DECEMBER 11TH:  CHRISTMAS GALA DINNER
6:00 p.m. at SAN GABRIEL COUNTRY CLUB
(no noon meeting)

OUR HAS-BEEN CHIEF TIM HARRIGAN brings us TIM MURPHY, another San Marino
has-been, with a fascinating story of how a small group helps a thousand people during a quick
two days of medical care. As you probably recall, Tim was a San Marino firefighter and fire
department chief. He'll be joined by Dr. Jon Tyrell in this program about their volunteer work
through LIGA.

SINCE 1934 the Flying Doctors of Mercy have been creating miracles. A range of health-care
professionals volunteer to go to the state of Sinaloa, Mexico, flying down on weekends with
private plane-owner pilot-hobbyists from California, Arizona, and Nevada. Their overall
NGO, LIGA, gathers audiologists, general physicians and specialists, surgeons, podiatrists,
nurses, pediatricians, and non-medical people willing to help translate Spanish. The planes fly
to the old silver-mining town of El Fuente, in the foothills of the Sierra Madre Occidental, a
once-thriving Spanish Colonial center now a rather sleepy tourist stop for visits to Mexico's
spectacular Copper Canyon. Sinaloa includes many Tarahumara, Yaqui, and Sono Indian villages with little or no medical care available in the rugged mountains. Over Saturday and
Sunday, the medical teams attend to hundreds of young and old patients, mostly agricultural
workers who often must walk several hours to visit the clinics LIGA is staffing.

TIM AND DR. JON will show a few pictures and spin a few stories about some of their
volunteer experiences, busy days broken with some good meals and well-earned sleep before
the teams fly home. They'll also tell us of their need for help with operating equipment and
supplies that will allow open-heart surgeries for children with life-threatening defects.

THE OTHER HAS-BEEN TIM, CHIEF HARRIGAN, was celebrated last week along with two
other San Marino public servants for over 81 years of combined service in our town,
with scores gathering in the Fire Station truck bay to cheer the three (and to indulge in the
sumptuous spread of food that Gary provided from Burger Continental). Building and
planning director Dave Saldana, police lieutenant Paula Byrd (made police CAPTAIN Byrd in
Tim’s last official act), and our Chief Tim were given enough plaques, certificates,
proclamations, and trophies to overflow their studies and dens thanks to taxpayer-support of
our legislators, supervisors, and clubs, with tears flowing along with all best wishes heaped on
the three.

JOHN SCHAEFER NOTED the remarkable length of service given San Marino by the three
honorees, and the equally unique blending of citizens gathered in the truck bay to fetes them.
A long-time citizen, the only person in the room actually born in San Marino, extended John’s
thoughtful comments to review the healthy change in San Marino demography since this
native-born guy entered San Marino schools as the first minority, now with Caucasian and
Asian, Hispanic and Black, old-timers and new, gathered together.

CHANGES TO OUR CLUB LEADERSHIP: You read the thoughtful e-mailed message last
week from our president-elect JEFF SHIMAMOTO, saying that he is unable to lead our club
next year because of business and personal pressures. Jeff said that he’s stepping aside this
round. Jeff is such a talented, personable, thoughtful person. He wants to do the best job
possible, rather than anything half-way. We regret his taking leave now, but we toast him for
making the harder decision to rebuild his work and come back to Rotary later. We hope Jeff
knows he has the support and best wishes of all his Rotary friends.
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OUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE, the most recent five presidents, went to work and found an outstanding person willing to step into our presidency in another half-year – and another talented, gracious member willing to be president in 2016-2017, a term of office that seems far away but will come soon. Thus this slate is presented by the nominating committee of Peter Corzo, Isaac Hung, Bob Nafie, Russ Osmonson, and Steve Talt, for your consideration and election at our December 18th meeting:

MIKE DRIEBE for our 2015-2016 PRESIDENT
GILDA MOSHIR as our PRESIDENT FOR 2016-2017

Willing to serve as continuing officers:
KAREN PACIOREK, secretary, and DENNIS KNEIER, treasurer
and continuing on our board of directors:
WILL BORTZ, BOB EICHEL, ISAAC HUNG, LUCILLE NORBERG,
LEE MOTHERSHEAD, FANG FANG HO, and MOLLY WOODFORD

OUR CLUB IS FORTUNATE to have such good and talented people willing to “serve above self” as our volunteer leadership. And we’re especially fortunate to have Mike Driebe more than able and willing if not eager to volunteer as our next president. Mike has served as president of Pomona Rotary, a club about half our size but a very active group of Rotarians. He has been president of the Pomona Jaycees, where he was recognized with the club’s Distinguished Service Award. Mike headed Fairplex Friends, and chaired the General Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee in his hometown of Pomona, where he has also been a director of the Pomona Valley YMCA and the Pomona Economic Development Corporation. He was secretary of the California Junior Chamber and their Junior Jaycee foundation, and served as a board member and studio volunteer for Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic.

MIKE DRIEBE GREW UP just outside the Beltway in Virginia, where his father worked as a physician. Mike earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in leadership and management at La Verne, and for the past five years has been president of the Methodist Hospital Foundation, overseeing the Arcadia hospital’s development. Before coming to Methodist, Mike served in development at Pomona Valley Hospital and at the Haynes Center for Children, and assisted nonprofits through his own independent fund development consulting firm. Even though Mike embarrasses other males in our club with his impeccable dress, his keen sense of humor and delightful smile make up for his natty appearance. We’re very fortunate that Mike Driebe is around and willing to serve on short notice. Be ready to elect this great slate next meeting.

DECEMBER 11th: CHRISTMAS CHEER DINNER, 6 p.m. at San Gabriel Country Club
(no lunch meeting)

DECEMBER 18th: THE FLYING DOCTORS OF MERCY

NO ROTARY MEETINGS DECEMBER 25TH or JANUARY 1ST

JANUARY 8th: SAN MARINO CITY REPORT