. D. started, JDH & Co., offering promotional goodies to large and small businesses. Next time J. D. is able to cross town at noon and come to his Rotary, ask him if his dad is an earnest and successful student.

**A WORKDAY IS BEING PLANNED** at the Girl Scout house, or Hill-Harbrison House behind Huntington Middle School and Community Church – ask Warren Yetter when it will be, and come!

## CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

**FOLLOWING THE DISAPPOINTING TURNOUT** for RI's 2008 international convention in Los Angeles, our friends in Evanston and Birmingham are pushing harder to encourage you to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> gathering. They've sent you a hundred years of memories:

- 1910** First convention, in Chicago, drew a crowd of 60 Rotarians.
- 1917** In Atlanta with 900 attending, president Arch Klumph established an endowment for 'doing good in the world' – and TRF was born.
- 1921** First international convention – first outside the US, as nearly 2000 gathered in Edinburgh.
- 1947** In San Francisco, first post-war convention celebrated a new "Fellowship Program" of TRF.
- 1984** England hosts its first RI convention – in Birmingham.
- 2004** The Osaka convention breaks all attendance records, drawing more than 43,000.
- 2005** Rotary's centennial, back in Chicago, with a grand march down Michigan Avenue
- 2009** Back to Birmingham, England, for the 100<sup>th</sup> – and they'd really like you to register now at:

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## LOOK AND LAUGH

**OUR DUDES ARE ON LINE**, having a great old time in pictures by Jack Hamilton at the "Night on the Town" October 1<sup>st</sup>. They look pretty good, too – the wimmen, at least; our menfolk look just like Rotarians look, stomachs and all, in Fargo, Sioux City, or Fort Dodge. Judge for yourself – go to the club's web site, right hand side of the home page, and Jack's slide show is ready to bring you a chuckle or two. (Would you like to face a banker as tough-looking as Doug Lerner appears in these pictures?)

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Lois' tip for our visiting author today:  
A backward poet writes inverse