



# Your **ROTSOCPE** for **Thursday, October 1, 2009**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## HOME FROM TURKEY

**A TEAM FROM OUR DISTRICT 5300** spent last May traveling and studying the culture in the most beautiful part of one of the most beautiful countries in our beautiful world. The district group study team, four young professionals from southern California and Nevada, flew to Istanbul on May 5<sup>th</sup>, then spent the month along the Turquoise Coast – spectacular Mediterranean beach areas – and into central Turkey with the early Christian mound-churches and Konya’s Dervish mosques. The female three of the GSE team and their Rotarian leader will tell us about their exchange on Thursday.

**DOUG FOWLER** of Apple Valley Rotary led the exchange. Banker Doug’s priority is community service, and he is active with High Desert organizations such as chambers of commerce, handicap services, the Red Cross, and small business development. A native of the San Diego area and graduate of SDSU, he moved to the High Desert in 1989.

**LIZ HERNANDEZ** grew up in East Los Angeles. She worked on state and federal education policy in Sacramento and Washington, representing Latinos across the U.S. Now she is a counselor at East Los Angeles City College.

**CATINA NEGRETE** traveled a lot with her Air Force family, landing in Apple Valley but determined to keep traveling when she can. She’s now manager of leadership and development at St. Mary Medical Center on the High Desert.

**OLIVIA SEGURA** is deputy redevelopment director for the city of Linwood, a graduate of UC Berkeley who has worked at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City before earning a masters in public administration

**IT’S AN IMPRESSIVE CREW** you’ll enjoy meeting, to be introduced by one of our own GSE returnees, Russ Osmonson.

### GUESS THE PENNIES!

**EMILE OFFERS DINNER** at a fancy restaurant, with a couple joining him and Tinker, all charged to Emile’s Gold Card. To win, all you have to do is figure out how many pennies are in that tall jug on display each of the next few meetings.

**CLOSEST GUESS WINS DINNER FOR TWO**, though Emile hasn’t counted them himself - yet. Emile’s noted for counting his pennies, so he’ll figure out a way and a winner. Be sure to order the most expensive items.

### WORST POSSIBLE CHOICE

**STEVE TALT IS LOUD**, obstreperous, obnoxious, annoying, and thus the perfect person to be our new Sergeant at Arms, appointed last week by our president in Emile’s continuing project of getting organized. Steve will be monitoring CNN, the New York Times, police blotters, new car registrations, and neighborhood gossip to find ways to embarrass you – and fine you. He welcomes finks to tattle on other members, too. Anything to boost our “Charities” fund, and as Bill Steele always reminded us, it’s all tax deductible (as Steve will testify when you get hauled to an IRS audit).

### “THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT!”

**NO SONG-AND-DANCE**, this “Entertainment” package, but a thick book of great deals for half-offs here, free things there, from restaurants, theaters, amusement parks, and many other attractions around the San Gabriel Valley and all Southern California (including our state’s annex, Las Vegas). “Invest” in a copy, and you’ll earn the cost back with only one or two uses. Buy another for your married-with-or-without-children kids, for a thoughtful friend, for newcomers to our area. They’ll appreciate the “Entertainment” book, and you will be boosting our San Marino Rotary Charities as all profits go there.

**DEBBIE PRIESTER** has been taking on the task of ordering and selling “Entertainment” books for several years, giving the proceeds to our “Charities” fund. She can order books for most parts of the United States and Canada, for you to buy if you’re traveling or if you have children living in other areas. Visit or call Debbie at Titan Travel by the good old bust stop at Huntington and San Marino Avenue, or catch her at the next meeting. They sell fast, so don’t wait.

## OCTOBER 2009

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1	Noon	Brazilian GSE team visits
8	Noon	Craft talks from two of our “D’s”
15	Noon	Assemblyman Mike Eng
22	Noon	Huntington Hotel history
29	Noon	The story of the Lake Avenue Community Foundation

# THE ROTOSCOPE

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

October 1: Group Study team from Brazil



## MIDERACTORS AT WORK

### DENISE WADSWORTH REPORTS:

**OUR MIDERACTORS ARE CRAZY BUSY!** Huntington Middle School Rotary Mideractors are off to a roaring start on our San Marino campus. The day before school began, returning Mideractors greeted incoming sixth gradeers, transfer students, and parents at a morning social. They passed out literature on the club's activities and pushed the first fund-raiser, \$10 for all eight monthly noontime dances with proceeds divided between local charities of the students' choosing and club expenses.

**THE SPEAKER SERIES BEGAN** with Chris Wong on "Genius and Picasso: Finding the Genius Within You." Mideractors postered classroom doors with information about the talk, then bought copies of Mr. Wong's book for placement in the campus library and Crowell Library. They're following the tradition of San Marino Rotary in donating a book of the speaker's choice to the campus library. Eighty students attended the talk, with Mideractors introducing the Pledge and the speaker.

**NOW OUR STUDENTS** are practicing leadership in other areas. Rachel's Challenge, an all-school assembly co-sponsored by San Marino Schools and Partnership for Awareness was held lat Monday, then the first noontime dance was the next day. Eighth grade art students created posters for the dance, with the theme of Woodstock. How charming it was when one of my Mideractors asked, "Woodstock? You mean the little yellow bird who is Snoopy's friend from Charlie Brown?" "Nope," I replied. "The other Woodstock." What teachable moments there are in middle school!

## PAUL'S AT HOME - ALMOST

**PAUL CROWLEY ENJOYED** a couple of weeks at The Huntington Spa and Resort (no, not the Langham or the Gardens, but that Las Vegas-casino-styled Huntington resort over on Congress and California). Then he vacationed in the gardens at Monte Vista Grove for another week, enjoying outdoor barbecues and patio lunches with Marie. Now he's around the corner at home in The Oaks, the garden apartment where he and Marie moved earlier this year, but he's not quite home yet. He found a quaint old farmhouse nearby, in walking distance for Marie to visit, to keep building his wit back from half to full. It's called "The Retreat," but only important folk can enter.

**PAUL REALLY APPRECIATED** a card that many members signed last Thursday. If you missed being on that list, or if you have time to say "hi, Paul" again, he'd really like it. Send it to Marie at The Oaks, 2954 East Del Mar, Pasadena 91107. She is one of those important people who gets into The Retreat, and she'll be delighted to deliver your greetings to Paul. And don't forget to send best wishes to her, too!

## BEN OUR NEWEST MEMBER

**BENJAMIN MASOYAN – BEN** – was inducted Thursday as our youngest Rotarian, at least in terms of membership. You will remember that Ben is Carl Minton's friend, heading a company in Pasadena providing non-emergency medical transportation. Ben and Mary Masoyan live in Pasadena at 3131 East Green Street.

**BRET STUMM** has dropped membership in our club, as it has proved too difficult for him to attend our meetings.

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## EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

There are two theories to arguing with women.  
Neither of them works.