



Your **ROTSOSCOPE** for

August 26th, 2010

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

OUR DR. GENE ON "NATURE LIVING"

GENE ORLOWSKY was born and raised in upstate New York, educated as a teacher with his BA and MA from SUNY in Education. He suffered a serious back injury which only resolved with chiropractic care. Impressed with what chiropractic can do, he moved west to attend the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. He's been in private practice here since 1980, and of course a good Rotarian since 1985, our president in 1992-1993.

DID YOU KNOW GENE was a runner-up in the Mr. California and Mr. Western America contests? A coach of Arcadia's varsity roller hockey? Author of two books on natural health and wellness, about completed? That he's one of the few chiropractors in California both a state independent medical examiner and a qualified medical evaluator? He's on the post-graduate faculties of the L.A. College in Whittier, and the Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas. He volunteered at Ground Zero in October 2001, and has testified as expert witness and lectured nationally and internationally. His hobbies include bodybuilding, roller hockey – and playing the trumpet, though he pledges to keep all his wind instruments away from Rotary, using only his own wind in speaking.

THE DYNAMIC KEYS TO NATURAL HEALTH is Gene's topic at this week's Rotary. It's another topic that should interest several of your neighbors and friends. Bring a guest to Rotary and hear Gene's solidly-based suggestions.

DINNER WITH THE PRESIDENT

IT COST \$30,000 EACH to have dined with the president in Hancock Park last week. You can dine with an even more important president for just a third of that price, and you don't even pay until after you're dead, when I'm told you won't miss the money.

OUR DISTRICT IS ORGANIZING a black-tie invitation only dinner with the president for only \$10,000 per plate, and just as with that other president, you also receive a photo of yourself with him. More important, our district dinner is tax deductible and Obama's isn't (though of course you don't get the tax deduction until you're dead).

DINNER WITH PRESIDENT Ray Kinginsmith on January 14, 2011, is yours in exchange for your putting The Rotary Foundation in your will as a beneficiary of \$10,000 or more. If you die before the end of 2010, you don't get a refund or dinner, but your heirs don't face estate taxes anyway if you hurry. The district doesn't say where the dinner will be held. It's so exclusive, you have to reserve, then they will tell you.

YOUR MOMENT OF FAME

DO YOU WANT DOUBLE YOUR 15 minutes of fame? Program chair Joe Petrillo has some open dates this summer and fall. He has been desperate for speakers (witness what he drug in last week), and he likes to have our own members speak if possible so the club doesn't have to pay extra to feed a guest. But members have been changing dates on him, falling and excuses like that. And let's face it: some of our brightest and best members may not have 30 minutes of blather. Only teachers and lawyers can always talk. And talk.

SEE CALENDAR BELOW: September 30th is still open, along with all but two dates before Christmas. Do you want to speak? (if you have something worthwhile to say, not like last week's speaker). Speak to Joe. He *needs* you.

AS A REWARD FOR SPEAKING, you will get:
 --an elegant Datwyler-designed certificate on fair quality copy paper;
 --hand-signed by president Bob;
 --the opportunity to sit at the head table and enjoy the special catered lunch Bob has brought in.

MOTOR CLASSIC PLANS

OUR NONPROFIT DIVISION, San Marino Rotary CHARITIES (as opposed to the club, which is not a tax-deductible organization), has approved the use of our 501(c)(3) tax status to keep the financial records for the San Marino Motor Classic that's planned for June 12, 2011, in Lacy Park. Our Treasurer Dennis will act as Treasurer Dennis for the Motor Classic, working closely with Mayor Dennis and the Classic Committee (what a great Motown label that would be: "Mayor Dennis and the Classic Committee's Greatest Hits!")

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2010

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26 Noon Keys to Nature Health

SEPTEMBER

2 Noon Signs and symptoms of a stroke

9 Noon Chorale music

16 Noon Yannis Yurtsos from USC's School of Engineering

23 Noon Juvenile diabetes concerns

30 Noon Still open – want to volunteer?

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RED-NECK GARY A LEGEND

IT TAKES MOST VOLUNTEERS many decades to build their service into legend at Pasadena's Tournament of Roses, but our Gary Woods amazed lots of ToFR leaders at his very first parade as a White Suitor. We've heard dozens of times already (it's really getting rather out of hand, not to say boring) how farm boy Gary saved the bacon on his first assignment.

THE STORY IS GROWING, but as near as I can tell the kernel of truth is that a float was stuck at Post Parade, a tractor was ready to tow it, and no one knew how to drive the tractor – except Gary, who had no problem in climbing aboard, getting the big diesel fired up, and handling the mighty rig with his customary aplomb. Forget handling school board, teachers and/or their unions, State officials or parents, Gary's management of the tractor was far more impressive to gangs of spectators who've been talking about it for eight months now. The story swelled to include a damsel in distress, tied to the rail road tracks, saved by Gary in his tractor pushing the steam locomotive away. Forget that part, but the true story isn't bad.

SPEAKING OF TRUTH: Yes, it's true that we are moving ahead with the Rosarito Beach project, funding *futbol* (soccer to only the USA) equipment for youth groups in Rosarito Beach, Baja, about 40 miles south of the border in an area with continuing gang and drug activities. Partnered with Rotary in Rosarito Beach, matched with funds from the district and Rotary International, our club plans to help make a marked difference in the lives of some pre-adolescents facing difficult challenges. The plan includes a trip south for our members, joining with Rotary in Rosarito in revitalizing the soccer field there.

VISION FOR OUR CLUB

LEN THERRIEN has agreed to act as the official Vision Statement facilitator for our club's development of a strategic five-year plan. Len has assisted a number of other clubs with this process, working with chair Steve Talt and members Elliott Katz, Lee Mothershead, Gene Orlofsky and Bob Redford to have a statement prepared this fall, enabling Steve to use the benefits of this plan in structuring his 2011-2012 year as president.

THAT SAID – and we applaud Len, Steve, and the committee for their service in preparing our Vision Statement – a wag whispered on the side that Steve, Lee, Elliott, and Len were on their way to a vision planning session in the High Sierra, driving down a steep mountain road when suddenly their brakes failed. The car careened out of control, bouncing off guardrails until it miraculously ground to a scraping halt along the mountainside. All were unhurt, but they had a problem: only half-way down, and no brakes.

STEVE LEFT THE GROUP to prepare a class-action suit against the road builders and car manufacturer.

LEN SAID HE KNEW WHAT TO DO: "Let's propose a *Vision* right now, formulate a *Mission Statement*, define our *Goals*, find a solution to this *Critical Problem*, and go!"

"NO," SAID LEE. "I have a better solution. I always carry this Swiss Army knife. I will strip down the car's braking system, isolate the fault, repair it, and we'll be on our way."

"NOW WAIT A MINUTE," SAID ELLIOTT in a huff, drawing on his years of professional training and engineering experience. "Before we do else, it is urgent that we all get out, push the car back up to the top of the mountain, start down again, and see if there's a second failure."

WHAT A TEAM!

THOSE DOING ALL THE WORK FOR BOB

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BOB SAYS:

I'm getting very nervous that the guy investing all my money is called a 'broker'