



Your **ROTSOCPE** for
Thursday, November 19, 2009
 for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

ROTARY'S CHANCE TO MEET THE 2010 ROSE COURT

AFTER TIME AT THE HUNTINGTON GARDENS, the Rose Queen and Princesses travel with the escort of some of John Schaefer's hunky motor officers cross-town to lunch and talk with us at our usual Community Church spot. If you've not yet met the 2010 edition, this will be a special treat – they're the charming, gracious example of the very best of American youth, seven chosen from the thousand girls in the PCC district who tried out with the Tournament of Roses.

LUNCH BUFFET IS AS USUAL, but you should arrive a bit early if you can. Parking may be tighter than usual, as we hear rumors that other Rotary clubs may be joining us. Your own spouse or guest is welcome, but if you're bringing other people Wray Cornwell would sure appreciate an email or phone call from you by the day-before so he can make sure there are enough chairs – and so he can add a little more water to the soup and stretch out for your guests.

SPECIAL THANKS TO Jim Folsom, Greg Custer, Longfellow's Erica Ingber, and the Tournament Court for helping us out!

ADVENTURE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY'S PLANS:

- 8:45 – Rotary workers, please arrive at the Gardens
- 9:20 – Longfellow students arrive
- 9:25 to 10:00 – students divide into three groups –
 First session, Blue for float-building, Red to the Botanical Horrors, and Gold to the laboratory for flowers under microscopes
- 10:05-10:40 – Gold does floats; Blue does Horrors, Red flowers
- 10:45-11:50- Red on floats; Gold Horrors, Blue Lab
 Then Court meets and judges the kids, with a special speech from our own VIP Emile
- 11:50 – Longfellow third graders return to their campus carrying some very special memories.

THE ORGANIZERS

CUSTER, CARDENAS, HAMILTON – Greg, Dave, and Jack put this all together, with special help from our special member Jim Folsom. The preparations for a few hours take many weeks, of course, with everything from coordinating with the Tournament, bus schedules, caterer, and Gardens to gathering float supplies, remembering pens for autographs, printing awards, and bringing lots of glue sticks. Cheers to our Big Four for doing all this.

GROUP LEADERS ON THURSDAY, herding our squirmy third grade guests form room to room, include Dennis Magrdichian, Will Bortz, Larry Goodreau, John Harris, and Greg Thompson. Presuming they survive the morning's work, give each a pat on the back when you see them at lunch. And save thanks for your fellow members who turn out early morning to give some worthy little guys and girls some caring and love that will give them a boost.

ROTARY'S PLANTS AND PRINCESSES ADVENTURE

IT'S TRADITION FOR US NOW: many of our members meet at the Huntington Gardens at 8:15 on Thursday morning to prepare for Longfellow Elementary students coming for some unique sessions of fun and education. They'll build a "Rose Parade Float" with our members' help, learning at the same time that there are people around Pasadena who care for them. The 2010 Rose Queen and Court arrive midmorning to judge the kids' floats – and charm them at the same time, as real princesses with their queen. And of course the morning includes the "Little Chamber of Botanical Horrors", with the Mad Scientist Star Himself, Jim Folsom, followed by time in the Huntington's botanic laboratories, each able to peer at flowers under the microscope – for many of the elementary school children, their first experience in a real lab using real tools such as microscopes, unavailable at Longfellow. With budget restrictions, for that matter, there isn't much chance for field trips in the Pasadena schools. This Rotary experience is the top feature of the Longfellow student calendar, all year – and the creepy and scary rare plants, the childproof laboratory, plus the Rose Court, make it special. Even more special is your presence on Thursday morning, just to show the kids we care about them and their futures.

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2009

NOVEMBER

- 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
- 17 Noon Audubon bird spotting

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

November 19: Rose Court



A DRINK OF CLEAN WATER

WE THINK NOTHING ABOUT IT, drawing a glassful to drink from the kitchen faucet, or even shelling out a few bucks for plastic bottles that were filled with the same tap water and then discarded to pollute our earth and oceans. We forget the facts of life: almost a billion people must fetch every drop of the water they use, carrying it on head or shoulders back home. More than 2.5 billion people lack flush or composting toilets, having to use buckets or even defecate in fields and bush. Of more than 1,800,000 deaths each year from diarrhea, 88% are due to unsafe water, and 1,400,000 of these deaths are toddlers under five years old.

ROTARY CAN'T CHANGE THIS PROBLEM quickly, but it's doing an impressive job around the world to help. Here are some statistics coming out of R. I. last month:

- 967** Rotary Foundation grants are at work for water and sanitation projects
- 216** Grants are drilling wells or boreholes for clean water in villages
- 142** Grants are building clean latrines for improved sanitation
- 161** Water and sanitation grants are in India, the country with the largest number of RI grants
- 561** New grants were made in the last fiscal year for TRF
- \$8.6** Million dollars came from TRF last year for water and sanitation projects
- 4,560** Grants were awarded by TRF for water and sanitation from 1989, when Rotary started work in this field
- \$59,200,000** is the total of TRF donations for water and sanitation over 20 years, not counting at all the volunteer services donated by Rotarians.

HOLIDAY CARDS FOR OUR WARRIORS

THANKS, IF YOU BROUGHT your extra or old Christmas cards to Rotary last week ..

PLEASE, IF YOU DIDN'T: BRING CARDS! Huntington's Midderact kids, cooperating with Pasadena American Legion, are making cards to send our sailors and soldiers on duty in war zones and bases around our tattered world. They'd like: --any new cards you have that were leftovers last year, or --all the 'fronts' of cards sent you last year – simply tear off the page with greetings to you, and let the kids paste the pretty pictures on fresh card stock and send off the homemade cards to those serving us.

A BOX IS READY at the secretary's table, or give cards to Denise Wadsworth so she can have these supplies for her HMS Midderacters to make cards.

THE CARD PROJECT MUST CLOSE December 7th, to give time for shipment and distribution at bases in Iraq, Korea, Afghanistan, Europe, and other places where good American service personnel are on duty this holiday.

WE CAN'T GET RID OF HER (continued)

LOIS MATTHEWS WAS DEMOTED almost six months ago, and her name as president has been stricken (finally, just this month) from our club's web page – **but** – look at that web page's "Photo Gallery" of supposedly new pictures, and Lois is all over the place, grinning broadly from the slide collection.

YES, LOIS IS far better looking in every picture than Emile will ever be, but should she represent us forever? Doesn't anyone have new pictures to post? Maybe of Bob Nafie, so we can roll right from Lois to Bob – and forget about Emile?

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EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

I never miss a good chance to shut up.