



# Your **ROTSOCPE** for Thursday, April 2, 2009

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## OUR CLUB'S VERY OWN YETI APPEARS BEFORE US

**"KILI", DICK CALLS THE MOUNTAIN** with impressive familiarity after reaching its 19,340 foot summit. The 2009 Durant Expedition to Africa was one of "*summiting*, not climbing, Kilimanjaro", he reports. Dick goes on to explain that he "**CLIMBED**" Mr. Rainier, as he described to us a few years ago, a technical climb with crampons, ice axes, ropes, and all that sort of stuff. "Climbing Kili was more of a long walk," Dick says. Yeah, sure. Just a "long walk," for Durant, an impossible struggle for the rest of us armchair explorers. A walk with lots of slippery ice all the way to the top of the African continent, one of the "Seven Summits," the highest peaks of each continent.

**"SUMMITING KILIMANJARO" IS DICK'S TOPIC** for Rotary this Thursday, his Tanzanian jaunt to the peak. He promises some great pictures, even if the Abominable Snowman didn't pose for him. Dick made his African trip quickly, just another long walk for him. Come share his adventures from your Rotary luncheon chair on Thursday – and bring a guest to meet our club's mountaintop explorer.

### TO BEAUTIFUL VICTORVILLE

**THIS SATURDAY, THE 4<sup>th</sup>**, all loyal and true officers and directors of San Marino Rotary (meaning anyone snookered into serving with Emile Bayle starting next July) and all other interested Rotarians (meaning those who might want to polish the old apple with our board) are expected to attend the **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY** in Victorville. No, it's not really all that bad, nor that far away: the 210 is perfectly clear on Saturday mornings, unless of course some truck tipped over or something. It's a straight shot out to the 15 and up Cajon Pass. Want to carpool? Call Emile, he'll set it up for you.

### REMEMBER THESE DATES!

- SATURDAY, APRIL 4** **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**  
*for incoming officers*
- THURSDAY, MAY 14** **SPRING FLING**  
*the club's \$10K RACE*
- MAY 28 – 31** **DISTRICT CONFERENCE**  
*for all District Rotarians*
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17** **DEMOTION PARTY**  
*at San Gabriel C. C.*

## ENOUGH! ABSOLUTELY NO MORE WORDS OF PRAISE OR THANKS!

**WE'RE ALL TIRED AND BORED** with the outpouring of thanks for the three locals who served a total of 28 years as volunteers on the San Marino City Council. It's good that **BETTY BROWN, MATT LIN, and BOB TWIST** are now has-beens, retired, quieted down, just three more of San Marino's ex-mayors, to be forgotten. All the thanks for the six who gave much time, wore out shoe leather, sipped lots of coffee, distributed brochures to get votes, those thanks were said and it's over, win or lose. Sure, it was impressive that all six were willing to give up evenings, go to early-morning study sessions, attend committees and oversee city activities, all for not a penny pay or reimbursement (except for one dinner at Tony's Pizza or a similar elegant place when they retire and it's all over).

**CHEERS HAVE FADED FOR OUR** new mayor, **EUGENE SUN**, and vice mayor, **DENNIS KNEIER**, and now they'd better get to work or those cheers become boos. And then there are the three "winners" of the election, who were congratulated for winning but are already finding that the job involves a lot of tedious paperwork, reading reports, studying expenses, preparing for the challenge of reduced funding and increased demands on the city's skimpy income. They just *think* they won: **RICHARD SUN, DICK WARD, and ALLAN YUNG** received the pluralities of votes. Neighbors and friends who packed the Council chambers to applaud their installation will come back to council meetings only if they have complaints. The five are on their own now. We won't say any more to wish them well. We hope they remember they really do have our warm appreciation and very best wishes for their volunteer service, even if we'll forget to say it from now on through their terms of office.

## APRIL 2009

<b>APRIL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>The Durant Expedition of Summiting Kilimanjaro</b>
	<b>4</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>DISTRICT ASSEMBLY</b> in Victorville for Emile's crew <i>Ride-sharing available; see Lois or Emile</i>
	<b>9</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Craft talks from two newer members</b> <i>Board meeting rescheduled to next Thursday</i>
	<b>16</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>"One Million Lights"</b>
	<b>16</b>	<b>1:35</b>	<b>Lois holds her monthly meeting of the Bored</b>
	<b>23</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Troublesome but encouraging news about R. P.</b>

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

April 2: Our Club's Abominable Snowman



## MORE ON SHELTERBOX CRISIS

**SHELTERBOXES** were described in last week's bulletin, and a member telephoned with more interest after being confused by the web page we had provided. [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org) is the English "mother" organization, the Rotary group that created the concept. They welcome donations, but such would not be tax deductible in our country. Go there for information, but not to make donations.

**VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ROTARIANS** in Lakeland, Florida, created an American support group nine years ago when "shelterboxes" started, qualified themselves with IRS and most states as a 501(c)(3) tax deductible group, and solicit help from Rotaries in the USA. That's the rub: last year, only 283 boxes were funded by Rotaries. This year, it's down to 68 funded in the past three months. The novelty and uniqueness has worn off. Tsunamis haven't reoccurred. Meanwhile, missiles into Gaza and back into Israel took all the remaining shelter boxes in the world, for distribution by Israeli and Palestinian Rotary Clubs working together to homeless families. (Hope you caught that: Israeli and Palestinians, all Rotarians, working together in the distributions.)

**TORRENTIAL RAINS IN COLOMBIA** flooded many villages on the slopes of the rain forests. Local scientists say this is the part of climate change and deforestation. Shelter boxes have been requested for distribution. None are available. Southwestern Internet raised funds for one from recent bake sales. San Marino Rotary decided to fund another. These are tough times, so getting donations for ANY good cause has become tough. Here's yet another good cause – an honest one, with immediate impact on ten to twenty people needing help after disaster took their homes and food preparation abilities. See more at the American site, where you can also donate for U.S. tax deduction: [www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org).

## ROTARY'S FIRST MAJOR PROJECT

**THE FIRST ROTARY CLUB**, famously started by Paul Harris and friends in his Chicago office, picked up a few, then a dozen, then 25 members within 1905. By 1906 there were 45 Rotarians in the world, all still in Chicago but squeezed out of Paul's rather small office and meeting in larger digs. The good gentlemen of Rotary (of course no ladies were allowed until Duarte, California, "X-ROTARY" forced the issue just thirty years ago, but that's another story) decided to take off their coats and vests, take off the detachable collars and constrictive spats of the day, and work on an actual *project*. What was most needed in The Loop where they worked? The answer was pretty clear to anyone walking around any hour of the day and watching gentlemen and some not so gentle relieving themselves in alleys, behind news stands, even on fire plugs, adding to the mess on the streets from horse droppings. Not much could be done with the horses, but Chicago #1 decided to construct an impressive marble shelter with a long floor-to-ceiling trench urinal inside, just as those *pissoirs* on the boulevards of Paris, so at least half the population could find relief as needed. The other half? *Ladies* don't belong on business streets anyway. They can stay home.

## WE'RE SKIPPED THIS YEAR

**THE GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE** team arriving in our district later this month won't be visiting San Marino as tradition calls – the district planners found this conflicted with their schedule. They will appear for us to meet at the District Conference in the dessert, as the district puts it at the web page (your choice of chocolate or vanilla).

**GREG CUSTER IS OUR POINT PERSON** with GSE teams, having gone on one to Denmark when just a kid, and recognizing their value now that he's middle aged. We're sure Greg will spearhead our club's work with GSE.

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WHY IS THERE A STUPID SONG ABOUT HIM?