



Your **ROTOSCOPE** for **Thursday, June 3, 2010**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

SOMETHING SPECIAL IN THOSE OLD "COTTAGES"

ANGELA OH is the executive director of the Western Justice Center Foundation, headquartered in one of those elegant "cottages" at the old Vista del Arroyo hotel that was remodeled after wartime hospital use to be the Federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The WJCF has its own purpose, which Ms. Oh will describe as our speaker on Thursday.

YOU MAY REMEMBER MS. OH in the news at the time of the Rodney King incident. Following the trial of Los Angeles police officers for the videotaped beating, Angela Oh was a spokesperson on behalf of Asian Americans who were the target of looting, vandalism, and violence after the acquittals of the officers in that state court trial. In 1997, President Clinton appointed Ms. Oh as one of seven advisors to the President's Initiative on Race. She has lectured in America and abroad on race relations, diversity, and civil rights. She has served as mediator for the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance in this county, and a hearing examiner for the LAPD's board of rights. As an attorney in private practice, Ms. Oh specialized in litigation, both criminal defense and civil rights. She has maintained service on several boards, including the Korean American Bar Association of Southern California.

BUT WHAT'S THE WESTERN JUSTICE CENTER all about? That's what you need to come and learn about at Rotary this Thursday.

MORE NAMES IN THE NEWS

MATT BALLANTYNE announces with pride that San Marino residents may "request free mosquito fish for your watering trough." Without arguing with Matt if fish tanks are legal in this city, I do know that HORSES are ILLEGAL in San Marino. So who in town has a WATERING TROUGH, for heaven's sake? Oh, wait. Yes! NOW I REMEMBER! Of course! Our Mayor!

DENNIS KNEIER built a watering trough on Euston Road, so the coyotes wandering off Jim Folsom's coyote reservation could join other passing canines in refreshment. But is it legal for the city give free fish to a council member? We'll write the FPPC to ask and let you know. And can Dennis or the passing canines eat the mosquito fish from the Kneier Trough without gastric distress? We'll call Dennis and/or the coyotes to ask and let you know.

WILL BORTZ and his "Rotary Readers" crew thank those who came to help distribute books at Longfellow – and ask any/all members to come to the second round, at Emery Park Elementary, 2821 West Commonwealth Ave., Alhambra. It's a special school assembly on Friday, June 4th, at 10:05 a.m. Please come to the office before 10:00 to sign in. And thanks!

BARBARA BICE may blow in for lunch with us this Thursday, or then again she may not. Depends which way the winds are blowing, of course. We understand that Barbara and Scott have been out sailing for the last few weeks. Barbara planned this week's program before she left, so if their navigation is correct, she should join us with more sea tales to tell.

LOIS MATTHEWS is fussing and fuming again. She's fuming about those of us – whoops, that means me too – who haven't yet responded one way or the other to her RSVP for the demotion/promotion affair at San Gabriel on July 1st. That seems a long month away, but c'mon, guys, she's gotta know how many salmon and steak dinners she's going to be cooking. She's also fussing that some of us clods might show up at the Country Club without coat and tie – (Dennis? Hear?) or worse, in denim. Mind your manners, members. RSVP now, while you're thinking about it. Plan to dress as proper ladies and gentlemen when you go to the swank old club. And for heaven's sake, remember to turn off those dangd cell phones! Send your check for \$57 per to Lois at 517 South Orange Grove, #300, Pasadena 91105 – and if your check clears the bank, Lois will even include wine for you that evening. (If you can't come, at least give Lois the courtesy of a reply anyway – and call her if you've any questions about what's denim: 626-396-9283.)

JUNE / JULY 2010

JUNE

3	Noon	Back at SM Community for story of Western Justice Center
10	Noon	Steve Hoy and our annual Salute to the Service Academies
17	Noon	Program coming soon
24	Noon	Program coming, maybe not quite as soon
27	4:00 to 6:30	Welcome party for Christie Shu at Seares (1180 Lorain Rd.)

JULY

1	6 reception/7 dinner	Demotion and Promotion at San Gabriel Country Club
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THE ROTOSCOPE

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

June 3: What's at the Western Justice Center



OLD CROW

NO, NOT A BOTTLE, but a bird, or at least it sort of looked like a bird. Before we get into that, note how they've returned in double the numbers of a few years ago: western crows, very rare in Southern California until the 1990s, then multiplying like mad in the comfort of their Federally-protected status. Then they almost disappeared, dead crows all over the place from West Nile Virus. But – aw, shucks – they've been busily breeding and their numbers are shocking.

BEING CROWS, THEY'RE NOISY, until sundown at least. They don't nest in San Marino – our property values must have stayed too high for them even with the bubble's burst. They fly southeast to nest and breed down by Legg Lake at Whittier Narrows, and they're doing a lot of incredibly noisy breeding down there (we're told both males and females fuss loudly at each other during the process, but we're not interested enough to drive down Rosemead Blvd. after dark to hear for ourselves).

WHATEVER, THEY'RE BACK. They're flocking daily on our soccer field. They don't bother getting out of the way of soccer players, either – they make better goalies than any of our boys, except they outnumber the boys. A few afternoons ago, they were especially noisy, like fussing at full volume, surely breaking SMPD's maximum noise levels. I went out to see what was the fuss. About 50 crows were in a circle, jumping around and cawing at what seemed to be one old crow. The stranger was in the middle of the circle, and the other birds kept their distance, frightened but not stopping their caws. The "stranger" bounced back too, moved by a light breeze. It was only an empty black plastic bag, to the dumb crows, it was a great threat until the bag blew away.

RELAY FOR LIFE

UNITED AGAINST CANCER, the American Cancer Society's fundraiser of the year, needs our support – running in the relay, or if you're a bit too stiff and weak for that, at least helping Huntington's Mideract team in Arcadia on June 26th and 27th. The new Mideract ship will be captained next year by Miss Sarah Linton, who will come to this weeks meeting with a special invitation asking support.

MIDERACT IS going to set up a "campsite" at the relay next to Arcadia Rotary's camp, and it's a fine mixer opportunity for you and your guests to come out the evening of the 26th to enjoy the luminaria ceremony at 9 p.m., or just to have a bit of dinner that will be served at the event. Sarah will tell you more, so please pay attention – and please come help!

STUFFING THE PIG was another Mideract scheme, and the pig is ready for slaughter. Three Mideractors went around at the SMFD pancake breakfast and collected coins for our Polio Pig. They'll present a check for that on Thursday.

NAFIE ALREADY MAKING DECISIONS

BOB NAFIE IS WEEKS AWAY from power, but he's already acting strong and making executive orders. Bob decided that this year the Fourth of July will be on July 4th, and that San Marino Rotary will do it up big. We're not only running the Glorious Fourth parade in town, we're also revitalizing our unsafe, broken-down "float" trailer so that all 10,000 attending in Lacy Park will realize how strong Rotary is in town – if you'll help out, that is. Bob makes the decisions, but YOU need to do the work! Come to the meeting he's scheduled right after our June 17th luncheon, or if you can't make that, send Bob an email to let him know you're available and will pitch in. If you let him know you'll furnish a convertible for VIPS, he'll *really* treat you nice next year!

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EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

How the heck are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet anyway?