



Your **ROTSOCPE** for Thursday, March 12, 2009

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

BIENVENIDOS! "KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER"

BIENVENIDOS! – WELCOME! – is a child and family service headquartered on 2nd Street in Los Angeles, devoted to helping treat situations that can lead to neglect or abuse of children, thus "breaking generational cycles of violence, abuse, and poverty," as their good web page (www.bienvenidos.org) puts it. Tom Bristow is impressed with their health, family, and foster care services for some 16,000 children and families out of twelve locations, including Pasadena. Tom is bringing Bienvenidos president/CEO **RICHIE GEISEL** to describe more at Thursday's meeting.

AND HOW IS OUR ECONOMIC CRISIS affecting not only Bienvenidos but most non-profit service organizations? Along with talk of this particular program, Richie Geisel (member of LA #5) will talk about the overall situation of these groups today. Some stories are bright with enterprise and coping, others are being crippled in serving their missions. The trend to the future of these smaller service groups needs our hearing and our support as best we can.

APOLOGIES TO STANDEES ...

SOME MEMBERS AND GUESTS were without seats and food last week when a surprise crowd overflowed the places that Wray Cornwell had arranged. A few enterprising souls ate standing up from the kitchen side of the room divider, and others squeezed into extra places around our tables. Good old Wray had heard of some RYLA students coming and had last-minute seats and extra food ready for them, but the friends who also came for a free Rotary lunch weren't expected. Many thanks to Wray for his dashing about to seat all he could, and apologies to those who didn't get seated.

... AND A PLEA TO HELP WRAY!

PLEASE LET WRAY KNOW in advance, preferably at least a day or two before, if you're bringing guests to Rotary – double-please-please let Wray know if you're expecting more than a few, so there can be places and so the caterer can put more water in the soup to serve everyone! Our faithful Arrangements Chair Wray does a splendid job getting luncheons ready, but he needs to know about extra guests if and when you do. All that's needed is an email to Wray. He'll advise the caterer, IF he knows extras are coming. All he needs is your email to: wraycj@sbcglobal.net. Thanks!

GET IN TRAINING NOW FOR OUR CLUB'S BIG 10K RACE!

HELP WITH OUR 10K RACE! No, you don't even need to run. It's not ten kilometers, but \$10K. That's the amount needed to be raised this Rotary year for San Marino Charities support of programs in our community, mostly for youth – our music, speech, and art contests, our leadership weekends for 8th and 11th graders, our Interact clubs, Little League, and so forth. There are BIG PLANS afoot for a 10K race in May – a gala auction on May 14th that Gene Orłowsky and Jack Hamilton are putting together (please, save that Thursday night to come for the fun!).

AS A WARMUP for our Maytime \$10K, Lois has arranged something special to auction off at this Thursday's meeting:

**TWO AHMANSON TICKETS FOR
FROST/NIXON
STARRING STACY KEACH**

**CENTER ORCHESTRA SEATS, BEST IN THE HOUSE, FOR
THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 19**

THIS WEEK'S WARMUP AUCTION PROCEEDS will go to San Marino Rotary Charities as a start on our \$10K need.

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| 12 | Noon | Learn of a fine local charity – and of nonprofit crises |
| 12 | 1:35 pm | Board March meeting will be after our luncheon |
| 19 | Noon | <i>If you've not done so, please RSVP now for:
FOUNDATION LUNCHEON at THE HUNTINGTON
Spend the afternoon visiting the gardens
and the new exhibitions as guests of The Huntington</i> |
| 26 | Noon | Ambassadorial Scholar's experiences |

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

March 12: A Helping Hand for Families



WHICH IS WHICH?

OUR DISTRICT PRESENTS TWO programs each spring, two different groups gathering for two different purposes – and of course it's confusing for us elderly old geezers to remember which is which:

THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY is primarily for incoming presidents, officers, and directors, though all Rotarians are welcome for a vigorous morning of Rotary information and planning. Emile Bayle and his incoming gang will be expected to attend, and Emile invites others to come who are interested in Foundation and PolioPlus information, membership, charity programs, Rotary rules and direction, etc.

APRIL 4TH IN VICTORVILLE is this year's Assembly. Yes, Victorville sounds a long drive for a Saturday morning, but us elderly old geezers need to remember the 210 is wide open on Saturday mornings, right to I-15 and up the hill. It's truly 45-50 minutes or so and you're at Victorville Community College. The Assembly will be over after lunch, so it's a quick time return too, before the Vegas week-enders come down Cajon Pass.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE is for EVERYONE, current officers, incoming leaders, other members, and spouses too. It's fun to come and celebrate the district clubs' accomplishments. There's golf on Thursday, discussions Friday and Saturday, a sendoff on Sunday; speech and music contests, the visiting GSE team speaking, displays of projects, and lots of good food and fellowship.

MAY 28-31 IN PALM DESERT is this year's Conference. The theme is "CARAVAN OF DREAMS" – but the dreams have become reality with Rotary service. The Marriott is holding rooms for a few more weeks, then prices go up. Register on line at www.district5300.org

WORLD PEACE SYMPOSIUM

ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU will be the keynote speaker at Rotary's World Peace Symposium, to be held in conjunction with Rotary's 100th International Convention June 18-19 in Birmingham, England. All convention-goers are invited to join the concurrent symposium, considering "Challenges to Peace-Building."

TINKER AND EMILE will be attending the convention as our official representatives, but they'd really enjoy your company. There's lots to see around Birmingham, too – the Lake Country at its most beautiful time of the year, the mysterious towers that figure in J.R.R. Tolkien's stories, the Midlands and down into Wales, or up to the Highlands by train or superb British motor roads.

JEAN-FRANCOIS RISCHARD, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to Harvard and the vice president of the World Bank for Europe, author of *HIGH NOON*, will speak and conduct a roundtable discussion for both programs.

TO LEARN MORE OR TO REGISTER for the Peace Symposium and the International Convention, get on line: www.rotary.org

SUE CAMPOY

SUE WAS NEVER a Rotarian, but she stirred a rich measure of "Service Above Self" into Julienne and into all she did in life. Left with four girls to raise, she created a catering and restaurant business that wins high praise. More importantly, she gave generously of her foods and her enthusiasms to others. Many learned of her kitchen teaching food preparation to young women in need, because Sue felt the publicity would gather more support. Few knew of her help to other good causes, and to friends, neighbors, strangers she could cheer with a casserole or baked goods. We'll miss her smile.

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LOIS THINKS THAT
A 'NODE' IS WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN ACQUAINTED
WITH SOMEONE IN THE PAST.