

ROTARY CLUB OF SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA



THE KEYWAY

May 11, 2007

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Astronomer Jim Scala to Speaker

The Star of Bethlehem: A mystery left by the Magi over 2000 years ago
 By Jim Scala
 Astronomy, astrology, science fiction, mysticism and religion form an unusual nexus whenever someone asks, "What was the Star of Bethlehem?" We will never absolutely know because the earliest written description was done at least 80 and probably over 96 years after the event. Worse, those first writings have long since disappeared and the only existing written shreds are from the third century; that's over 300 years after the event. While this discrepancy seems insurmountable, recall that the Iliad and the Odyssey were passed verbally over many centuries before being put on paper. Although those great classics are filled with exag-

gerations, mythology, mysticism and spirituality, the events they depicted actually happened and the people involved actually lived. Scientists have separated myth from reality in those great classics and since the "Star" is more recent history by comparison, we should be able to do the same. In 1604 Johannes Kepler was first to try and identify the "Star."
 Scientific insight results when knowledge, experience, data and events come together in

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Upcoming Programs

05/18 Dick Henning-Celebrity Forum
 05/25 TBA

\$\$ FINEMASTERS \$\$

May 04 Jonathan Nicolas
 May 11 Jim Stevens

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MONDAY	12:15 Belmont The Vans	WEDNESDAY	12:15 Daly City Marie Callender's	THURSDAY continued	12:15 San Mateo Poplar Creek G.C.
	12:15 Burlingame Sheraton Gateway		12:15 Foster City Crowne Plaza		12:15 Sausalito Alta Mira Hotel
	12:15 Marin Left Bank		7:15 am Marin Giorgio's, Drake's Landing		12:15 So. San Francisco Basque Cultural Ctr.
	San Rafael Seafood Peddler		Menlo Park M.P. Rec Center		S.F. Fisherman's Wharf 7:30 am Franciscan Rest. at Pier 43-1/2
TUESDAY			Ross Valley Deer Park Villa	FRIDAY	
	6:30 pm Marin McInnis Park		PA Sunrise 12:15 Starbuck's, East Palo Alto		12:15 Novato Margaret Todd
	12:15 Mill Valley G.C.		San Bruno 12:15 El Rancho Inn, Millbrae		7:15 Sheraton Hotel
	12:15 Millbrae Green Hills CC		SF Int. Airport 12:15 Firewood Cafe, Int. Term.		12:15 Palo Alto/University Placere's, SC
	Novato 7:15 am Moylan's Brewery		SF West 6:00 pm So. Sea Seafood Village		San Mateo Sunrise 7:30 am Dominic's
	Pacifica 7:15 am Sharp Park Rest.		SF Bayview 7:00 am Dago Mary's		
	Peninsula Sunrise 7:30 am Pete's Harbor		Tiburon 12:15 SF Yacht Club		
	Redwood City 12:15 Sequoia Club		Woodside/PV 7:30 am Woodside Church		
	San Francisco 12:00 Marine's Mem. Club	THURSDAY			
	SF Golden Gate 7:00 La Barca Restaurant		Half Moon Bay 12:15 Comm. United Methodist Ch.		
	SFO/Gt. Mission 7:45 am Double Play Rest.		Ignacio 12:15 Inn Marin		
	Terra Linda 12:15 Sheraton		Mission San Rafael 12:15 San Rafael Joe's		

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1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
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THE SECRETARY'S KIOSK

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring 2007

May

May 11 Speaker: **Jim Scala**

May 16 Rotary Social Hour 5-7
(@ Town)

May 18 Speaker: **Dick Henning**

May 19 Opening Reception
at SM Co. History
Museum(restored Co.
Courthouse RWC 2-5pm)

May 20 Fun Run & Pancake
Breakfast

Summer 2007

Jun 09 Installation/Debunking

Sep 23 BBQ at McGovern's
(new date)

Walking For Ben
October 6 in Menlo Park

Birthdays

May 14 Howard Marans

Club Anniversaries

May 06, 2006 Louise DellaMaggiora

May 06, 1987 Jim Stevens

a mind that's prepared. In 1604, Johannes Kepler had been sifting through prodigious data while attempting to explain the motions and periodicity of the solar system objects when a nova appeared in the middle of a spectacular planetary conjunction. Kepler's insight enabled him to identify the "Bethlehem Star" within the science of the time and moved the "Star's" identification from faith-based belief to fact-based inquiry.

Kepler came to a preliminary erroneous conclusion but then identified and corrected his mistake. His conclusion still stands. It clearly ranks him as a great scientist and his interest in astrology (in modern terms) helps us realize the Magi are the people we must understand to identify the "Star." Come with an open mind and check pre-conceptions at the door.

We'll explore aspects of population demographics, astrology, astronomy and even some sociological issues to objectively explore the question.

"You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing."

Michael Pritchard, comedian
and juvenile guidance counselor

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to the Success of the
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Submission deadline: Wednesday @ noon

Membership in the
Rotary Club of San Carlos
has been proposed for:

Dave Blewett

Classification: Real Estate
Proposed by: Phil Shecter and
Don Whitley

Mike King

classification: Banking (retired)
sponsor: Bob Lanzone

The Board of Directors has approved
these proposals.

The bylaws of the club allow you, as
a member, to object to these propos-
als with due cause. Any objections
must be sent in writing to the Secre-
tary within 7 days of the publication
of this notice listing specific and valid
reasons for the objection(s).

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