



Your **ROTSOCPE** for
Thursday, November 12, 2009
 for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

MEETING MORE NEW MEMBERS

TIME TO MEET two more of our newer members this week, continuing our club's tradition of "Crafts Talks". These go back to Paul Harris' first meetings in Chicago, but many clubs no longer have time to allow newcomers to have a few minutes to introduce themselves, tell of their backgrounds, and boast a bit of their families. We've kept the tradition alive, and we hope you will come hear this week from:

**ELLEN LEE
 and
 RICHARD SUN**

EASY WAY FOR YOU TO GIVE

HERE'S A SIMPLE BUT FINE PROJECT allowing you to help honor America's service men and women at the holidays: the Huntington Mideract Club is joining with the East Pasadena American Legion to prepare holiday cards and distribute these in Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, and at some 330 overseas basis where your armed forces are stationed. The card-writing campaign begins now, with Veterans' Day, and ends on December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day.

YOUR JOB: GET OUT LAST YEAR'S UNUSED CARDS and bring them to Rotary this Thursday or next. Denise Wadsworth will have a box to collect them. As you unpack your decorations, set aside the old cards. Tear off those beautiful covers and bring them to Rotary too, so the kids can cut-and-paste them into fresh greetings for our defenders of freedom around the world.

FOR YOUR HOLIDAY CALENDAR

THE CLUB WILL NOT have a dinner in December nor a gathering between Christmas and New Years' because of the way the calendar falls this year. Please mark your calendar.

WE DO HAVE LUNCHEON MEETINGS at Community Church as usual on the first three Thursdays in December. Three programs on fascinating subjects are being planned, so be sure to come those Thursdays.

WE WON'T MEET on Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve – nor on Thursday, December 31st – the end of the year.

OUR FIRST FOR 2010 WILL BE JANUARY 7th, after USC has played in either the regular old Rose Bowl or the BCS – or come to think of it, SC won't be there, will they? Who said Obama wouldn't bring us CHANGE! Yes we can – have a Rose Bowl without the Sons of Troy.

THIRTEEN T.D.'s at \$5 EACH SO FAR – TWO MORE GAMES TO GO

BENNY KEEPS SCORING TOUCHDOWNS for the Titans, and cash keeps coming toward our PolioPlus goal. It's piling up like falling leaves, for the great cause of meeting the Gates challenge in Rotary's campaign to end polio.

STEVE TALT TOOK PICTURES of those who raised their hand back when the Benny T.D. Campaign started. Each member with arms up on Steve's shots needs to kick in \$65 – so far. But two more games remain, so wait for your grand total later in the month. But don't forget – Steve has the photo evidence – and PolioPlus deserves your support!

MITCH MENTIONED THE CAMPAIGN in the Tribune, and dozens of his faithful readers/Titan supporters have joined the cause, pledging their own \$5 per touchdown. Great fun, good cause, fine young player doing the work of scoring – what more could you want as an encouragement to help "feed the Polio Pig".

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2009

NOVEMBER

- 12 Noon Craft Talks
- 19 Morning "Plants and Princesses" for Longfellow Elementary kids
- 19 Noon The 2010 Rose Court – at Community Church as usual
- 26 NO MEETING, as it's Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

- 3 Noon "Wounded Warriors"
- 10 Noon Under Construction – to be announced

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

November 12: Ellen and Richard



KAZAKH LIFE FOR CHRISTIE

OUR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR Christie Shu is keeping up a fascinating blog. Take a look, if you've not yet done so. She says she's "having quite the experience here in Kazakhstan. I'm keeping crazy wonderfully busy, meeting fascinating people, gaining a clear view of Kazakh life and culture, and supplementing it all by focusing on Central Asian themes in all my classes."

CHRISTIE THANKS ROTARY in every letter and blog: "I am so grateful for the opportunity you have given me to come to this unknown place, represent the U.S., and learn about a very important region for the world." She is a fine example of the worth of your "every member, every year" contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

SAY 'HI' TO VIVIAN CHAN, if you see and recognize her. She's slimmed down to a willowy girlish figure, with a fine Chinese diet she'd be delighted to tell you about and share. Only problem is that her marvelously rich shrimp and walnut entrée isn't approved diet food.

CHRIS DATWYLER "GUESSED" almost exactly in figuring how many pennies Lucille Norberg had in that jar. We put "guessed" in quotes, as rumor has it Chris didn't play fair. Not that John Schaefer's count was funny – he's an honest cop – but that Chris did some fancy engineering calculation of the jar's LxWxH volume x number of pennies in a square whatever x whatever square in the jar minus volume of air around the pennies. Engineers can be disgustingly calculating people.

SAN MARINO'S CHINESE CLUB treated themselves and many guests, including Rotarian friends, to another superb Mid-Autumn Festival helping fund our schools. If you didn't go, don't forget to join in next fall!

BIG BIRD HUNT ON OAK GROVE

LEE MOTHERSHEAD SAYS he wasn't the anonymous hunter mentioned in the Tribune as having shot a bird up on Oak Grove. We know the lifestyle On the Hill of Super Marino is different than down on the flatlands of Lombardy or Lorain, but we didn't know Lee and his neighbors were out for game birds.

PLENTY OF BIRDS THERE, however. A pride of peacocks moved into a home on Rosalyn, and the cocks and hens take over the early-morning streets. They make good eating, we're told, slow-baked with stuffing.

SO WE'RE SUSPICIOUS. If it wasn't Lee bagging a bird or two, who did it? Haven't seen much of Matthew Lin recently. Could he be the bird-bagger? Or come to think of it, haven't seen much of Zehra or George Sun either. We understand that peacocks roast nicely and are an impressive if greasy dinner entrée to serve at least a dozen guests. Are our Oak Grove members all out patrolling along that elegant street, hunting the fat birds for their holiday tables?

WE CAN'T GET RID OF HER

LOIS MATTHEWS WAS BACK at the lectern last week, as our rightful president was on a business trip to the wine country of Paso Robles (Business? Now? At the most beautiful time of the year on the central coast as the grape and walnut harvest is happening? Oh, come on now, Emile!).

LOIS IS LOSING HER TOUCH – not one whistle, scream, or plead from her. She actually behaved herself, even with getting in a few pitches for Rotary's Hawaiian shirts at Lois' "Treasures and Trivia" sales. If you didn't hear how to get a shirt of your own, ask Lois. She has connections.

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EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

I never miss a good chance to shut up.