



Your **ROTOSCOPE** for **Thursday, January 7, 2010**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

UNLESS YOU'RE AT THE BCS – COME HEAR WHAT IS NEW IN PASADENA HEALTH CARE FOR 2010 AND BEYOND!

JANE HAEDERLEIN KNOWS it's a mess around the towers of her Huntington Hospital, where construction of new facilities has been going on for what seems to have been all the last decade. The new Emergency Department is only a part of it, but an important part – building right next door to in-use surgical and recovery units in a remarkable story of close coordination between the contractors and the hospital. Jane will describe that skillful construction dance, but her main talk will be about the other new techniques, machines, and additions at the hospital to bring the best of contemporary health care to this side of the Los Angeles area.

PRESIDENT EMILE SAYS THAT you are excused from today's meeting if you purchased tickets and are at the Rose Bowl while we're dutifully attending Rotary – but you're not going to be excused from a hearty fine next time you come for lunch, especially if you paid scalpers' prices for your time at the game. Ten percent of what you paid should be about right.

RI SOLD ON GoTo PARTNERSHIP

CITRIX INFECTED ROTARY, according to an email we received that RI Headquarters wants you to consider. And it's FREE, FREE – well, free for a 60-day free trial, then a 15% discount. Citrix Online provides Web conferencing products, and Rotary urges you to try them out in conducting on-line meetings. [Is this a strange partnership for a service club to make with a for-profit? We think so but we're just one old dues-paying member.]

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GIVE BEFORE THE CLOCK SHOWS 12

ROTARY ASKS EVERY MEMBER, every year to contribute at least \$100 to the continuing work of The Rotary Foundation, especially with the continuing challenge from the Gates Foundation to complete the job we started with PolioPlus.

ROTARY'S YEAR ISN'T QUITE in sync with that of our friends with IRS and the FTB. They go by the calendar. We go from July to April in counting TRF donations. So if you're going to give as you should during the 2009-2010 year, might as well do it before 2009 disappears, and get income tax credit for the tax year-end we're celebrating.

IF YOU'RE READING THIS while it's still 2009, get your check off before the 31st and your receipt will count for the old tax year. If you're this sometime into 2010, well, here's an early deduction to get you started in the new year.

GOOD FOR YOU, LOIS! THANK YOU FOR GIVING SO MUCH

SAN MARINO TRIBUNE'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR was announced just before Christmas, and the choice couldn't have been better: **Lois Matthews** was recognized not just for 2009 and her Rotary presidency through a successful year just past, but also for her many years of service to our town and the greater world community around us. Many know Lois and Phil for their philanthropy, at Huntington Hospital and for other health care service providers. More impressive than just writing a check, Lois gives unstintingly her time and enthusiasm to these good causes. She has been a consistent volunteer through her lifetime – the inspiring kind of volunteer who picks up the heavy work herself, then gets us to join her with a smile. She's a natural salesperson, selling the concept of helping others. She's a great teacher, showing by her own example how we must all give back to our communities. She's a cheerleader, spreading thanks to those who are giving time and energy to good causes without boasting how she's out in front herself, matching the work those others give without calling attention to herself. Read the December 24th [Tribune](#) tribute for yourself, and give thanks to Lois for her continuing example to the next generation of true service above self.

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THE ROTOSCOPE

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

January 7: Jane Haederlein on her hospital



THOSE BAREFOOT RUNNERS

TWO MEMBERS ASKED FOR more information on the Yaqui Indians of Sonora, that our club has pledged to help by providing funding of laparoscopic surgical equipment through Liga International to aid the Yaqui.

THE SIERRA MADRE OCCIDENTAL, a rugged range of mountains stretching along the Sea of Cortez on the western side of Mexico, is home to the Yaqui. The mountains end abruptly on the west, with a plain about 20 miles wide that stretches from their foothills to the water. The hot, dry desert plain was uninhabited until the 1930s, while the Yaqui lived up in the mountains where the Spanish never could conquer them. For a century, the Mexican government didn't try, either. Then came Socialist president Obregon in the 1930s, who ordered a city built in his own name out on the hottest part of the plains, and ordered thousands of Yaqui to be transplanted at the point of Army rifles and bayonets.

TODAY'S YAQUI ARE DIVIDED between villages around Obregon, working as farm laborers to grow the lettuce, tomatoes, and other produce we enjoy when trucked up to El Norte (that's us), while others stay in the mountains living a traditional life in Copper Canyon and surroundings. Traditional medicine is usually practiced. The barefoot Yaqui runners are still message-carriers into canyons where no radio waves penetrate. You may have seen their sensuous Deer Dance in folkloric presentations across Mexico and sometimes on tour up here.

OUR CLUB HAS PROMISED we will raise and send \$3585 as the primary sponsor of this equipment. Pasadena Rotary will match this, and District 5300 will use designated funds from TRF to do the same. Arcadia Rotary promises \$1000, and (continued on right column)

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(continued from left column) the Obregon Rotarians will contribute \$100 as the "primary host sponsor Rotary club. (We are the "primary international sponsor Rotary Club, if you didn't know.) All this finance stuff reaches a total of \$16,000 laparoscopic equipment in three clinics near a Yaqui village in the hottest agriculture area near Obregon. The clinics will be staffed each month by Liga International volunteer doctors flown down from our area, working in conjunction with Mexican physicians. Once or twice a year, the medical teams fly up to the Copper Canyon area, a gorge bigger than the grand one in Arizona, to operate on indigent Indians who can't get out to the flatlands on the west.

WHY IS THIS EQUIPMENT HELPFUL? Traditional surgery takes several days or weeks to heal. Most of the Yaqui work on farms, either their own little acreage or big commercial farms growing the truck produce for our California markets. Being laid up for days, or weeks, not only means no income for the workers and their families, but also lost crops if they're not being tended. The modern laparoscopic surgeries get workers back home and on the job much quicker. Also, once the American volunteers fly back home, there is limited availability of follow-up care for surgery patients. Getting them up and well sooner helps ease this problem, providing "a much more comfortable and positive patient outcome," as our matching grant request made clear.

HOW DID WE HEAR ABOUT THE NEED? Remember Tim Murphy, former SM Firefighter and volunteer pilot for the flying doctors, who spoke with us last fall. He led us to an interesting web site designed and posted by a Rotarian in Torrey Pines to help clubs worldwide find matching grant proposals with TRF. If you've a moment, take a look at all the great opportunities: www.matchinggrants.org.

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EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

I find nothing more mortifying that a moment during an argument when I realize I'm wrong.