



Your **ROTSCOPE** for Thursday, January 15, 2009

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE MUSICAL THEATER IN OUR AREA

THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUSIC THEATRE was founded in 2005 to bring Broadway musicals back to the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse just a mile from San Marino. Several main stage productions have been produced over the past three years, including "The King and I" and "The Sound of Music," as well as many special one-night concerts and Broadway revues. Several times a year, the company hosts a Monday Night Cabaret, with dinner served on stage while performers serenade their guests. But the revived company is relatively unknown to most of us.

BOBBY HUNDLEY, the interim producing director, is bringing some of the SGVMT talent to perform for us, and Mr. Hundley will describe their adventures in getting the old boards of the Mission Playhouse back to work. Hundley was founder of the University Wits Repertory. As a director, writer, and actor, he has performed in many theatre, film, and television projects. He was trained at the London Academy, CSUN, the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, and the Conservatory of the South Coast Repertory company. He's currently writing a play for youth.

PLEASE RESPOND FOR "ROT"

"ROT" IS THE INSIDERS' TERM for "Rotary on the Town", in keeping with Rotary's love of acronyms, and another ROT is coming Wednesday, February 4th, at Beckham's Grill (77 West Walnut, Pasadena, just west of Fair Oaks).

YOUR INVITATION TO THE NEXT ROT should have reached you last week. If you've not yet done so, would you please respond, yes, or no, letting Lucille know who's coming. She promises good food, fun entertainment, and all your Rotary friends.

MINI-GRANTS ON TUESDAY 20TH

AWARDS OF THE 2009 Bill Steele Mini-Grants will be presented the honored teachers chosen from San Marino High School, Clairbourne, SS. Felicitas & Perpetua School, and Southwestern Academy at the High School Career Center on Tuesday, January 20th – after the Inauguration ceremonies have concluded. All Rotarians are welcome to come and to cheer both the teachers with unique projects and the Rotarians who have built this Mini-Grant endowment in memory of our generous friend Bill.

POLIO ELIMINATION GETS CLOSER WITH INFLUX OF FUNDS

ROTARY COMMITTED INTERNATIONALLY to eliminating the polio virus by our centennial, then fell short when religious and political struggles kept some African children from receiving vaccines while their families' migrations continued. But Rotary and our partners continue the cause, with the World Health Organization and UNICEF supporting Rotarians in the field and with the Gates Foundation pledging a matching gift.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT has announced it is contributing \$30,000,000 Canadian – about \$28 million in US dollars – toward eradicating polio in sub-Saharan Africa. This follows \$60,000,000 Canada gave in June to help end the disease in Afghanistan. Canada's minister of international cooperation just happens to be a Rotarian, and feels his nation's partnership with Rotary will help ensure the funds get well-spent. So far, Canada has contributed \$331,000,000 to the global polio eradication initiative, making it among the top five governmental donors.

A POLIO OUTBREAK IN NIGERIA this fall puts the whole sub-Saharan region at risk once again. National Immunization Days – NID's, in RI's acronym – have been organized in an emergency. Seven million children who are both under five and unprotected are the targets in Nigeria and also in Afghanistan. Because of continuing nomadic migration, Rotary has been establishing vaccination points at major border crossings between Afghanistan and Pakistan and between northern Nigeria and its neighbors. The current problems between Pakistan and India add to the problem, with more unprotected minors moving south from Afghanistan into India, which is almost polio-free.

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| 15 | Noon | Music theater reopens in San Gabriel |
| 15 | 1:35 pm | Lois' board meets at her half-way point |
| 20 | 3:30 pm | Bill Steele Mini Grant Award Ceremony at SMHS |
| 22 | Noon | Roberta Gundersen tells of her craft |
| 29 | 11:00 am | Four-Way Speech Contestants – all members welcome |
| 29 | Noon | Autism through a father's eyes
and winner of Four Way Speech Contest |

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

January 15: Music in the neighborhood



CLUB STATS

MOST OF US SPENT Christmas Eve and Day with shopping, wrapping, baking, worshipping, cooking, greeting friends and family while savoring the joys of the season. Not Chris Datwyler. Chris remained faithful to his chores, posting the last Rotoscope of 2008, sending the message you were eagerly waiting to hear that the bulletin was ready to read, tending to District and Club web pages, and displaying pictures of La Casa and Christmas House projects.

CHRIS ALSO DID SOME CALCULATING while awaiting Santa (and letting Sally do all the household chores). On Christmas Eve, he presented these calculations on our 119 members (excluding our seven honorary members):

NUMBER OF MEN **94, or 79.0%**
NUMBER OF WOMEN **25 21.0%**
AVERAGE AGE OF MEMBERS . . . **64.0**

AGE DISTRIBUTION:

UNDER 30	1	0.08%
30-39	1	0.08%
40-49	17	14.3%
50-59	26	21.8%
60-69	24	20.2%
A TAD OVER 70	40	33.6%

AVERAGE YEARS OF SERVICE (our club) 11.5
AVERAGE YEARS IN ALL ROTARY CLUBS 13.8
MAXIMUM YEARS OF SERVICE (S'Marino) 39.3
NUMBER PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS 99 **83.2%**
NUMBER OF SPOUSE PHF's 46 **38.7%**
NUMBER OF OTHER PHF's 76

NEXT, CHRIS IS GOING TO CALCULATE:
Average weight of men/women in club
Reported age of men/women in club
Actual age of men/women in club
Number of Rotarians calculating statistics
or writing Rotoscopes on Christmas Eve

STILL SEARCHING

WE'D LIKE TO GIVE AWAY MONEY – *LOTS* of money – to a student wanting to take graduate studies abroad in 2010-2011, which means students now in their junior year who are interested in an Ambassadorial scholarship worth up to \$24,000 for round-trip transport, tuition and fees, room and board, and incidentals including a month of intensive language training if needed.

WE'VE SENT 22 OFF from our club since 1979, and we'd like to be able to nominate another winner. (Children, grandchildren, or other immediate relatives of members are ineligible for the award.) Christie Shu, an SMHS graduate to finish at Colby College next June, was selected to study next year in the institute of Management, Economics, and Strategic Research in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Students pick their own course of study, and generally get their first choice of university.

HELP COME UP WITH a candidate! More information and the application forms are available at the club web site, sanmarinorotary.org. But our Chief Scholarship Salesman, Marketer, and Star-Seeker is Bill Payne, so refer any good students to him. The deadline for 2010-11 is February 28th.

QUESTIONS ON ROTARY HISTORY?

OUR BUSY LITTLE FRIENDS in Evanston's world headquarters have assembled materials from their archives of Rotary history topics, including publications dating from Paul Harris' first meetings in 1905, and serials of "The National Rotarian" from 1911, which became "The Rotarian" in 1912 when clubs were formed in Canada and England. They sent us news that some materials are available on line at the RI web site, and others by request. They invite questions and searches to be sent them by email to:

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Lois worries why you 'put your two cents in' but only get "a penny for your thoughts"...
Where's that extra penny going?