



Your **ROTOSCOPE** for **July 15th, 2010**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

MAYBE SOME CITY NEWS THIS THURSDAY

THERE'S STILL A QUESTION MARK on the July program schedule, with plans for a "State of the City" report not yet confirmed as we write. One big question is if the mayor will come down from the Mountaintop and perform. Dennis has been practicing his dance steps and rehearsing his songs, but we've not heard for sure if he's ready for the show. We're guessing also that negotiations are continuing between Rotary and the Council as to dress requirements. Our new president's head table is pretty formal, and Nafie looks as natty as his predecessor Bayle always did. It's still up in the air if they can persuade Mayor Kneier to tie on a tie for the occasion.

THE CITY DOES HAVE MUCH GOOD NEWS to report. The budget is completed and looks pretty good. Negotiations with the school district are concluding over the Stoneman School property. And most important, the police jail passed the county grand jury inspection months ago, regardless of what a local daily had reported in big headlines. Much ado about nothing – the cells are really the very best ones where I've ever been locked up. Of course, they're the *only* cells I've been in, and I was there for just a few minutes of picture-taking at an open house, but they seemed OK to the grand jury and me.

BOB IS HERE! (WITH #2 OF FIVE ALREADY SUCCESSFUL!)

BOB ASSUMED POWER July 1st, and at his first meeting July 8th started with promise – or promises, at least. **BOB** passed out cards with his "FIVE ALIVE MAJOR GOALS" on one side and his vanity titles on the other, asking all of us to wear the card around our neck day and night, or at least to tuck a card in our wallet or purse. His promise? Diamonds maybe, or lavish gifts, or at least a pizza for two, if you can produce a copy of the card on his demand any time in the year.

BOB THANKED ABOUT 40 OF US for the Glorious Fourth Parade, his first accomplishment of the new year. **BOB** was remarkably modest, too. We are eager to toot his horn for him, however (we're eager to get on his good side, see): he didn't mention that he was the one responsible for finding, fixing and finishing Rotary's rickety old float and creating a fine new attraction for this year's Parade and for many more years ahead. Pats on the back for all who helped with the successful revitalization of the San Marino Glorious Fourth.

ONLY FOUR MORE TO GO: why not start off with #1 by inviting a friend or neighbor to join you at Rotary this Thursday?

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| 1. Find and involve 120 Members | 2. Revitalize our 4 th of July Parade DONE! |
| 3. Complete one new local project | 4. Complete one new international project |
| 5. Publish our vision statement 2011-2015 | |

EARN YOUR CANDY BY REMEMBERING OUR

M&Ms: MISSION and MEMBERSHIP

AND IF YOU MISSED LEE MOTHERSHEAD'S REPORT, cheers to all the world of Rotary with good news about the long campaign to eliminate polio from the world. Lee said there have been NO polio cases in India so far this year. In Nigeria, a nation hurt by rumors that Rotary's polio vaccinations were really birth-control measures, 90% have now been reached with polio protection. And along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, Rotarians are using a new one-shot vaccine for people crossing the frontier.

BOB ALSO LED CHEERS last week for Lois Matthews' marvelous demotion dinner, but Lois is back to Santa Fe and couldn't hear the applause for her. Just as well. We don't want her head to swell with all the compliments on the dinner.

JULY / AUGUST 2010

JULY

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| 15 | Noon | Maybe something coming from our city |
| 22 | Noon | What's happening at our local YMCA? |
| 29 | Noon | Up to the new guys' Planning Department – To Be Announced |

AUGUST

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| 5 | Noon | Two Be Announced too |
| 12 | | DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT – 9:30 officers, 10:30 Board, noon lunch. |
| 19 | Noon | A Hundred-Year-Old Story |

THE ROTOSCOPE

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

July 15th: Maybe on the City?



BUT IT WAS THE TRUTH!

THE PICTURES OF OUR BOARD TEAM that were printed in the last Rotoscope (and repeated below) brought a question from a smarty-pants young member if these portraits met the Four-Way Test. She is too young for wrinkles or bulges here or there, understand. She has been studying the *old* Latin version of Rotary's Test. My Revised Modern Version begins "WAS it the Truth?" Well, except for some Photoshop touchup here and there, yes, these pictures *were* truthful at some point, all too few years ago.

SHE MISSED THE OTHER PARTS of the test that applies: isn't it fair for all concerned that the guys used a bit of touchup, since the girls can spend the day at a spa and emerge just as youthful? Doesn't it build good relationships to know your officers are so vigorous and young? – or at least *were* youthful, sometime late the last century?

WE WON'T EMBARRASS Miss Smarty Pants by identifying her, but should we ask those middle-school Madderactors at Huntington we bet they'd say she was already elderly, even though she is in fact only 29.

REMEMBER OUR CLUB membership used to include a professional photographer to take (and airbrush) all membership pictures. As we follow the FIVE-ALIVE call to bring in new members, maybe we should search out a graphic designer or computer artist to retake all our pictures but tweak them a bit here and there to get rid of any extra wattles, sagging cheeks, or scant hair. Then we'd all look as glamorous and youthful as Karen, Andrea, and Emile, shown below. Of course, our politician and treasurer looks pretty young (and pretty pretty, for that matter), even without a tie. But would you buy a used scooter from such a salesman?

JIM'S SKILLFUL PUBLIC RELATIONS

JIM FOLSOM'S GARDENS have bloomed big-time this spring, not just with blossoms but also with major donations. Consider Jim's recent attention-getting press:

THE STINKY PLANT that was celebrated at its first flowering a few years ago with cars backing up Allen to pay entrance drew many TV and newspaper stories about its rare appearance. Jim sold not only entry fees but also T-shirts and other souvenirs. Then it bloomed a second time a couple of years later, with more big stories and crowds. In May it bloomed a third time, no longer rare but same results.

THEN FANCY FISH from Disneyland came to Folsom's pond and were featured nationwide. We'd call them goldfish, but Jim celebrated them as rare koi, and more crowds came to The Huntington after Disney's folks donated the fish.

NOW JIM IS FAKING IT and getting more money for The Huntington. A third round of national publicity came with faux-bois – fake trellises and pergolas, we'd call them, in the Japanese Garden, being restored by a fool-the-eye technique of making concrete and metal look like natural tree-branches, a craft that Henry Huntington's team had done a century ago. More P. R. and a \$200,000 gift to Jim's garden projects, including these trellis repairs. Brilliant work, Jim!

GO NUMBER 478!

CHRIS NORGAARD POSTED an impressive 478th place finish in San Marino's 6th 5K race last week, leading all Rotarians (actually, he seems to be the ONLY Rotarian who finished). Further, Chris is to be congratulated on his wisdom of allowing his friend Mort Mortimer finish one place ahead. Smart attorneys such as Chris know they should never show up a sitting judge.

WHAT A TEAM!

LOOK AT THESE YOUTHFUL, EAGER FOLK HELPING **BOB** THIS YEAR!

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BOB SAYS:

Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray?
I really don't want to have to restart my movie collection again.