



Your **ROTOSCOPE** for **Thursday, June 17, 2010**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

KAGAN AND THE POLITICS OF CONSTITUTIONAL INTERPRETATION

CAROL PLATT LIEBAU is an author and political analyst, providing commentary on PBS, CNN, Fox, and MSNBC, and columns for Townhall, the Los Angeles Times, The Washington Times, and other papers. Her book, *Prude: How the Sex-Obsessed Culture Damages Girls (and America, Too!)* was hailed by Dr. Laura as a "must read." She is a 1989 graduate of Princeton University, where she served as Editorial Chairman of *The Daily Princetonian*, and Harvard Law School, where she was first female managing editor of *The Harvard Law Review* (and, incidentally, worked with Barack Obama). Carol has been a law clerk for a Reagan appointee of the US Court of Appeals, legislative assistant to Senator Christopher Bond, and a consultant to John Ashcroft's campaign while practicing law in her home town of St. Louis.

MARRYING THE SON of our Honorary Paul Harris Fellow Charlene Liebau, Carol left chilly Missouri for San Marino, where she now lives with husband Jack, their two-year-old twins, and their Westie, Winston. In California, Carol served as a policy advisor and counsel or Tom Campbell's U.S. Senate campaign in 2000, and in an advisory capacity this year.

LIEBAU PLANS TO DO a political analysis of why she thinks former Harvard Law Dean Elena Kagan will be confirmed, and then discuss why conservatives disagree with the "evolutionist" form of constitutional interpretation. She says this is "presupposed by the Obama 'empathy' standard."

'YEA' AND 'NAY'

YES we dump Emile out of the presidency at the end of the month, but **NO** not this week as previously scheduled.

YES we continue to endure Emile for three more meetings, and **NO**, Bob Nafie can't take over just yet.

YES we have our usual luncheon meeting and speaker this week, **NO** we're not dark today as was announced last month.

YES there will be a festive in-and-out dinner to honor both leaders, but **NO** In-n-Out burgers will be served.

YES the demotion/promotion celebration is scheduled for July 1st, though **NO** you can't come unless you RSVP right now.

YES our immediate past Lois is planning it all at San Gabriel Country Club, and **NO** she's not cooking so it will be good.

YES you males must wear coats and ties, even Old Grey Mayors, but **NO** you can't use cell phones in such fancy places.

YES you have your choice of choice beef or fresh-caught salmon, and **NO** the club's house wines aren't all that bad.

YES there will be a bit of humor, and **NO** it won't be tasteless as some years past because Lee Mothershead is presenting it.

YES, Lois is still waiting for some laggards to respond to her with your 'yes' or 'no', and **NO**, she's not being very patient.

YES, you can email loistable@aol.com or leave a message at 626-396-9283 and **NO**, she's not kidding that you should RSVP

A FINE WAY TO CELEBRATE SUMMER

MONDAY, JUNE 21st, is the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, Midsummer's Day – and a fine way to celebrate the official change of seasons is by joining our third and last "Rotary Reader" book distribution on Monday at 9:00 a.m.

CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, a right turn off Lincoln Avenue at 524 Palisades Street in Pasadena, is where third graders will gather with Rotarians for books. We've seen Will Bortz' pictures of the angelic faces grinning as kids received their very own books at our two earlier distributions, and those smiles make it all worthwhile. Please come – check in at the office before nine.

CHRISTIE WELCOME HOME SUNDAY 27TH

CHRISTIE SHU, our most recent Ambassadorial Scholar, has returned from her year of study and service in Almaty, Kazakhstan, and we're welcoming her with a "Back Yard Summer Party" right in the middle of the San Gabriel Steam Railroad on Sunday afternoon, June 27th, 4:00 to 6:30.

GWYNNE AND FRITZ SEARES have been working on the railroad, tracks gone during World War Two and now not just a "Back Yard" but the Seares' lovely gardens. Come enjoy beer, wine, soft drinks, and nibbles, but please RSVP to Bill Payne – and see some of Christie's adventures on line at:

<http://www.travelpod.com/z/ceshu/2/1273812002>

799-5717 or bill.payne@cbre.com

JUNE / JULY 2010

JUNE

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| 17 | Noon | Let the Constitution evolve, or stay back in 1787? |
| 24 | Noon | John Schaefer on the good, bad, and ugly of guns |
| 27 | 4:00 to 6:30 | Welcome party for Christie Shu at Seares (1180 Lorain Rd.) |

JULY

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| 1 | 6 reception/7 dinner | Demotion and Promotion at San Gabriel Country Club |
| 8 | Noon | Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles City Controller |
| 15 | Noon | In planning |

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

June 17: Should the US Control Air Traffic?



ENJOY YOUR (CHEAP) LUNCH!

SAN MARINO ROTARY has it pretty good! The rich old guys up in Pasadena's big club pay for parking, then double the dues or guest meal costs that we do.

MOST OTHER LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS are substantially more expensive in club dues than our group.

HERE ARE SOME INTERESTING comparisons with another, fairly typical club in the district:

THEIR MEALS, \$235 a quarter; SAN MARINO, a bargain at \$100

THEIR DUES, \$120 a quarter; ours are \$115 for our rent, insurance, district and international dues, and other club expenses.

THEIR INITIATION, \$125; San Marino's one-time fee is \$75.

THEY ASK \$30 PER QUARTER in donations to The Rotary Foundation, or \$120 a year; we ask \$100 from every member, every year, and we've received 100% participation over a dozen years (they haven't)

ALMOST ALL OUR MEMBERS are already Paul Harris Fellows; they have about 22%, and apply their quarterly donation to TRF to their members' earning their PHF's).

THEIR FINES are a bit less: they ask a minimum annual pledge of \$120; our "standard" is \$140.

WE HAVE IT PRETTY GOOD!

JOIN THE RACE FOR LIFE

JUNE 26-27 AT SANTA ANITA RACETRACK: the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is drawing entries and contributions from all over our valley, and our San Marino Middleagers from Huntington are helping by walking or working at food booths, spending the night on the track. Yes, you're asked to help too, but no, you don't need to sleep out in the cold!

GOOGLE "ARCADIA RELAY FOR LIFE", then sign in under our team's name:

SAN MARINO UNITED AGAINST CANCER

(If you still don't know how to google, ask any seven year old to do it for you.) The cause is great and good, and every bit of help is needed. Denise Wadsworth invites you to join her. For more information, see her on Thursday, or email dwadsworth@smusd.us, or call her cell: **626-434-6646**.

TRANSITION TEAM POISED TO WORK

BOB NAFIE IS REALLY GETTING much too organized! We haven't had a president for dozens of years who planned more than showing up on the right Thursday noons, and some of our presidents didn't even do that regularly. Bob even has "senior" and "junior" leadership positions filled, a corps of strong committee leaders, and a fancy "5-Alive" goal. It's exhausting just to read all he's doing.

BOB'S NEXT SENIOR LEADERSHIP meets Tuesday the 15th at 11:30, with lunch served by Bob at Clairbourn School. He even has an agenda! – amazing. Four days after he snatches power, he's planned a Glorious Fourth for the Fourth. If you've not yet been tapped to help, talk with Bob.

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EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger and bigger,
and then it hit me.