



# Your **ROTSCOPE** for Thursday, June 25, 2009

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## “EARNING SERENDIPITY”

**GLENN LLOPIS IS A FRIEND** of Russ Osmonson’s since Little League days. Glenn’s parents were victims of Castro’s revolution, finding asylum and a new life in America.

**GLENN AND RUSS CONTINUED** as buddies through Azusa High, where Glenn was student body president and Russ was the girls’ dreamboat, as hunks were called back then. Glenn went on to UCLA and careers as a corporate officer and an entrepreneur, the “people’s leader,” Russ calls him. He “pours passion and enthusiasm into achieving the impossible,” Russ says.

**GLENN HAS A NEW BOOK OUT** called “Earning Serendipity.” He’s not a Rotarian, but his spirit and passions reflect the Rotary “Service Above Self” concept. Russ has invited his friend of over 30 years to come share some of his spirit and philosophies with us on Thursday.

**WE’RE BACK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH** for lunch this week, but dark next week, then moving in with some glamorous classic cars for lunch on July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Weiss’ “Flying A Garage” at San Gabriel and Walnut, and then back to Community Church the 16<sup>th</sup>. Confusing? That’s why you need to get your calendar programmed to follow Rotary!

## SMALL, BUT NEEDED

**OUR BOARD APPROVED** a dues increase July first in order to balance the 2009-2010 club budget. Quarterly dues have been \$100 for almost 10 years, but with increases in rent, insurance, and so forth we now have to raise them to \$115. Meals will remain the same at \$100 a quarter, and the Paul Harris luncheon stays the same at \$12 a quarter. As treasurer Dennis notes, “considered over ten years, it’s up less than 1.5% a year, and our dues are a bargain compared with neighboring clubs.”

## “THANK YOU ALL!”

**OUR “ROT-HAS-BEEN”** wrote thanks to all for her “fun evening. I was a little scared as we started, but it was just GREAT. Many thanks for the time and energy that went into the Demotion Party (blame the spaghetti choice on me). I will remember it always (the party, not the spaghetti.) I also have beautiful reminders of a wonderful, fun-packed, busy year as President of the BEST ROTARY CLUB anywhere!! Thank you again for an unbelievable year of productivity ... Lois”

## CHANGING HEADS – OR HEADLESS?

**EMILE BAYLE TOLD A STORY** that we’d just as soon forget as he assumed our presidency ending Lois’ demotion, then Emile skipped town for a month. Guess Who is back this week? As the Rotary year doesn’t really end until this month fades away, gavel-less, pin-less, lame-duck-Lois presides again, like it or not. Our demotion dinner was a week and a day earlier than usual, so Tinker and Emile could travel to the unusually-late Rotary International Convention. They spend a full week in Birmingham at the convention, those lucky Bayles, grateful it’s not two weeks. Then another week in Luxembourg City with Emile’s twin brother Andre, then across the North Pole to a week on the Kenai peninsula, then a cruise to Vancouver, and ... maybe by the end of summer our president will be around to preside. (The Alaska trip is to make the Bayles’ U.S. travels complete, as they’ve been to 49 other states, thus giving them all 50 – and giving Tinker a chance to enjoy some fresh-caught salmon and halibut that Emile will grill if he can get the charcoal lit.) So we’ve not really swapped heads yet – but it’s unclear if we’ve two heads, or are headless.

## JUNE / JULY 2009

### JUNE

25 Noon Earning Serendipity - Back at Community Church

### JULY

2 **NO MEETING – RESTING UP FOR THE GLORIOUS FOURTH**

9 Noon **MEET AT FLYING “A” GARAGE** (see second page)

16 Noon Program under negotiation

23 Noon Nam Jack with a story to tell about her father in Korea

30 Noon More negotiations – but it’ll be good

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

June 25: Russ' charismatic buddy



## ROTARY NOTES

**WE'RE DARK ON JULY 2**, because (a) that's the *real* date of our independence, and (b) we're supposed to be helping with San Marino's Glorious Fourth parade, and (c) our headless leadership is tired. But we meet the following week at a special place:

**JULY 9<sup>th</sup> LUNCH AT THE "FLYING 'A'"** – where we're invited by San Marino resident and classic car collector Aaron Weiss to see some of his treasures. Easy to find: on the east side of San Gabriel Blvd., just above Walnut. Weiss' "Flying 'A'" is at the back of the row of businesses, and he'll be allowing Rotary to browse among his 30 gorgeous cars. Make note now, and don't forget to "Get Associated" with the "Flying 'A'" that Thursday. Of course, we'll also be fed food as well as visual delights.

**MITTERRACT RAISED FOUR TIMES** more than did we! – the Huntington Middle School version of Rotary, dubbed "Mitterract," gathered \$2500 in donations toward PolioPlus – whereas our little old Polio Pig gathered \$615 so far this year from all our members. C'mon, people; clean out your change drawer, look under the sofa cushions, break your own piggy bank, chip in the change you find to help RI go over the top (as the preacher said, "I want to hear only rustling, not clinking, into the collection plate!").

**THERE WILL BE AN AUCTION** at this week's meeting (June 25<sup>th</sup>) for that marvelous quilt and the oil painting shown during the last few meetings, with all proceeds going to our San Marino Rotary Charities. Either would make a fine gift to an appreciative spouse, or parent, or yourself. Bring your checkbook to Rotary, and still-hanging-in-president Lois will be delighted to accept your high bid for either prize.

## SEEKING A GSE LEADER

**SPRINGTIME ON THE BRAZILIAN COAST** with a month of warm Rotary hospitality, and all expenses paid, tempt you at all? Our district is seeking team leaders for a Group Study Exchange to a district on the Atlantic coast in Brazil. Dates are uncertain at this point, but cover five weeks of travel, back to California in time for the 2010 district conference. All expenses are covered by the district, except for the bargains in Brazilian gemstone jewelry for you to bring home to mend fences for leaving family behind. While Rotary rules prefer a GSE team leader to speak the local language, not many here know Luzo-Brazilian Portugese, so that can be waived. It's the only chance for Rotary members to go with any Rotary exchange program, and it's an incredible way to learn about another country and its good people. You can find more information and the application on line, but the deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>:

<http://district5300.org/gse/index.html>

## WHAT'S THE "DREAM TEAM"?

**TERRY PETRILLO CALLED FOR** three of her innocent young Yearlings to come to the podium at our last lunch in community church, calling them the "Dream Team." Some puzzled mumblings ensued, increasing when each received an elegant gift basket without the rest of us knowing what was inside.

**NOW IT CAN BE REVEALED** that Yearlings Barbara Bice, Roberta Gundersen, and Ruth Mayeda were given "Dream Catchers" – plus another for their "Chief Wise Lois" – on behalf of Terry and the club for their fine work as youngsters in our club, joining quickly to enhance our meetings and enrich our programs.

**THE "DREAM TEAM"** promises to live up to the tag, and extends its deepest, heartfelt thanks to Yearling Guide Terry Petrillo.

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## LOIS STILL AROUND TO WONDER:

Why do doctors leave the room while you change?  
They're going to see you naked anyway.