



Your **ROTSCOPE** for Thursday, February 26, 2009

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

THE GREAT SAN MARINO ROTARY ALL-CITY CHILI COOKOFF!

TO DO YOUR PART, you must get in line TWICE at lunch this Thursday: once to get a small spoonful from each of the chili-pots of contestants Tom Bristow, Jeff Groseth, Jack Hamilton, Doug Larner, Cathy Raacke, Warren Weber, and any last-minute entrants. Then you must help judges Matt Ballantyne, Lois Matthews, John Penido, John Schaefer, and Bob Twist, coordinated by Personal Chef Terry Madigan, pick the winner. Then you must get in line a second time – to fill your tummy with the chili you liked best!

TERRY MADIGAN TURNED FROM a successful corporate career to make his lifelong passion for cooking into a full-time profession. He graduated from the California School of Culinary Arts, worked at the Huntington Hotel, and opened a personal-chef service, “Just No Thyme” to provide meals to go from refrigerator to table in a few minutes. Once you’ve tried the entrants’ efforts, Terry will discuss different kinds of chilis and how to cook with each.

OUR NEW PHF IS OUR NEW CHIEF

HE’S STILL CALLED “OUR NEW POLICE CHIEF,” as was announced again last week. He’s been around over a year, but in tradition-filled San Marino, the “new chief” stays new until he’s the “former chief”. But now **JOHN SCHAEFER** can be called “our new Paul Harris Fellow,” and thank you John for your support of The Rotary Foundation in this way. But if YOU aren’t yet a PHF, you can push Schaefer off his perch and become “our new PHF” yourself! If you don’t know the matching-fund way, talk with John Harris or other members of our Foundation Committee and they’ll explain it all.

“THE FINAL INCH”

THE OSCAR PRESENTATIONS haven’t started as we write this, but pay attention when they do to see if “The Final Inch” wins the award for best documentary short. It’s highly rated, to be shown on HBO early in March, of special interest to Rotarians as the movie traces the struggle to conquer polio in the world, with pictures of suffering children in India and Africa, and of immunization days in progress. Reviews rave about the movie, with its praise for the Gates gifts and WHO, but we hear Rotary isn’t mentioned. At least *we* know who are the “million helpers bringing an end to polio”!

OUR FRIENDS ARE ALL SAFE, BUT MANY OTHERS AREN’T

WE HOSTED A GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE last May from Victoria state in Australia, the area hardest hit by the incredible brush fires that killed over 200 people and left many others homeless. We were glad to hear a report that all our visitors came through the fires without personal loss, though such is not the case for so many other families. Last week our Board decided to help out through Rotary, probably with support for “shelter boxes,” those kits to care for up to ten people with housing and cooking materials sufficient for several weeks. Many boxes were stored in Sydney, close enough to fly into Victoria for distribution, but more are needed and those used need to be replenished to be ready for the next need. Lois will describe just how we’ll help.

WE FEEL GREAT PAIN for the human losses and suffering from the Australian fires. Remember other losses too, however: more than a half-million acres of brush burned, with a conservative estimate of two mammals and a dozen other animals per acre, which means more than two million kangaroos and other mammals, and a minimum of six million cattle, koalas, sheep, deer, dogs, bear, and other critters were in the path of the flames, some to die but many others to suffer terrible burns needing attention from several animal relief agencies that have turned out to help. We’re doing well to support homeless humans with shelter boxes. But if you’ve some extra dollars to share with the animals, get on line and look at what’s being done – and what’s needed – by such groups as the Friends of the Earth, the International SPCA, the Humane Society, Ducks Incorporated, and several other animal-interest organizations. This is said to be the greatest catastrophe to face the world of animals since World War II.

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2009

FEBRUARY

26 Noon First Annual Rotary Chili Cookoff Championship

MARCH

5 Noon Super Bowl Ring-Bearer tells how to win big
12 Noon Unless they find something, Chris and Matt will scream
12 1:35 pm Board meets again after luncheon
19 Noon Foundation luncheon at The Huntington
26 Noon Ambassadorial Scholar’s experiences

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

February 26: Great Chili Cookoff



MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

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TO FILL THE OPEN CLASSIFICATION OF

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PLAY DATES FOR MAY

CIRCLE THE EVENING OF MAY 14 *right now* for a Big Social Bash being planned by Jack Hamilton and Gene Orłowsky! – it's a fund-raiser, but don't let that discourage you as the funds will go to a good cause. Lucille Norberg sets such high standards for our social bashes (many are still complimenting her for the last dinner at Beckham's on the fourth), that Jack and Gene are now inspired to do as well. It will be a fun evening, they promise, and more info will be coming next month.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE is May 28-31 at the Desert Springs/JWMarriott Resort in Palm Desert. If you book on line (district5300.org) by the end of this month, your name goes into a drawing for FOUR free stays – your registration, room, meals, everything but the "in room entertainment" (whatever you interpret that as being) will be comped. Knowing Rotarians, not too many will register before the last minute as we usually do. Therefore, your odds on being one of the four freebies are excellent, much better than your odds in the stock market this week. If you're going to the district conference – you should, to celebrate the year – why not register now and maybe it will be a free weekend!

"CHARITIES" FILING

THE ANNUAL TAX FILINGS with INS (Form 990) for San Marino Rotary Charities' last fiscal year are available for public inspection. Interested members of San Marino Rotary who may be interested parties may contact Bob Eichel at 626-351-3800 or bobeichecpa@aol.com for an appointment to inspect these filings at his office. The State of California filings with FTB (Form 199) and with the Registry of Charitable Trusts, California State Department of Justice, are also available for interested members to inspect. Please arrange in advance for an appointment during regular business hours.

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