



Your **ROTSOCPE** for Thursday, April 9, 2009

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

TWO MORE TO MEET THIS WEEK!

WE'RE CATCHING UP WITH INTRODUCTIONS of that gaggle of fine new members that Lois' administration has attracted to join our club (just what is the collective for new members? – a 'chatter?' – a 'giggle?' a 'swarm?')

ONCE AGAIN WE INVITE TWO MEMBERS to give a fifteen-minute craft talk, telling of their backgrounds, their careers, and their interests. Every single "Craft Talk" I've ever heard has been fascinating and rewarding as we learn more of what's behind the pleasant smiles and "Yearling" name badges of our newer members.

COME THURSDAY TO MEET:

JIM MILLER
and
KAREN PACIORECK

KNOW SO PAS' TED SHAW?

OUR NEIGHBOR CLUB IS CELEBRATING its first Community Recognition Dinner on June 13, and South Pas Rotary invites you to join them at Almansor Court in Alhambra. They're planning live and silent auctions, a celebration of the town's Mission Project that was so effectively supported by Rotary, and their first Service Above Self award. Many of us know Ted Show, their awardee, and all are welcome to come cheer him. For more information and reservations, please send an email to the club's social chair, Sara Munshin:
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ANOTHER REMINDER – OR THREE

THURSDAY, MAY 14 **SPRING FLING**
our biggest fun and fund-raiser of the year, now almost read to announce

MAY 28 – 31 **DISTRICT CONFERENCE**
to celebrate many club accomplishments

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 **DEMOTION PARTY**
bidding Lois bye bye

"THE KEY TO SUCCESS"

LITERACY IS THE SECRET to transform a life. Knowing how to read and write, those elementary-school skills which we take for granted around here, means a job, an income, a hope for the future in many other parts of the world – even a few blocks away from San Marino Community Church. Rotary is trying to do more worldwide to promote literacy, and The Rotary Foundation is sending millions of dollars to promote reading in parts of the third world where less than 30 percent of the population can read and write. Many of these are women and girls who have few or no opportunities for education, and thus cannot teach their own children to read. TRF grants are providing books, school supplies, computers, and other educational equipment to local clubs that adopt failing schools in these other countries and help the schools thrive. But we have needs right here at home, in our San Gabriel Valley.

OUR CLUB HAS PARTNERED for years in "Reading for Nine," originally through the Chandler Family's interest in boosting literacy to strengthen the future of their big-city newspaper. The Chicago Masters who bought the Times continued funding "Reading" for a few years, along with the Dodgers and other local groups, but when hardheaded business people took over the Tribune and thus the Times, funds for "Reading" were eliminated. Some San Marino Rotarians may not realize how many hundreds of books we have bought, then distributed to underprivileged third grade students in Pasadena, Rosemead, and South San Gabriel. It's one of our super projects, though sometimes too quiet. Will Bortz is in charge again this year, and he urges all of us to attend at least one of the distributions to better understand the importance of our book project. Talk with Will to see how you can help.

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4	Morning	DISTRICT ASSEMBLY in Victorville <i>Emile still willing to buy your lunch if you will come</i>
9	Noon	Craft talks
16	Noon	"One Million Lights" project head Anna Sidana
16	1:35	Lois holds her monthly meeting of the Bored
23	Noon	Troublesome but encouraging news on vision
30	Noon	Local Consul reports on Today's Germany

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

April 9th: Karen and Jim



WIND THINGS UP WITH FUN

OUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE on the desert the last weekend of May, the 28th through 31st (Memorial Day is a week earlier this year), promises to be great fun with the added pleasure of celebrating our club's successes along with the rest of our Rotary neighbors. Here are some highlights:

- GOLF TOURNAMENT on Thursday the 28th, with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m., for only \$125 per person, including the awards banquet at The Grove that evening;
- PLENARY SESSIONS to learn about projects of other clubs while telling of our own;
- SURPRISE RECOGNITIONS for presidents and clubs scattered throughout the program;
- THE KEYNOTE TALK by the RI President's representative at Saturday's lunch;
- 4-WAY SPEECH CONTEST finals at Friday night's dinner;
- DAN STOVER MUSIC CONTEST finals at Saturday night's dinner;
- Gene's MEET ME at the OASIS hospitality suite and club suites both Friday and Saturday nights;
- THE POLIO PIG PEN with information about polio and Rotary's efforts to eradicate it;
- DAYCARE for children;
- TIME TO RELAX around the resort pool or to go for spa treatment and see Emile's face peel;
- AWARDS FOR BEST hospitality suite and club Arabic garb with the "caravan" theme;
- AWARD FOR MOST CREATIVE club polio pig name;
- SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS of club presidents and club achievements at meals.

BUT WHAT'S NEEDED FOR FUN IS YOU! – hotel and conference spaces are still available – register easily on line at:

www.district5300.org

ROTARY'S ROARING '20s

ROTARIANS AS MOST CITIZENS respect and follow the laws, and Rotarians as most citizens prepared for America's "Noble Experiment" of eliminating alcohol from the country in order to eliminate alcohol abuse. Rotarians had joined all Americans in marching off to "make the world safe for democracy," to fight a "war to end all wars," to beat the Hun and save brave France. Rotarians joined all Americans in encouraging 'progressive' ideas to renew a central bank, to directly elect senators, to tax the rich to help the poor, and (maybe with a few Rotarians gulping a bit at the idea) to give the vote to *women* ("and we'll never have another war, as no woman would ever vote to send their sons off to a battlefield" as promised by one suffrage leader.) So when the 18th Amendment went into effect, prohibiting alcohol, records show most Rotarians respected the rules. Those Rotary records do show a few interesting twists, however. The Rotary Club of Blaine, Washington, decided to hold their meetings two miles north in Langley, British Columbia. The club in Calais, Maine, shifted in 1924 to meet across the Canadian border in St. Stephen. Detroit Rotary held its dinner meetings in Windsor, Ontario. Just being friends with our neighbors.

GOLF TO HELP ROTARY

WEST COVINA SUNRISE ROTARY asks us to ask you to come for their 17th annual Tarozzi Memorial Golf Day, next Monday, April 13, at the Verde Country Club. Their registration and putting contest is at 9 a.m., and a shotgun start is at 11:00. Registration includes cocktails and their dinner with awards, plus opportunities galore at their silent auction and big raffle. Lunch is by Hooters, and the dinner is a buffet at the club. Cost is \$135 per golfer, complete with all the above. Email president Phyllis McDonald with your questions or to register:

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THAT IF ELECTRICITY COMES FROM ELECTRONS,
DOES THIS MEAN MORALITY COMES FROM MORONS?