



Your **ROTSOSCOPE** for **Thursday, October 8, 2009**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

DENISE AND DIANE

"CRAFT TALKS" GO BACK to the beginnings of Rotary, with each club's members expected to introduce their business and themselves shortly after joining. Many clubs no longer have time for this – they've too many members, such as in Pasadena, or too few. Everyone already knows everybody in Moapa Valley or Caliente. San Marino Rotary is happy to continue the tradition, though we sometimes get behind as new members arrive and age for years before their "Craft Talk" time – and though some members think it's a program that lets them scoot out, thereby missing a glorious opportunity to get to know a couple of people you've just smiled at in passing. This week: "the best programs of the year".

DIANE CHAPMAN manages the Citizens' Business Bank branch in the Chelsea district, though she's been around banking in a successful career. She has more to tell of her upbringing, education, and family, parts that make Crafts Talks special.

DENISE WADSWORTH teaches at Huntington, with a group of bubbly-active boys and girls in those difficult adolescent years. She too has a life outside of business to outline for us. Stick around, and enjoy meeting these friends.

THE HMS MIDERACT SAILS ALONG

THE OCTOBER 1ST district newsletter was posted right on time last Thursday morning, something that hasn't happened regularly since Lee Mothershead was the first district governor to turn from print to Internet for his bulletin. There's a column by our current DG, a good article from Altadena Rotary, and a very long, interesting, well-written piece you've gotta read, all about Her Majesty's Ship Mideract, I think it's called (or maybe "HMS" stands for something else, but it always looks like a Brit ship to me). See www.district5300.org.

READ IT. And notice the byline: Denise Wadsworth, which explains why it's well written. Denise is rightly proud of her middle school kids and what they're doing (and learning for their lifetimes) in community service. Middle schoolers are lots of fun, too – oh-so-wise to the world, or so they think, but maybe not quite there yet.

COUNTING PENNIES

JOHN SCHAEFER VOLUNTEERED to count and roll every one of those pennies in the tall jar donated by Lucille Norberg, and president Emile volunteered to take the best-guesser and spouse out to the best pizza Tony can offer, or maybe even something better. All you need to do is submit your guess by the October 15th meeting, when the closest penny estimate wins (enter as often as you wish, too – Emile set no limits). Good luck!

WHY OUR POLICE CHIEF has the time to stack and count pennies puzzled us, until the Tribune reminded us there's never any crime in San Marino, except those thieves with the water company holding us up for higher rates. Maybe John found the coin-counter left behind in the old Kaiser's House on Old Mill Road, half in San Marino and half in Pasadena, open for slots and other sports back in Prohibition days. Nice of the SMPD to spend time certifying the count, however.

OUGHTS ALMOST GONE; WORRY NOW ABOUT WHAT'S NEXT

"THE TWENTY SIXTEEN OLYMPICS" go to Rio, CNN reported breathlessly last Friday morning. NBC cut into its regular blather to say **"THE TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN OLYMPICS"** were awarded. And to be different (no big surprise), Fox said **"THE OLYMPIC GAMES FOR TWO OH SIXTEEN"**. So what's it to be? We've almost finished the eight ought years pretty well settled into calling them "Two thousand six," "Two thousand nine," though a few still stumble along at "Two oh oh nine". No one seems to be saying "Twenty oh nine", though a hundred years ago that was the form: "Nineteen oh nine," "Nineteen oh six", until "Nineteen Ten". Rotary is just as confused (Again, no big surprise.) Our speaker last week said he'd be district governor in *"Twenty twelve,"* and less than a minute later said "my team has surprises for my district in *Two oh twelve*" (the whole issue of *"my team, my district"* is another annoyance to be taken up later). So when you next awake at two a.m., you can start worrying about the years instead of the economy or the wars or the terrorists – should you say "Twenty TEN" is coming up, as we're now hearing regularly? Or is it "Two thousand ten?" Or are you one of those foolish folk who believe what they hear on Fox and will call it "Two oh ten"??

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| 8 | Noon | Craft talks from two of our "D's" |
| 15 | Noon | Assemblyman Mike Eng |
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For the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, U.S.A.

October 8: Craft talks



NO TIME FOR COMPLACENCY

POLIO'S GONE FROM OUR LIVES, our nation, our hemisphere! Rotary didn't quite meet its goal to eliminate polio from the whole world by Rotary's centennial, but we came close. *Isn't that good enough?*

NO! "POLIO IS JUST A PLANE RIDE AWAY", Lee Mothershead has been reminding us. A few cases flew into northern Minnesota last year. They were quickly controlled, but that's evidence how the virus can spread again. Quickly. Most under 40 in our country aren't even protected. Those of us a bit over 40 who did receive the Salk or Sabin treatment in our youth may not be protected any more either. No one knows the protection time from those last-century doses. For your sake, your family's sake, let alone the sake of those in India and Africa who continue to suffer, the job must be completed. The polio virus must be eliminated from the Earth. It's close to gone. It needs money to do the job. But complacency lets it spread.

LEE ANNOUNCED PLANS last meeting to gather some Rotarian teams to walk blocks in town, asking merchant support, and other teams to reach organizations and neighborhoods for their nickels and dimes too – or as the preacher said, "don't wanta hear any sounds of coins, just the rustling of bills, hear?"

THANKS IF YOU SIGNED UP with Lee already. But most of us haven't. Volunteer this week; talk with Lee at Thursday's meeting. Or call him: 405-9162. Or email: lmothers@pacbell.net. He doesn't want any member to take on a heavy burden. But if *everyone* will help, we'll meet and exceed our club's goal in this international effort to match the Gates gift and finish the job we Rotarians started to eliminate the polio virus completely.

SECOND QUARTER ALREADY HERE

DENNIS KNEIER REMINDS US that Emile Bayle's term of office is one quarter gone, that Emile is starting to organize himself, but that treasurer Dennis has already sent statements for our quarterly dues (to the club, covering meals and other expenses) and fines (to our "Charities", a separate non-profit providing our donations to community activities). For that matter, over sixty of us have automatic billing of the quarterly payments painlessly done already (painless until your credit card statement arrives, that is, but think of all the miles you've "earned" by charging Rotary to Visa or whatever). If you didn't see your statement, or if you have any questions or problems, please, talk with Dennis. He has little else to do, now that his neighborhood coyotes are well watered from his home-built fountain.

WAIT! I JUST HAD A BETTER IDEA! Send your questions, problems, ideas, issues over Afghanistan, health care reform, TARP repayments, Swine Flu, whatever, to our club president! Of course! Bother HER! Simply go to the club's web page. At top and again at bottom left, touch the button to write our club president, **LOIS MATTHEWS!**

TALT GOT TOOK!

EUGENE DRYDEN PAID a measly fifty bucks for his picture, in color, in the largest-circulation newspaper that's left west of the Hudson. Why, fifty dollars has been the going rate for a picture in our local weekly – though come to think of it, the Tribune's far more prestigious than the Times. Just ask Clif, if you are visiting Beverly Hills and spot him around town. But the deeper problem is what to do with Gary Woods' adobe. With a bit of paint and bathroom renovation, maybe it could be a new district office? Or Jann's branch barber shop, with his horse stabled out back? Do you have any better ideas?

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EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

If you tell the truth,
you don't have to remember anything.