



Your **ROTOSCOPE** for Thursday, November 13, 2008

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY'S CURRENT MISSION

STEVE McNALL is finding the poor economy forces more families to abandon pets, sometimes simply leaving them on his doorstep at Pasadena's Humane Society offices on South Raymond. The local Humane Society experienced the same abandonment shortly after its founding in 1903, when bad times brought more animals needing care – though 105 years ago, the Society was caring primarily for horses, especially horses mistreated in use as carriage, wagon, and dray drivers. Now it's cats, dogs, some rarer pets, even occasional wild creatures that shouldn't have been brought into homes but that need loving attention. That's fine with Steve and his staff and volunteers. They see some 10,000 animals a year – strays, abandonments, even animals mistreated through deliberate cruelty or thoughtless neglect. Pasadena's branch of the ASPCA also offers programs in humane education, especially for school children. Steve is our guest at this week's regular luncheon, back at Community Church. You may know already of his wit and caring spirit, or perhaps he will be a fresh face to you. Either way, you'll enjoy his presentation and you'll learn of the services offered our community over more than a century.

OJAI KNOWS ITS CERT

OJAI WEST ROTARY experienced firsthand what's needed when facing natural disaster. Fires threatened their Shangri La last year. Rotary was prepared to help, having worked with city and schools to form a Community Emergency Response Team – CERT – and a course with key pointers on how to survive and how to help others in the event of an earthquake or fire. Ojai West used local talent to produce *People Like You*, an hour-long DVD that distills the 18-hour CERT. They're selling copies for families and groups through their club web site: walkyourtalkproductions.com.

EASY MAKEUP – WITH FRIENDS

JUST A MILE SOUTH of town is a good place to make up any Rotary meetings you've missed. Our neighbors at San Gabriel Rotary have moved across the street, but their meetings on Wednesdays at 12:15 make a handy and friendly place for you to visit. They're meeting nowadays in the Padillo Room at the San Gabriel Playhouse – you real old guys will remember it as I do: the Mission Playhouse. It's catered by a Rotarian with a deli across the street. Only 35 members make for a casual and fun group.

ALPHABET SOUP: ROTARY'S LATEST ACRONYMS

ADLAS IS COMING November 15th. ADLAS? "Add a Lass?" "Athletic Director, Los Angeles Sports?" No, it's something about "Advanced D____ Leadership ____ [and?] ____". No one I've asked seems to know, but it's a meeting. Apparently an important meeting, for that matter. Of District leaders and/or would-be's. Different from BODTS or DLT – you know what those training sessions are, don't you? (I don't, but don't worry; BODTS and DLT doesn't come until winter, and by then maybe someone will tell us). If you're interested in ADLAS, try the district office for information. Don't ask Lois Matthews; presidents are sort of out of it, remember. All we're told is to get some of our members to sign up, whatever it is.

OUR DISTRICT IS SEEKING candidates to be district governor in 2011-2012. Again, if you're interested in a year of stimulating service from here to the Nevada/Utah border, contact the district for more information. Our PDG Lee (ah, another Rotary acronym, but since he's past importance it's sort of easy to figure) can tell you more about it.

WE DID LEARN from a member who went to the wrong place that San Gabriel Rotary has moved its meetings across the street, on Wednesdays at 12:15 in the Padillo Room of the Community Theater (the old "Mission Playhouse," if you are an old-timer locally). Lots of free parking off Broadway on the north side of the theater, less than a mile from our own meeting place. San Gabe is a nice little club – about 35 members, very friendly, and welcoming makeups. Don't know about the food, but it used to be good so I'm guessing they still eat well. Try it out!

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NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

3 6/7 p.m. Holiday Dinner at San Gabriel Country Club – RSVP!

4 **NO THURSDAY MEETING**

11 Noon Mitch on Tribune history (Chicago or San Marino?)

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November 13: Pasadena Humane friends



WHICH STAN?

CHRISTIE SHU, our next Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by San Marino, has been reassigned to study in Almaty, Kazakhstan, according to our ever-faithful scholarship chair Bill Payne. R.I. had originally assigned Christie to Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

CHRISTIE FOUND with a little research that Uzbekistan is on the U.S. Department of State's Travel Warning list, because of its long-term instability. Talking with professors, Christie found that Uzbekistan is prone to terrorist acts against American institutions and Americans, not a safe place for her to go. R.I. suggested Ukraine, but Christie pointed out that there are already many American NGOs in Ukraine, so she'd be one of many rather than in a university where few Americans study. Thus R.I. reassigned her to the Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics, and Strategic Research in Almaty, to study international relations.

WITH KAZAKHSTAN in transition from Russian to Kazakh, with an economy just starting to grow, it should be a fascinating place for Christie to study and to contribute. We're pleased she negotiated this reassignment. We're also pleased that R.I. in Evanston went along with it. Some years ago, R.I. would insist that scholars go where Rotary clubs wanted students, not where the scholars could learn in their specialties without being in danger.

OUR CLUB HAS ARGUED vigorously with R.I. in the past, when they arbitrarily assigned our scholars inappropriately. Once it was to a substandard university without graduate-level studies in the student's discipline. Another time it was to an area not of interest to our student, amid a war zone that was closed to Americans by our State Department. With Christie, she's worked out a fine arrangement.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

OUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE under Gene Dryden's stern leadership is working hard to process several fine prospects, but they'd welcome more!

YOU WILL RECOGNIZE Denise from her several visits to our luncheons, helping with the Teen Leadership Conference ("T.L.C." – the 8th grade version of RYLA, held this month at Idyllwild.)

**TO FILL THE OPEN CLASSIFICATION OF:
SPEECH PATHOLOGY**

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NO, NOT THANKSGIVING DAY

IT'S CALLED A THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST, so some of our members were confused last week that Mayor Bob Twist would gather together the community on Thanksgiving morning. No, days earlier. It is to be held on Wednesday morning, November 19th, at San Marino Center. Coffee will be served at 7:00, and breakfast at 7:30; the meeting will conclude by 9:00 a.m. The program is "Don't Run Alone". Tickets are available at Crowell Library and at the Recreation Department office in Stoneman School. Checks for \$20 per person should be made payable to the City.

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Humane Lois felt sorry for the two silk worms that had a race.
Lois says they ended up in a tie.