



Your **ROTOSCOPE** for **Thursday, April 15, 2010**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

THE WENTWORTH/HUNTINGTON/SHERATON/RITZ/LANGHAM

LARY MIELKE was unable to join us when he was our featured speaker earlier this year. Now he can come, tracing the fascinating history of what most of us continue to call The Huntington Hotel – whatever it may be for real this year. The elegant old lady atop the Raymond Hill Earthquake Fault since 1913 is really a much newer building, cleverly rebuilt for safety and style while keeping the wonderful Viennese Ballroom, the original dining room, and the traditional appearance (with a slightly enlarged penthouse that really improves the architectural balance). Some of our old timers remember Steve Royce's Huntington, or the military billet that the Huntington became during WWII, or the decline under Sheraton, or the nostalgic night when the lights went off floor by floor as the champagne flowed and the crowd on the crescent lawn sang "Auld Lang Syne," or the removal of thousands of trucks of debris without disturbing the Oak Knoll neighborhood as the original building came down and a new steel skeleton rose with curtain walls imitating the original stone. So many memories, and Lary is the hotel's loving historian who'll talk its history this Thursday.

PLEASE – RESPOND TO "NIGHT ON TOWN" INVITATION!

KNEIER HA SEMPRE RAGIONE!

"**THE MAYOR IS ALWAYS RIGHT!**" Dennis discovered Mussolini's motto and is modifying it to proclaim Kneier's infallibility. Banners with "Kneier Ha Sempre Ragione!" will show up soon enough on City Hall and all along the Drive. The deuced thing is that Kneier's right – and we were wrong. We gave a luncheon program announcement for Thursday noon, May 6th – and we were stunned that Dennis actually *reads* The Rotoscope.

NO, DENNIS WRITES, we are dark, we have no lunch or program on Thursday the 6th. Instead, we're having a "Night on the Town" celebration of Cinco de Mayo on Seis de Mayo. You should be receiving an invitation soon from Lucille's social folk. They'd really appreciate your prompt reply, YES or NO, though they hope it's "YES!" and that you'll come and enjoy the fiesta.

AS OUR TREASURER, Dennis reports we're right on budget. As our party host, Dennis reports he is spending lavishly to present a great "Night on the Town." If you sense a scent of a conflict-of-interest in the collector as spender, don't worry. "Kneier Ha Sempre Ragione!" remember. That's the new motto for our city regime. But Dennis doesn't know the rest of it: when Mussolini declared himself "always right," all Italians muttered four more words under their breaths: "*ma me ne frego.*" "Mussolini is Always Right! – but I don't give a"

"RED WHITE + BLUEZZ" APRIL 21st

OUR NEIGHBORS WITH PASADENA SUNRISE invite you to join them in celebrating the end of tax season while raising funds for school kids. Tom Polenzani asks you to please join them April 21st for wonderful award-winning cuisine, paired with exciting live CLASSIC JAZZ led by the renowned Peter Smith on Piano.

THERE ARE TWO PERFORMANCES on April 21st: 6:45 and 7:45. Seats can be reserved between five and eight p.m. It's at RED WHITE + BLUEZZ in Old Town Pasadena.

GOOD FOOD + GREAT MUSIC! How can you beat that, Tom asks. And if you're a CPA or Accountant, or have one as a guest, you qualify for one FREE ADMISSION to celebrate the end of their most hectic time.

MEANWHILE, 20% of all food and beverage sales, and the \$10 admission, goes to Rotary good works. All the entrees at RED WHITE + BLUEZZ run from \$19 to \$24, and Emile Bayle vouches that he's tested it out and it's very good food.

CALL THE RESTAURANT DIRECTLY to join the fun:

626-792-4441

Be sure to mention that you want seats for the Sunrise Rotary Show on Wednesday, April 21st.

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15 Noon Larry Mielke on Huntington Hotel History

22 Noon **CHANGE:** Danny Hernandez from Hollenbeck Center

29 Noon **CHANGE:** Judge Priver of Alhambra Superior Court

MAY

6 Noon **CHANGE: NO LUNCH MEETING**

6 EVENING **ADD: CINCO de MAYO PARTY** (una tarde despues, pero ...)

13 Noon Regular lunch at Community Church – program in planning

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

April 15: Lary Mielke on the Huntington Hotel



UP

THIS TWO-LETTER word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word. The word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v]. It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house, fix UP an old car.

AT OTHER TIMES this little word has really special meanings. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special. And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP ! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to thirty definitions.

IF YOU ARE UP TO IT, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it soaks UP the earth. When it does not rain, things dry UP. One could go on & on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now. My space is UP. Don't screw UP. Share this with all you look UP in your address book.

NOW I'LL SHUT UP.

OWEN WINSTON DAY – “WINK”

OUR FORMER PRESIDENT, clever limerick-composer, good friend, and fine family man left his beloved Betty and passed away peacefully late last month while in the process of cheering Butler into the Finals against Duke. (He slipped away without knowing that Duke triumphed, though Wink would have been delighted with the close final game.)

WINK'S CAREER had been with the “old” Sears, rising to management of local stores and then head of purchasing for the west coast, but Wink's avocations included “Randy” (from Betty's birth name Rand), their three children, grandchildren, Community Church, Rotary, fund-raising for Southwestern Academy and Monte Vista Grove Homes – and sharing his clever wit while enjoying every bit of humor from others. His service with the Navy in World War Two wasn't an item for Wink to talk about, but his navigating his LST onto Utah Beach on D-Day deserves our special salute. Randy would appreciate your own memories: 2954 East Del Mar Blvd., #122, in Pasadena, 91107 (626-792-9664).

ARTHUR KING STUART – “KING”

OUR HONORARY PAUL HARRIS FELLOW, longtime teacher at SMHS, music leader at St. Edmond's, passed away on February 21st. He had battled emphysema for years. His daughter Jane Stuart Edel reports he passed peacefully during a nap in his own home, with his dog by his side. She adds that “this is a tremendous loss for our family and we miss him dearly, but are happy he's free and no longer in pain. A memorial page has been set up that you can access on Facebook by searching ‘King Stuart Memorial’”.

JANE INVITES KING'S FRIENDS to come celebrate his life on April 17 at 2:30 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena.

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EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

I was always taught to respect my elders.
But it keeps getting harder to find one.