



Your **ROTSOCPE** for
Thursday, November 5, 2009

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

FLYING THE FLYING DOCTORS

TIM MURPHY SHOULD BE familiar to you already, as he's been one of the key professionals serving us as a San Marino Paramedic and Firefighter. Tim's proud of combining his medical services with his love of aviation, flying physicians and other health care professionals to bring treatment to the impoverished and remote people of Sinaloa, Mexico. On short weekends, they fly down to hidden corners of Sinaloa, including the spectacular but rugged-for-flying Copper Canyon.

LIGA INTERNATIONAL is Tim's group, working with the Flying Doctors of Mercy. Liga was founded in the 1930s by a physician from Loma Linda who discovered the woeful lack of care available to the beautiful people he encountered while vacationing with his family in Copper Canyon. Using private aircraft such as Tim's plane, Liga provides monthly clinics to perform surgeries, examinations, administer medication, and dispense medical advice to what Tim calls "wonderful people who simply have less than ourselves." Many of the Liga doctors are from the San Gabriel Valley, practicing at Huntington and Arcadia Methodist. Tim shares their story with us this Thursday.

MAYOR EUGENE'S THANKSGIVING

EUGENE SUN IS HOSTING the annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Breakfast on Wednesday, November 18, from 7:00 through 9:00 a.m. at San Marino Center.

SOME SEATS ARE still available, and Gene encourages all his Rotarian family to join this time of pausing in our busy lives to remember and count our blessings.

MARTHA WILLIAMSON ANDERSEN of "Touched by an Angel" is the guest speaker. The breakfast and presentation costs \$20 per person, or \$140 for a table of eight.

FOR MORE INFORMATION and reservations to Gene's special holiday event, please call the San Marino Recreation Department on weekdays at 626-403-2209.

PLANTS AND PRINCESSES

THE ROSE PRINCESSES charm the little ones from Longfellow Elementary – watch the kids' faces; they grin as if the girls are true royalty – but it's the Mad Scientist and his Rotarian helpers that give them educational memories on their main field trip of their third grade year. Greg Custer harnesses the Mad One, Jim Folsom, into demonstrations of botanics through our club's interactions. The kids build their own rose floats, but in the process "accidentally" learn about plants. It's worked wonderfully the past few years, with your good and faithful help.

ROTARY WORKERS ARE SCHEDULED Thursday, November 19th, from 8:15 to noon. Students will be there at 8:45, and the court arrives at 10:45; court and Rotarians go at noon to San Marino Community Church for lunch and a talk from the princesses. If you are one of the helpers, you have your duty schedule, or call Greg at 626-203-3475.

OUR SERVICE PARTNERS FOR THE LAST FIFTY YEARS

THE SAN MARINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE founding board reads as a membership list of good Rotarians: Larry Shepard and Elder Morgan, who built and sold homes in town after World War II; Dave Fiscus, manager of the then-local water company and longtime Rotary Club secretary; Frank Dessel and Larry Beale, druggists with Huntington, San Marino, and Dow pharmacies (there were seven drug stores in San Marino then); men's store owner Bill Wynn, Marino Mission House restaurant owner Bill Moore, and Mayor Harry Hitchcock. All were eager to boost businesses and professional offices in town while serving residents. All were strong Rotarians, too. An unusual feature of the San Marino Chamber from its founding was the list of residential members, helping sponsor the 4th of July Parade and the Little Christmas House conversion of the prosaic bus stop shelter. All those founders, and all but one of the original business members, are gone. Now it's the current generation to continue with Chamber and Rotary service, but our Chamber pauses to celebrate its golden anniversary with a gala dinner at San Marino Center on Friday evening, November 6th. Please consider going if you haven't already a ticket, and call the Chamber office for space. They've been our partners all through these years.

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5	Noon	Flying Doctors of Mercy
12	Noon	Craft Talks
19	Morning	"Plants and Princesses" for Longfellow Elementary kids
19	Noon	The 2010 Rose Court – at <u>Community Church</u> as usual
26	NO MEETING, as it's Thanksgiving Day	

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

November 5: Flying those doctors



KEEPING EVANSTON HAPPY

THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of tens of thousands of Rotary members is in Montreal on June 20-23, and after losing money last year in Birmingham, the Host Organization and the International offices are eager to draw more guests in 2010 to share "Montreal's joie de vivre and cosmopolitan chic" while learning of all Rotary is doing worldwide.

I'M BEING SENT daily e-mails and weekly post mailings, with a request that I send back how Emile and his board are encouraging all our members to fly back to Quebec next June. So read this, and I'll tell them you've been told how you can "stroll café-lined streets, shop pretty boutiques, indulge in world-class cuisine while you relax in the Old World charm of a thoroughly modern North American city." (To see a snapshot, go to tourism-montreal.org.)

WHY GO? RI REMINDS YOU THERE'S A LOT OF:

LOCAL COLOR, from Mounties to greet you, charming French to criticize your accent, and a Circus School you can't find back home;

A HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP, where you can learn about successful and innovative projects that San Marino Rotary can replicate; and

CULTURAL EXCURSIONS and host hospitality events to help every Rotary member enjoy a stay in Montreal. See more at www.rotary2010.com.

THERE. RI WILL BE TOLD that you've read this far, and will consider visiting the Montreal Convention. (you have and you will, haven't you?)

HELP FATTEN THE PIG

CANS ARE AROUND at merchants in the Mission and Chelsea districts and all along the Drive. Interactors at Southwestern Academy and the Mideract kids at Huntington are doing their part, and we hope San Marino High students will get going also. Teams of our members are checking the cans and asking neighbors for help, while shaking down our own luncheon folk every week. We've got thousands of dollars to collect in order to meet our club's pledge of support in matching the Gates Foundation gift, but we're remarkably unified in getting the community to join us in whipping polio now.

ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART? Steve Talt is pushing his \$5 per Benny's touchdown scam – I mean support program – and he welcomes more Rotarians to join the weekly count of Titan points. Larry Goodreau is making sure the collection cans are distributed and their proceeds collected before any cash goes astray. How can you help? Either Steve or Larry, or our tired old district governor Lee Mothershead, will be delighted to have you ask. It's a great cause, ending polio.

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY!

DEMOCRACY GETS EXPENSIVE when four people volunteer to serve on three seats, and we're sorry to see our splendid school district forced to spend tens of thousands of dollars on a special election. But that's what we face Tuesday, with polls open in the San Marino district from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. It's already too late to apply for an absentee ballot, but there shouldn't be long lines of voters so it won't take long to do your duty: VOTE! Salute our two incumbents, our former board members, our school officials, by showing up sometime Tuesday and casting your ballot for the three best folk to serve.

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EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

Ah yes, being young is beautiful –
but I'm finding being old is comfortable.