



Your **ROTSOCPE** for  
**Thursday, June 11 / 17, 2009**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

**OUR CLUB'S ANNUAL SALUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES**

**WE'VE BEEN GATHERING STUDENTS BOUND TO** our service academies from local schools in recent years, saluting them and the branches of the services they represent. This year our program team has a variation on the theme: a San Marino graduate of the Naval Academy, whose military service is built into his genes. Charles St. Denis Youngblood's grandfather, William Kolb, was Class of 1917 at West Point; his father Charles served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. His mother Billie is married to our Rotarian and West Pointer, Frank Knolle. Service is in the family!

**CHARLIE YOUNGBLOOD** went through San Marino schools, including debate teams and drama at SMHS, where he was the first high school student representative to the SMUSD school board. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy, Class of 1983, and returned to Annapolis last fall for his 25<sup>th</sup> class reunion, pitching their tent next to the 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion of the Class of 1958, which included Senator John McCain. Charlie's major was statistical analysis with an emphasis on engineering. He served on the carrier Ranger, earned his masters degree at Berkeley, then was a Seabee stationed in Port Hueneme, involved in making the airport ready for Air Force One for Reagan's visit to his presidential ranch. Because he'd sailed one weekend in California, the Navy assigned Charlie to the varsity sailing team at Annapolis. He also introduced windsurfing the Severn River. Today he's an engineer in Los Angeles with a design firm specializing in architecture and planning. He'll tell us – and whichever local students we can gather who are heading to a service academy – of his Annapolis experiences.

**RESPOND, COME, ENJOY, and CHEER LOIS!!**

**Wednesday evening, June 17, at San Gabriel Country Club:**

**6:00 – Hosted Reception**

**7:00 – a special dinner of Lois' very favorite selection**

*Please send your response – yes or no – ASAP to  
Terry Petrillo (2205 Montecito, if you lost your return card)*

**\$57 per person – please enclose a check to: San Marino Rotary Club**

**WE'RE LATE, LATE, LATE** – and it is indeed a Very Important Date, the demotion celebration of Lois Matthews after her fine year as our president, and incidentally welcoming Emile Bayle as our new president (no longer the president-elect, as was stated in error last week!).

**FRED SOHL IS PLANNER**, a traditional job for our immediate past president, and so far he's not shared his plans. But Terry Petrillo, Larry Goodreau, Jeff Groseth, and other volunteers have jumped in to help get things ready for a fun evening (well, as long as no one brings a cell phone, as the invitation asks). Terry's group really needs your responses right away, so there is enough food – but not too much! If you have not yet returned the card mailed to you last week, please respond 'yes' or 'no' right away.

**JUNE 2009**

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<b>11</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Our annual salute to our Military Academy classes and the Armed Forces</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Evening</b>	<b>THE DEMOTION DINNER PARTY - <u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>
<b>18</b>		<b>NO NOON MEETING – NO BULLETIN, NO MAKEUPS</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Earning Serendipity Back at Community Church</b>

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

June 11: GO NAVY! June 17: 'BYE, LOIS!



## ROTARY NEWS – AND AWARDS

**LOIS' LEADERSHIP WAS RECOGNIZED** big-time at the district conference last week. As a "large club", San Marino Rotary was judged "OUTSTANDING" for both membership growth and international projects. We received an "EXEMPLARY AWARD" in four categories: public relations, membership, Rotary Foundation contribution support, and Youth/Community activities. We did very well, including a PRESIDENT'S CITATION for our club. (Only the bulletin received no award once again, increasing the pressure to find a new writer.)

**WRAY CORNWELL** was especially honored for his superb service to our club and to Rotary. Last meeting Lois was privileged to present this fine recognition with thanks for all Wray accomplishes.

**PROJECT CORAZON** is the house-in-a-day building in Baja California that our district sponsors. This year swine flu and border narcoterrorism brought an agonizing question before Rotary leaders: risk going, or risk failing to keep our promises? It was decided to go – and it was a glorious day. Eighty two Rotarians and their family members drove to Cerro Azul, a tacky corner of Tecate, and on a beautiful Saturday in May completed an entire house for a needy family – and at the same time built a computer center that will serve 500 students at the local school. Safe, happy Rotarians are proud!

**THE WORLD'S FINANCIAL WOES** have impacted the earnings of The Rotary Foundation, forcing some programs to be cut. All PolioPlus funds are secure, as well as resources for the Future Vision project. But TRF will no longer fund Rotary Grants for University Teachers, or Volunteer Service Grants, or Cultural and Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships. Matching Grants have been reduced by about 30%, and the budget for 3-H almost eliminated.

## COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

**COME HELP OUR READING BY 9** committee is to be on Friday, June 12, at 9:00 a.m. Chair Will Bortz urges you to come for just a few minutes for two things: to show the boys and girls that others care about them, and to show yourself how much we help with this simple gesture to stimulate reading with a gift book:

June 12, 9 am, at  
**John Marshall Elementary**  
1817 Jackson, San Gabriel  
(Easy: south on Del Mar, right on Marshall, west to Jackson – school on NORTHWEST corner).

**PLEASE DRIVE DOWN FRIDAY** for just a quarter-hour before you go to work – it's important support for the students and for the club committee that works all year with this valuable project.

## REMEMBERING

**SIXTY FIVE YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**, an incredible armada ventured across the English Channel in a crusade to penetrate the Atlantic Wall and release Europe from the evil control of Nazism. The Normandy landings almost failed. Over four bloody days, it was close. One of our former members, our president in 1982-83, knows how close. He was there June 6<sup>th</sup>, at plus four hours. But he never talked about it. Few of us knew. That's the way it was with many from what we call "the greatest generation." Now we know how great.

**IT'S A GOOD WEEK TO REMEMBER**, and to say thanks. Take a moment to greet a Navy man and our friend Owen Day – "Wink", as most of us know him – housebound now, but on that beach for D-Day. Send a note to Wink at 2136 El Molino, or give him a call: 799-4675.

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**ONE OF THE MANY THINGS NO ONE TELLS YOU ABOUT AGING**  
**IS THAT IT'S SUCH A NICE CHANGE FROM BEING YOUNG**