



Your **ROTOSCOPE** for **Thursday, April 22, 2010**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

DANNY HERNANDEZ, DOING GOOD THINGS IN THE BARRIO

THE HOLLENBECK CENTER and the Inner-City Games, created by a product of gangs in the barrios, have received international acclaim for their impressive accomplishments. Danny Hernandez, their founder and director, tells us this Thursday of how his dreams are now reality. Hernandez' youth programs have grown to city-wide and national, touching the lives of hundreds of thousands of youth. Danny was born in Boyle Heights, then followed the gangs before his joining the U.S. Marines. Serving in Vietnam, Danny was decorated with the Silver Star for his valor in combat.

RETURNING TO EAST LOS ANGELES neighborhoods where he'd been with the gangs, he accomplished what others felt impossible: leading Hollenbeck Center, then the Inner-City Games that have spread to at least ten other big cities. His influential supporters include the mayor of L.A., the Marine Corps commandant, and Arnold Schwarzenegger. But it's Danny who has been the glue holding it all together the past 35 years, encouraging kids' spirits, getting into their hearts to help them achieve their goals. We'll hear more of this remarkable story on Thursday. Bring a quest!

HEY! – IF YOU'VE NOT DONE SO – RSVP FOR MAY 6 "NIGHT"!

KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED!

BOTH OUR SAN MARINO CLUB candidates for Ambassadorial Scholarships will be interviewed by the district's committee this coming Saturday, April 24th. Ever-faithful chair Bill Payne of our own selection committee is proud of our two candidates, and ask that you think good thoughts on Saturday so they can soar off and impress the district.

BOTH OUR CANDIDATES will be interviewed by teleconferencing. Bill and our club helped move the district into the 1990s when they got approval for teleconferencing Christine Siu three years ago. Before that, Rotary's international rules required candidates to appear in person, which eliminated a number of our potential fellows who were students in East Coast or Midwest universities, or in Christine's case, studying in Russia. It took considerable arguing, but RI has bent to modern technology. On Saturday, the district is borrowing the teleconferencing capabilities of the Arcadia USD, thanks to their former superintendent and Rotarian Mimi Hennessey. Bill went to the facility last week to join the committee in testing with an historical exchange of wit: "Can you hear us?" "Yes, can you see us?" "Yes." Brilliant repartee, by teleconferencing.

SO CANDIDATES KATARINA MAYERS and SCOTT GREGG get interviewed Saturday. May they break a leg, or whatever's necessary to be chosen our Fellows-to-Be.

A DAY LATE, BUT THAT'S "MANANA"

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATIONS are much bigger for us Gringos than they are in Mexico. After all, the Mexicans won just that one battle, then went on to lose the war against the French. But who cares up here? Cinco de Mayo is getting a bit more wild each year for *Norteamericanos*. (NOTE CAREFULLY the column on the second page of this bulletin about "Speed Traps" – there are dozens listed in the city of Pasadena, but most concern those awful cops who trap drunks around Old Town Pasadena at two a.m., which is declared "unfair", especially on March 17 and May 5).

OUR ROTARY CINCO DE MAYO will be held the **SEIS DE MAYO** – but who's counting? (That's Thursday the 6th, for those of you who can't count to ten in Spanish ...) There is no meeting, and thus no Rotoscope, at noon on May 6th. Instead, come enjoy authentic Mexican food, Mexican beers, and what they are calling "Mariachi singers" at the Casa de Alcalde. (He's the guy living at 1425 Hampton Road.) It's 6:30 to 9:00 – party ends at nine, remember, as Dennis needs his sleep. But you've GOTTA RSVP – with a check for \$35 per person to reserve a place at the table.

NOTE RE MARIACHI SINGERS: the cornets and the army uniforms left behind by the fleeing French in 1867 were grabbed up by Mexican musicians to wear and play, after hearing the French Army Bands playing at weddings – *mariache, mariachi*; get it? But they're never supposed to sing. San Marino Rotary does things a bit differently.

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22	Noon	Danny Hernandez from Hollenbeck Center
29	Noon	Judge Priver of Alhambra Superior Court

MAY

6	Noon	NO LUNCH MEETING
6	EVENING	CINCO de MAYO PARTY
13	Noon	Gary Cunningham on World University Games
20	Noon	Group Study Exchange team from Brazil (<i>sorry, BRASIL!</i>)

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

April 22: Good Work in the Barrio



SMPD UP TO NO GOOD?

DID YOU KNOW THERE IS a web page devoted to identifying "speed traps", tens of thousands of them across the entire country? San Marino is represented with six such traps, set by our San Marino police. It's really outrageous to think our police are out enforcing the law, but more outrageous are a couple of other facts the web page identifies about our town's police.

FIVE OF THE SIX SPEED TRAPS on line for San Marino are along Huntington Drive; the sixth is north on San Marino Avenue/Sierra Madre. For three of these, the reporters (anyone can list a trap, then readers can vote as to "yes it is" or not) say our police cars or motors are "ALWAYS" there. At Huntington and El Molino, it says a "LARGE DODGE CRUISER is ALWAYS sitting there ... hidden on the grassy median." This raises questions. First, how are our police able to hide a full-size cruiser there – I checked, and there are no bushes etc. (and no cruiser in sight, for that matter, when I just looked ...)

MORE IMPORANT, HOW DOES OUR police association allow officers to sit there "ALWAYS"? Don't they need a potty break or something? Do they sleep in the car? If so, how do they spot speeders while asleep?

EVEN MORE IMPORTANT is the claim by one writer that "San Marino Police NEVER stop city residents. They ONLY cite people from out of town." This is frightening. What does John Schaefer and his forces use to identify if we're San Marinians or foreigners? Are *THEY* really watching us so carefully *they* can tell our city of residence? Is it our appearance, our GPS, or our elegant cars that give us away? Maybe there's a secret code in our license plates that SMPD can use to separate us? Does city hall watch us, everywhere we drive?

"UNITED AGAINST CANCER"

THE ACS RELAY 4 LIFE will be in Arcadia June 26-27, and the Cancer Society asks your support. Two memorable moments of the day is the "Survivor Lap" at the beginning of each event, and the "Luminaria Walk" by candlelight during the evening hours.

THE "SURVIVOR LAP" is the kickoff, at 11 am on Saturday, June 26. All men, women, and children survivors of cancer are honored. Just as emotional is the Luminaria Walk that evening. These decorated paper bags, filled with sand and a candle, are available for a \$10 donation to ACS, and line the walking path in honor of those cancer patients who have survived, or those we lost to cancer. It's a peaceful and wonderful experience.

DENISE WADSWORTH is getting the kids to support the ACS Relay – including Rotarian "kids" of all ages. President Emile has figured out another way to raise funds without having to walk: he's thinking about hiring a surrogate from Denise's Mideract walkers. See Denise to join, either by walking or by watching the walkers you support. But circle that weekend on your calendar, and help the cause.

RED WHITE + BLUEZZ

PASADENA'S HOT NEW place to be, the wine grill jazz club at 70 South Raymond (across from the parking garage and the Scientologists, but don't let that stop you) will be holding a benefit to celebrate the end of tax season while helping our sister club, Pasadena Sunrise, raise funds for the schools. Our speaker and occasional guest Tom Polenzani has saved a pair of the best seats just for you. Come for dinner, music, and the good cause of helping the schools – call Tom at 626-675-4729, or email him at polenzani@gmail.com, for all the details we don't have, such as when and how much.

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EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

I don't follow college basketball. Thus when I saw the headline that "DUKE BEATS BUTLER", I thought it was news from Buckingham Palace.