



Your **ROTSOCPE** for
Thursday, February 11, 2010

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

MARGIE'S OR MACY'S?

WE MEET BACK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH this Thursday noon, and the two magic words of "Fashion Show" are on the program schedule. Unfortunately, those are the only two words we've been given, together with a verbal rumor that it's coming from Margie's marvelous clothing collections as usual, or another rumor that no, Macy's Pasadena is furnishing the fashions. Come and be surprised!

AND MEN'S FASHIONS? Sometimes there are, sometimes not; sometimes Tony Jacoy brings the latest, sometimes he's too busy at the shop to join us. We don't know, but we'd rather he didn't bring shorts or Bermudas, as our collection of male knees around San Marino Rotary isn't very attractive, especially during lunch. A female or a coed fashion show this week? - we're not told, so - Come and be surprised!

BE OUR VALENTINES!

PERSONAL AND PRIVATE TO

Lucille, Diane, Ruth, Andi,
 Roberta, and Karen:

THANK YOU! Your many efforts in planning and preparing our Mardi Gras tribute to president Emile's little old N'Orleans paid off wonderfully - all who went appreciate your many touches, and a good time was had by all!

WOULD YOU ALL be our club's Valentines for your social committee successes?

YOU TOO, EMILE - you're not supposed to be reading this personal note, but your recipes worked!

BRING YOUR VALENTINE!

CHEAP LUNCH DATE IF YOU

*Invite one or all of your Valentines
 to the fashion show this week!*

WE'VE NOT HEARD OF PLANS to welcome spouses at Rotary on the 11th, but it has been traditional for them to come and for some volunteer wives to serve as models if Margie is the bringer of the fashions.

SOMETIMES THE CLUB PAYS for spouses too! (But only one per member.) Cheap even if you pay.

BRING YOUR CREDIT CARD, EMILE - if it's Margie, your Valentine gift comes wrapped, too.

BOURBON STREET JAZZ, HOT AND COOL

THE HEDGES IN FRONT and along the side of the San Marino Center were decorated with balloon bouquets in purple, gold, and green - Mardi Gras colors - as guests entered the French-Colonial designed building last Thursday. Lucille Norberg was thrilled as motorists passing on Huntington gave her honks of joy. In the lobby and lounge, garlands and decorations continued, with a pleasant fire burning in the lounge fireplace. And of course the dining room was "awesome, just awesome," according to a guest. "Fabulous music by the Dad's Band Plus One was enjoyed for listening, line dancing, and couple dancing under floating balloons. ... Gentlemen usually take off their hats while dining, but not so at Rotary on the Town - Fedoras and top hats stayed put!"

PICTURES OF THE PARTY are on line (or will be soon) at our club's web page. Take a look - especially at the line dance led by Martha Alluzzi, with Lois Matthews, Janice Hamilton, Ave Bortz, and many more strutting their stuff. The pictures prove how much rockin' was going on in San Marino for Mardi Gras - and a salute to our president Emile's home town.

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2010

FEBRUARY

- 11 Noon Fashion Show - bring your Valentine as a cheap lunch date!
- 18 Noon Rose Bowl restoration and renovation planning
- 25 Noon Annual Police Report - and Speech Contest Winner

MARCH

- 4 Noon Great Second Annual Club Chili Cookoff
- 11 Noon Techniques for recovery from eating too much hot chili

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

February 11: Valentine Fashion Show



NEW BULLET IN WAR ON POLIO

ROTARY WILL BE DISTRIBUTING a new type of polio vaccine, to be used for the first time on children in Afghanistan as part of the PolioPlus campaign. The World Health Organization reports this new vaccine "will be critical in the drive to eradicate the crippling virus."

THE WHO ARTICLE CONTINUES: "The bivalent oral vaccine, known as bOPV, is made by Europe's biggest drug maker, GlaxoSmithKline, the first of five manufacturers to be licensed. Some 2,800,000 million children, so far unprotected from polio and all under the age of five, will be inoculated in a three day campaign aided by Rotarian volunteers." The area to be covered is the southern and eastern regions of Afghanistan, away from the Taliban attacks but still unprotected. "The WHO expects the oral vaccine to be the critical new tool in the global eradication initiative, and intends to use it on tens of millions of children in India, Nigeria, and Pakistan in 2010" – the four countries still hosting wild strains of the dreaded virus. The WHO continues: "access to children in Afghanistan has improved in the past year, but up to 60% of the children remain out of reach in Kandahar and Helmand provinces due to security problems ... efforts to eradicate polio in Africa have faced setbacks from the virus spreading out of its northern Nigerian stronghold and causing outbreaks in neighboring countries that had previously wiped it out."

SEVERAL DISTRICT ROTARIANS, including Lee and Therese Mothershead from our club, have participated in National Immunization Days already. Our next district governor, Roger Schulte, worked an NID last year in India. The current governor, Gene Hernandez, plans to go for the second time this year. RI, with WHO, UNICEF, and the US Centers for Disease Control are determined.

CHILI CONTESTANTS CALLED

OUR SECOND ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF will be held March 4th, only three meetings away – and contestant cooks are wanted!

HAVE A GREAT RECIPE for the best chili? Want to compete for our perpetual trophy, now almost a sacred rite as it is the second year of contesting? Please call Greg Custer at **441-5110** and throw your cook hat in the pot. If he's not there, please leave a message. If you've questions, leave your phone number and he'll get back to you. Maybe.

GREG'S IN CHARGE of his creation, our chili contest – and of his financial management work – and now of an important committee organizing the Rose Parade. Greg has been named chairman of Tournament Entries, the group planning the parade and the special VIP vehicles, VIP annual retreat, and other VIP events. This makes Greg a VIP himself – rising in the Tournament of Roses group, until someday soon he might be decorated and riding on a float or maybe a horse himself. Congratulate him when you call to sign up for his pot of chili contest.

CORRUPTING OUR YOUTH?

PRESIDENT EMILE LECTURED the innocent student members of Huntington's Midderact Club, explaining what goes on at Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Or at least some of what goes on. He left out the juicy parts. And he went on to describe the duties and responsibilities of leadership, in service clubs such as Midderact and Rotary as well as in life.

THE MIDDERACTIONERS (just try saying that quickly!) are organizing their own Mardi Gras lunchtime dance on the middle school campus on Fat Tuesday, February 18th.

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EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

It was not at all necessary for us to have learned cursive, was it?