



Your **ROTOSCOPE** for
Thursday, May 21, 2009

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

DON'T COME TO COMMUNITY CHURCH THIS WEEK!

**ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ART CONTEST
 at
 CROWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

THIS THURSDAY'S MEETING starts in the library's community room at our usual 12:10 time, when we will be honoring art students from San Marino High School and Southwestern Academy with our 2009 awards.

WE MOVE ON after the award ceremonies to stroll through the **CRAIN ART GALLERY** hallway alongside the library entrance, where you can enjoy all the entries – and on out to the library's patio for a delightful lunch of sandwiches and wraps, together with beverages and dessert.

VIVIAN CHEN and her committee will present the student awards in drawing, painting, photography (digital and film) and ceramics, as chosen by her judging group of artists.

THIS WEDNESDAY, 6 p.m.: DANCING at the DOUBLETREE

A REMINDER:

"ROTARY ON THE TOWN"
 is May 20th, with a no-host bar open at six pm in the
MADERA BALLROOM
 (through the double glass doors at the right of the Doubletree's main entry)
 Doubletree Hotel – 924 West Huntington Drive - Monrovia

Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres
 Dinner of your previous choice of crisp whitefish, garlic-rubbed tri-tip, or stuffed chicken breast served with a garden salad with vinaigrette dressing, Parmesan whipped potatoes, seasonal vegetables.
 Coffee, tea, milk, dessert included.

Jackets for men, dressy casual for the ladies
 (be sure to wear your dancing shoes!)

MUSIC FROM THE 1940's to the 1980's await your dancing pleasure – whatever your fancy to try:
 waltz, rumba, salsa, jitterbug, disco, polka, hula, cha cha cha, line dancing ... your choice

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- 20 6:00 p.m. Night on the Town at the Doubletree in Monrovia
Reservations now closed – all full
- 21 Noon We meet at the San Marino Public Library – Art Contest
Lunch will be served in the Crowell Library Patio
- 21 1:35 p.m. Board meets for an hour after our library program
- 28 Noon We meet at City Hall – at the Fire Department
*Lunch will be served among the big red trucks –
 come see the newest engine, a fine machine
 that you helped our city buy!*

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SHOULD WE CONSIDER THIS?

OUR SOUTH PAS ROTARY NEIGHBORS have made disaster preparation a major project for their community, using the resources of the thirty Rotarians as well as many others outside the club. South Pas police and fire – just as our good public safety people in San Marino – know they'd be stretched out in a major disaster and will not be able to reach everyone quickly. So they're trying to *teach* everyone to be prepared.

LAST YEAR SOUTH PAS ROTARY got ready, seeing what disaster preparedness resources were available, who could help instruct all residents, and what should be taught. They prepared twelve pages, based on a Salvation Army preparedness guide. This year they're sending the guide to each of the 11,000 households in town – about three times San Marino's number of residences. To pay for it all, they started with a "Chili Cook Off" last year, then gathered contributions from the district, local businesses, the city, and their own members. The \$19,000 they got together will cover the printing, and the guides were distributed last month to every house in South Pas.

NEXT YEAR, OUR NEIGHBORS are pushing CERT training – "Community Emergency Response Teams." First they are going to try to get every Rotarian trained, then to encourage the same of their friends, and *their* friends, to see how many they can reach.

WE'VE "CERT" RIGHT HERE, and major disasters can be right here too. We've fine city people who're doing their own preparations, from city manager and police and fire chiefs on through the ranks. Maybe our own club should think of ways we can steal ideas from South Pas, even steal their guide, and help our public safety people get more of us "CERT"-ified. Just a thought for Emile and his crew next Rotary year.

WANT TO HONOR SOMEONE?

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION asks us poor old folk who write bulletins to let our members know of a meaningful way to honor or memorialize a family member or friend – maybe for a birthday, wedding, holiday gift for the one who has everything else: make a tribute gift in your person's name through TRF – provide food for a hungry child, help with water in a village without, boost PolioPlus and get rid of that once-dread disease once and for all.

TO MAKE A TRIBUTE OR MEMORIAL GIFT, simply mail your check, payable to "The Rotary Foundation," to 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693. Include a sheet with the honoree's name and address, and they'll send acknowledgement to him or her – and a tax deduction receipt to you.

EVEN EASIER, FOR ALL BUT our Luddites who aren't yet on line: make your contribution at either:

memorials@rotary.org

or at:

tributes@rotary.org

AGAIN, DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE:

--the name of the person you're honoring, and an address for Rotary to send your memorial or your tribute information (the amount of your gift is not, of course, disclosed to the honoree or family)

--your own name and address, for Rotary to send you tax deduction acknowledgement.

--your credit card number – or if you're not trusting the Net, Rotary will send you back a contribution acknowledgement number. Simply send your check with that number to the Chicago address, and they'll answer you.

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LOIS FIGURES THAT
IF YOU CAN SMILE WHEN THINGS GO WRONG,
YOU MUST HAVE SOMEONE ELSE IN MIND TO BLAME.