



Your **ROTSCOPE** for Thursday, March 5, 2009

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

JUSTIN WATSON'S CHAMPIONSHIP FORMULA

BORN IN THE BRONX, running back Justin Watson played for San Diego State before joining the St. Louis Rams in 1999 for four seasons of play, including a great year when our former LA team won the Super Bowl. Over his career, Justin carried the ball 102 times to gain 428 yards, and received ten times for 46 yards. His big year was 2000, when he was credited with four TD's.

JUSTIN CAME TO SAN MARINO in 2004, establishing Studio Physique Athletic Club where Jasmine's is today. From Justin's experiences with world-renowned coaches, trainers, and athletics, he learned what it takes to motivate and inspire you to be the best you can possibly be. He realized that only through dedication, motivation, and teamwork can one achieve ultimate goals, and he talks at this week's Rotary on how you can also be a champion in your everyday life.

RSVP FOR MARCH 19

YOU'VE PAID FOR LUNCH at The Huntington on March 19, as all members are billed an extra \$10 a quarter to cover the costs of the PHF recognition luncheon. An accurate head count is very important, however, so you get to eat – and so the club doesn't lose on unused lunches. If you bring a spouse or guest, it's \$48 extra (well, that's cheaper than eating at the other Huntington's Dining Room, I'm told). You've been sent an invitation with response card to be sent Sue Marasco at the YMCA. If you've not already sent it back, would you please do so right now while you're remembering!

NO OSCAR

"THE FINAL INCH" did not win the best documentary short subject Oscar last week. We could sneer that it serves them right for not mentioning Rotary, but the omission wasn't really the filmmakers' fault. It's a testament to all health workers around the world laboring to make polio the world's second (after small pox) eradicated disease, including all Rotarians who have helped. Gates Foundation's pledge of \$255 million is being matched by Rotary efforts, with the important fact being that cases are reduced by 99%. The 37-minute film is scheduled to air on HBO April 1st.

SURE THEY WON – THEY CHEATED!

WARREN WEBER'S CHILI won our First-Ever All-San-Marino-Rotary Great City Chili Contest last week as "best-tasting," and it's no wonder he won. He was strutting around all through the tastings, wearing his gosh-awful-yellow Tabasco apron and making sure everyone knew his pot of chili was all-round-best. (Vanessa says it was all *his*.)

BARBARA BICE CHEATED on behalf of her team too. First, she had help in creating *The Working Women's Answer to Obama's Stimulus Package*. It took Barbara, plus **RUTH MAYEDA** and **ROBERTA GUNDERSON** to chop enough peppers in creating the **HOTTEST** chili of all. (This helped Jack Hamilton's sales of Beano and Pepcid, five bucks a pill to go to the Foundation.) We hope they'll share their Working Women's secret recipe (it was *not* from Hormel cans).

GREG CUSTER CREATED the contest concept, gathered entrants, arranged the trimmings and good cornbread from our caterer, found all those little cups, invited judges and the chef speaker, then formed a team of himself and himself to put it all together with his always-efficient perfection. Greg's incredible. He didn't really need the judges, though. After the tastes, members returned to take more of the chili they liked best. All Greg needed to do was to see which pans were cleaned out first. Me? I preferred **DOUG LARNER'S** meaty cowboy chili, though I didn't want to know what blend of meats he was using. Lerner said later it was the pieces of rattlesnake that gave it the special flavor, balancing the sweetness of the armadillo and skunk. He added that no horse was harmed in the making of his chili, for which we are grateful. More cheers to Greg for thinking of and carrying out a fine new Rotary tradition.

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- 3 ALL DAY - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE in our city election!
- 5 Noon Super Bowl Ring-Bearer tells how you can win big
- 12 Noon Learn of a fine local charity – and of nonprofit problems
- 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.

March 5: Super Champ



TAKE A MINUTE TO SAY THANKS

SAN MARINO VOTERS have a special opportunity to thank our outgoing City Council members as well as the six volunteers willing to help with our community's future. All we voters have to do is show up and vote this Tuesday, unless we've mailed in our absentee ballot. By showing we care, we give tribute to the three who have given 28 years to Council deliberations, and by showing we care, we also thank all six candidates for their efforts in campaigning, no matter which three win.

BETTY, MATT, AND BOB were saluted by a number of county and city officers and groups at an Old Mill reception last Thursday evening. The team of Ballantyne and Collins produced their usual well-organized show, including a daring high-wire act of giving politicians a microphone. Our assembly member, county supervisor, sheriff (his Carol much more gracious than Lee would have been), local mayors, San Marino city schools, department heads – the program was long but warmed by both the heat lamps and the affection and appreciation everyone felt for Betty Brown, Matt Lin, and Bob Twist. Their "Service Above Self" earns a toast from each citizen. And we can cheer them best by turning out to show we care in picking their three replacements Tuesday.

MANY CITIZENS DON'T REALIZE all we ask of our elected council in time and effort. Many don't realize San Marino pays *nothing*, zip, *nada*, no per diem, no expenses, not even anything to steal (except a few cookies that get passed around at early-morning study sessions). The Council has put together an absolutely superb team of city management and departmental leadership. It's a compliment to all that six more have stepped up to serve. Your job is to pick the three you think can best continue our heritage, and thus compliment all our Council, the candidates and the city staff. Vote!

DESSERT ON THE DESERT

SPELL-CHECK LETS A FEW get by, given our confusing English language. A district e-mail urges more registrations for the district conference in Palm Desert on May 28-31, the weekend after Memorial Day (which is earlier than usual this year). We presume the final banquet at the Marriott will include a good entrée, vegetables, and a fancy desert.

YOU MISSED THE FEBRUARY 28 deadline to register and be entered in their four-for-free contest, but you can still get reduced rates for registration, hotel rooms, and the golf tournament (May 28) all through March. This can be done on line at: www.district5300.org.

JOHN McCLURG RECOUNTED, and it was all there: eleven hundred ninety four dollars and fifty cents, half the pot available when John found the Joker in the deck. The other half, of course, went to help fund our "Charities" programs around town, mostly benefitting our youth. Another raffle has started, and you might win this one – but only if you take a chance. Buy a ticket or two, get lucky enough to draw the right card, and half the pot is yours.

MIDERACT IN ACTION

HUNTINGTON SCHOOL'S MIDERACT CLUB, advised by our own Denise Wadsworth, invites you and your spouse to experience their "**COIN WARS FOR POLIO**" Kickoff Campaign. District Rotarian Shirley Pozzuoli will tell the students of her own childhood experience in an iron lung. Come hear this very moving presentation – and see the student reactions – on Tuesday, March 10, 12:15 at White Auditorium (please check in at the office for a visitor's pass). The Mideractors plan to fill a Polio Pig with coins to help match Bill Gates' gift. Questions? Call Denise at **626-434-6646**.

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COME IN A SQUARE BOX?