



# Your **ROTOSCOPE** for **TUESDAY, November 4, 2008**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## **TUESDAY 8:30 for HELPERS, NOON for ORDINARY FOLK LUNCH in the FRIEND'S ROOM at THE HUNTINGTON**

**IT'S TUESDAY, not Thursday:** Those who signed up to help greet the third graders from Pasadena Schools coming to Jim Folsom's "Mad Scientist" botany demonstration should be at The Huntington before 8:30. Park on the west side of the parking lot and walk between the library and the Botanic Center to Jim's office courtyard. The gatekeeper at the entry of the Botanic Center will help you find your way. We will be joined by "helpers" from several other local clubs, including South Pasadena, and by the 2009 Royal Court.

**AT NOON IN THE FRIEND'S HALL** (just to the east – left – at the entry pavilion): all other members from our club, plus the visiting Rotarians, join our workers for lunch. The Queen and Princesses of the 2009 Tournament of Roses will introduce themselves and all will talk about their experiences at Jim's show for the kids on their major field trip of their third year in school.

### **GARDEN HELP THIS SATURDAY**

**IT'S THE WEEK FOR** our volunteering at the Hill-Harbison House AKA Girl Scout place. Chairman Warren Yetter (289-1161) seeks more helpers to come this next Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at nine a.m. – and to bring garden tools (shovel, rake, shears, clippers) and helpers (kids, grandkids, neighbors' kids, vagrant kids) with you. Warren promises the work will be finished before noon, so there's free time for afternoon football on T.V. Should it be a rainy day – don't we wish! – the work day will be on the following Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **ELECTION DAY AT LAST**

**THE SHOUTING IS ALMOST OVER**, the flow of hundreds of millions of dollars from the campaigns to television buys is ready to stop, the years of reducing 22 major candidates down to two will reach climax today. Line up and vote before Rotary, so you'll feel virtuous! Heck, do as my father saw in Old Chicago: climb on the party's bus, vote at precinct after precinct, and collect a few dollars and a good belt of hooch at each stop – if you vote loudly and correctly. Winners will smile tomorrow. Others will eat crow.

## **WON SOME, LOSE AS MANY: OUR CLUB'S ELECTION RESULTS ARE MIXED**

**SAN MARINO ROTARY** has heard from several luncheon speakers who were candidates, and our record is mixed:

**PETE WILSON** came from his San Diego mayoral office to tell us why he should be elected Senator. He won.

**GOVERNOR WILSON** returned ten years later to tell us why he should be President. He lost.

**MIKE ANTONOVICH** comes around every few years to tell us why he should continue supervising us. He wins.

**JIM ROGAN** spoke as a Congressman fighting to stay in office in the most expensive House fight ever. He lost.

**BAXTER WARD** came as a TV newscaster pushing a train to downtown and a Supervisorial seat. He won.

**JESSE UNRUH** was scheduled to visit us while running for governor, but became ill and didn't show up. He lost.

**JOHN VAN de CAMP** was L.A. County D.A. when he spoke to us while running for state Attorney General. He won.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL VAN de CAMP** came back when he ran for the gubernatorial nomination. He lost.

**CARLOS MOORHEAD** spoke to us as he campaigned to leave the State Assembly for the U.S. Congress. He won.

**MYRLIE EVERS** came during her race for Congress from our district. She lost.

**RICHARD NIXON** met with San Marino Rotary in his own first race for Congress. He won.

**JERRY VOORHIS** visited our club two weeks after Navy-vet Nixon's appearance. He lost.

**STEVE COOLEY** spoke as he made his first run for county district attorney. He won.

**ED ESSETTER** came as the editor of the Star-News when he was running for Congress. He lost.

**LEE BACA** visited his home Rotary in his first campaign for Sheriff. He won.

**BUD COLLIER** had been our State Assemblyman for many years when he campaigned for the State Senate. He lost.

## **NOVEMBER 2008**

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4 8:30 a.m. Greg Custer's Helpers meet at Jim Folsom's center

4 Noon **TUESDAY** at The Huntington's "Friend's Room"

6 NO THURSDAY MEETING at Community Church

13 Noon Steve McNall from Pasadena Humane Society

13 1:30 p.m. Board meeting after our weekly luncheon

20 Noon James Nash on his craft with CBS

27 NO WEEKLY MEETING – it's Thanksgiving, of course

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>: at The Huntington



## THE HOLIDAYS AND ROTARY

**THANKSGIVING** always falls on our Thursday meeting day, and it's always a "dark day" for Rotary. We hope it's a warm and bright day for members and their families, gathered to mark their blessings.

**OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY** will be at San Gabriel Country Club on

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Cocktails at 6  
Dinner at 7

Invitations will be in the mail soon. You are asked to respond if you are coming – or not – to Terry Petrillo.

**NO LUNCH MEETING DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>** – the holiday party counts as our regular meeting. If you can't attend on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, you're asked to make up at another club any place, any time between November 20 and December 18.

**NO CHILDREN'S PARTY DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>** – there's not enough time to make preparations for the party previously announced to be at Southwestern. Maybe another year.

**NO MEETINGS ON DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> or JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>** either, of course, as those are Christmas and New Year's days this season.

**A FESTIVE HOME IS NEEDED** for a salute to the Old Year, welcome to the New, preferably on Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. Expenses are covered by the club; all that's needed is a happy spot for us to party. If you're willing to volunteer your home – or if you want to volunteer someone else and let them be surprised when dozens of Rotarians show up at the door – please call Terry Petrillo.

## GERALD C. WOLCOTT

**GERRY WOLCOTT** joined our club in July 1962 after being a member of the City of Commerce Rotary. He was our club's president in 1967-1968, back when we met at Woody and Eddy's with only about thirty members, then volunteered as our club treasurer for a long tenure of service, collecting dues and paying bills. On his retirement from our accounting chores, Gerry was made an honorary member of San Marino Rotary.

**GERRY WAS A MANUFACTURER'S REP** for builders' supply companies over his career, busy as Southern California grew with post-war construction. Often on the road, he and Jo enjoyed relaxation time at their home near city hall. He was proud of his garden, with tall cypress setting off the western line, and of his fresh vegetables. Both Jo and Gerry were Paul Harris Fellows.

**JO AND GERRY MOVED** to a care facility in Pasadena, where Gerry passed on in peace late last month. The family suggests any contributions be made to your favorite charity in Gerry's honor. Jo would cherish your cards, bringing her your love and friendship:

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## THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST

**MAYOR BOB TWIST** and the Recreation Department invite all San Marino to the first Thanksgiving Breakfast, to be held Wednesday morning, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at San Marino Center (our old familiar meeting spot, now graciously redecorated by Matt Ballantyne's good staff). Coffee will be served at 7:00, and breakfast at 7:30; the meeting will conclude by 9:00 a.m. An inter-denominational message – "Don't Run Alone" – forms the program. Tickets are available at Crowell Library and at the Recreation Department office in Stoneman School. Checks for \$20 per person should be made to the City.

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Lois reports that  
her butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.