



Your **ROTOSCOPE** for **Thursday, March 4, 2010**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB'S TRADITIONAL CHILI COOK-OFF!

LAST YEAR IT WAS INNOVATION, our Club's First Chili Cook-Off, cooked up by Greg Custer and won by Warren Yetter.

THIS YEAR IT IS TRADITION, with Greg organizing it all and with Warren participating as our defending champion, seeking the **HOTTEST** and the **BEST-TASTING** chili. And it's getting serious. Doug Larner asks if we're using the international chili competition rules, which sent Greg scurrying to find out what the heck that was all about. The conclusion: in our contest, anything goes – regular, beans, no beans, meat, no meat, veggie, Cincinnati, squirrel, offal, – whatever the chefs concoct. It's all grand competition to please each of our members – and a distinguished panel of judges:

TERRY MADIGAN, professional chef (who's also our speaker – see panel below for information on him)

JOHN PENIDO, San Marino Fire Chief, a lifetime connoisseur of the finest of firehouse chilis

JOHN SCHAEFER; well, we're not quite sure how a cop got on the panel, but maybe he'll keep the others honest

EUGENE SUN, our mayor and chili expert (not every one knows that chili was invented by the Chinese, then it was brought to the Old West by Chinese cooks during the gold rush, when they discovered that the miners would eat anything and everything, even spoiled meat covered over with hot chilis from Mexico)

THE PLAN FOR THE DAY: There will be little cups and big pots along the steam table when you arrive at Rotary. The cups are not for specimens *from* you, but *for* you to taste a bite of each offering. Norma's Fresh Gourmet will also have salad, fruit, cornbread, sour cream, shredded cheese, and beverages – LOTS AND LOTS of iced tea and water.

AFTER YOU'VE TASTED a bit of each from your specimen cups, you can go back and take more of your personal favorite, as long as it lasts. Meanwhile, the judges will be hidden away determining their expert choices, and will award our newly-perpetual trophies to their choice of HOTTEST and BEST-TASTING (not necessarily the same).

GREG CUSTER ACTUALLY STOLE the idea from South Pasadena Rotary, and we are glad he did. Several other clubs are doing their own chili contests now. Greg likes to bring unique programs to Rotary, even if he's not quite sure of international rules governing these contests. Maybe he'll be able to dream up other unique events to fill in our empty calendar for upcoming programs? Give him lots of thanks for directing and coordinating this outstanding tradition in Rotary.

TERRY MADIGAN, WHO HAS JUST NO THYME

TERRY WAS A CORPORATE MAN, growing up in South Pas and graduating from USC before joining the suits-and-briefcases parade to a successful corporate career. Then he wised up and turned his lifelong passion for cooking into a full-time profession he likes much better than being a suit. He graduated from the California School of Culinary Arts with a diploma in Le Cordon Bleu, trained in The Dining Room at the Ritz-Carlton Huntington, then opened a personal chef service.

JUST NO THYME creates and prepares wholesome, fresh meals that can go from refrigerator to table in minutes. "When you just don't have time to cook" is its motto. It's really caught on – Terry's clients want to enjoy his dinners every day – even the kids, he adds.

AFTER THE JUDGING, TERRY WILL DISCUSS all the different styles and variations of chili that have developed – different in each of the seven distinct parts of Texas, different across the American Southwest, up the Mississippi to Cincinnati's unique mixture, out in Sierra camps, up to the Yukon, through the Dakotas and Montana, each a bit different, some hot, some not. Even if you think you know all there is about chili, we bet Terry will teach you a bit more this week. And we bet you'll enjoy tasting some of our club's competitors' blends, just so long as you don't know what all the strange ingredients may be.

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MARCH

4	Noon	Great Second Annual Club Chili Cookoff
11	Noon	Carmen Trutanich, L.A. City Attorney
18	11:30 a.m.	Foundation Luncheon at The Huntington Libe, etc.
25	Noon	Program Committee's Surprise Event at Community Church

APRIL

1	Noon	April Fools – Program Committee has another surprise for us
8	Noon	Ah, another surprise program – or maybe you've an idea?

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

March 4: Chili Today



IN TWO WEEKS:

Our 32nd Paul Harris Fellow Luncheon

THEY STARTED WITH OUR CLUB'S relatively few Paul Harris Fellows, sneaking off to have a hamburger at San Gabriel Country Club. Now they're big productions, as almost all our members and many of their spouses are PHFs, and as we have moved up to The Huntington Library's Friends' Hall with a fine speaker and two non-Rotarians from our community to be honored.

YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED an invitation for lunch on Thursday, March 18, at The Huntington. Please, please, send back the response card, even if you are unable to attend. We've miscounted some years with non-responses, so either food is wasted or someone went without. The card's pre-stamped and addressed to Sue Marasco at the YMCA – just check off if you're coming or not, and enclose a check for a spouse or other guest you plan to bring. We gather at 11:30, and the program will be over by 1:30. The Huntington invites us all to stay as their guests and enjoy Jim Folsom's gardens and David Zeidberg's collections.

PAUL FINCHAMP, a Pasadena businessman whose life changed with his Group Study Exchange experience, is our speaker.

TWO LOCAL CONTRIBUTORS to a better community will be recognized as our 56th and 57th Honorary Paul Harris Fellows:

CHARLENE LIEBAU
and
VALERIE GUMBINER WEISS

BUT PLEASE, RESPOND! Remember, members have already paid – it's our regular meeting for the week.

ROTARY RESOURCE GUIDE

R.I.'s WEBSITE – WWW.ROTARY.ORG – is adding a number of new features that should be of interest to you. Bookmark Rotary, then click to find:

RI SOCIAL MEDIA – www.rotary.org/socialnetworks with direct links to Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Twitter, and Flickr to find Rotarians worldwide

GOOGLE BOOKS – www.rotary.org/rotarian has more than 1000 past issues of *The Rotarian* magazine since 1911

ROTARY MINUTE – www.rotary.org/rotaryminute is a monthly video series of club members describing activities

ROTARY IMAGES – www.rotary.org/rotaryimages has thousands of high quality photos of Rotary projects that can be used to enhance PowerPoint presentations, brochures, etc

ROTARY LEADERS – www.rotary.org/rotaryleader is a new, interactive, online publication with practical information and links to help club officers get organized and succeed.

SAN MARINO CASUAL LEISURE *with no sequins, please!*

LUCILLE NORBERG PROUDLY ANNOUNCES the last "Rotary on the Town" of Emile's year as president will be **THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010** and somewhere in San Marino, "with wonderful music and plenty of food," Lucille declares.

LUCILLE HAS ALSO DICTATED the dress code up top. We have no idea ever what "San Marino Casual" means, but she says our women-folk will know right away.

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EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

If you need to borrow, always borrow from a pessimist.
They don't expect you to pay it back anyway.