



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

April 2018

04/12 - LUNCHEON MEETING:
ANNUAL CLUB ART
COMPETITION
04/13 - Board of Directors Meeting
- San Marino Rotary Club
04/19 - LUNCHEON MEETING:
RYLA PRESENTERS
04/19 - Tree Dedication Ceremony

APRIL 12, 2018

OUR ANNUAL ART CONTEST FOR YOUTH

Club Leaders



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Youth Service
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Elect, Club Director



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Club Director



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Club Director

GRACE YANG HAS ASSEMBLED some 92 entries, found three professional artist-creators as judges, and arranged a showing of the submissions this month at Crowell Library. Today Grace presents the winners of our club's annual Art Contest for Youth – expanded this year to include president Denise's middle school students as well as the usual high school entrants from SMHS and Southwestern. Categories change a bit each year, as student-artists' media interests change. For 2018, high school students choose their own theme in the categories of Painting and Drawing ... Sketching ... 2-D Mixed medium and Graphic Art ... Photography ... 3-D Art ... and Digital Media/Video: Website, web ad, Short Story film. The middle school theme is "I'm Passionate About ..." with categories of Painting and Drawing 2-D Mixed Medium ... and 3-D Art.

GRACE'S ART JUDGES THIS YEAR were assembled with the help of Linda Wah:

MARIO de LOPEZ is a Los Angeles-based commercial and fine art photographer, specializing in art and design, portraiture, and documentary project. He's an Art Center College of Design graduate, mentoring young artists and teaching photographic workshops.

JOSEPH FUTTNER has been the dean since 2011 of the division of Visual Arts and Media Studies at PCC, having taught there and conducting PCC study-abroad programs in Florence, Italy, during 2007 and 2010.

DAISUKE "DICE" YAMAGUCHI coordinates the Product/Industrial Design Program at PCC, a full-time instructor who also teaches design programs at Art Center College. He is a successful mentor for art students seeking transfer to Art Center and other programs.

OUR CLUB PRESENTS CASH AWARDS along with certificates as prizes in each category, with \$40 for First Place, \$25 for Second Place, and \$10 to the Third Place winners. There will also be an "OUTSTANDING" award for a winning piece scoring #1 by each judge.

COME SEE THE STUDENTS' PRIDE and pleasure in presenting their works – and in accepting our encouragement and prizes for their talents and accomplishments. Isaac Hung will introduce the winners and their art, and Aaron Gil is helping move everything to display, but this year's Art Contest is basically the work of a committee-of-one, and we're very grateful to Grace Yang for all her efforts to bring this successful contest. Thank you!

THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY APRIL 21st comes in two more Saturdays, and our upcoming president Fang Ho welcomes a few more members joining her and her officers in attending.



Leonard Therrien
Club Director, Community
Service Chair



John Donovan
Club Director



Molly W Woodford
Club Director, Membership
Chair



Shody Chow
International Service Chair



William L. Payne
Public Image Chair



Tony Chou
Vocational Service
Chair, Youth Service Chair



Steve Garrett
Programs Chair

The drive to Granite Hills High in Victorville sounds long and hard, but it's really not – especially car-pooling with Rotary friends. Traditionally the club pays registration and lunch. We've not heard if that's the policy this year, but if not Fang will buy you a cup of coffee if you just ask her. Join the morning's meeting and you'll be home again by mid-afternoon after a promised barbecue lunch with your district.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE is the annual celebration time aboard the Queen Mary on May 18-20, and registration is still open on line at the district web site. Finalists in our speech, music, art, essay, and business planning programs will compete, awards for club accomplishments will be presented, and lots of good Rotary cheer comes with each hour. Again, all the information and registration is on line at district5300.com.

PARS vs. POLIO is an upcoming fundraiser of the district's to boost our PolioPlus campaign. The idea is that Rotarian golfers will play as many holes as each can finish in one day next year, after gathering lots of pledges and maybe a few side bets on their scores and stamina. Registration was supposed to be finished by April Fool's, and Denise wrote you to let her know if you're already registered. Each club has an official CLUB GOLF CHAMPION, who will be circulating this and several upcoming meetings to sign up more players for the events day, to be determined for some months away. You can play at any course you prefer, just get up a team – and pledges to help conquer polio.

AND OUR CLUB GOLF CHAMPION? It's a tough job, but president Denise has found just the person to do it. He has promised to play 50, 100, 150, maybe even 200 holes in one day. He has little else work to do, either peddling insurance or planning for his presidency years ahead, so cheer our champion, GREG JOHANSING, and let him know you'll register and join in playing too.

TREASURER DENNIS KNEIER SAYS our nonprofit arm "Rotary Charities" endowment and fund dipped a bit in January with the see-saw market, but February and March helped bring a balance that's up since the new year by \$46,000. There's now \$682,104 on hand. Dennis noted our "Charities" spent \$2501 last month on our wonderful "Rotary Readers" gift books project, plus a donation from your contributions of \$625 to the purchase of some 126 trees.

OUR TWO SEPARATE TREASURIES, "San Marino Rotary Charities" as the nonprofit, and the club itself as the payer for our meals, housing, insurance, and dues to RI and the district, are both in balance and on target, Dennis reports.

WE LEARNED FROM THE ROTARIAN magazine this month that TREES are a major project for RI in 2018. But our officers and board were far ahead of us – they already knew that RI's plan to plant a tree for every Rotarian in the world this month was our international way of celebrating and replenishing our forests. Len Therrien took charge of arranging a purchase of 125 forest seedlings through the National Forest Association, and a 126th tree – one tree for each of our 126 members – to plant in Lacy Park. The local tree is a native Mexican Sycamore, to be placed just inside the west gate of Lacy Park right after our April 19th meeting. You – yes, you – are asked to come right after our meeting adjourns and join the ceremonial tree-planting, and you don't even have to use a shovel. Your presence for the tree dedication will help with publicity photos to show the world how Rotary is helping the world. Please spare a few minutes after lunch on the 19th to pose with a smile.

MOTOR CLASSIC E-NEWSLETTER #003 should have been in your mailbox last week, a beautifully written and designed product of the Motor Classic publicity people at Kahn Media in Brooklyn, New York. This issue includes an enthusiastic article by Basem Wasef about the 2017 edition, and much of the content was posted top-of-the-fold of the current Tribune by our honorary member Mitch Lehman. Both pieces, as with newsletter #001 and #002, indicate that either "San Marino Rotary Charities" or "San Marino Rotary" join the Pasadena Humane Society and the USC Marching Band as beneficiaries of the "Classic". Founders and officers of the "Classic" are very properly praised.

BUT. NOWHERE DOES the PR releases suggest who the worker bees may be. Who sells many tickets, and especially who turns out early that Saturday and Sunday to prepare Lacy, to direct those marvelous entries, to welcome the guests, to clean up afterwards. Our club, of

course. We hope that by e-newsletter #004, or maybe #005, or at least by issue #0099, someone in Brooklyn will get the word to mention that San Marino Rotary CLUB provides the workers, and our “Charities” uses a third of the proceeds to distribute locally. We hope.

MANY MEMBERS OF SAN MARINO and Pasadena Rotaries joined the family and friends of Bob Eichel last Saturday afternoon in toasting his life. Our former member and past president was remembered as a good man who used his professional skills for considerable pro bono accounting work. But some of us were surprised by other Rotarians from other clubs in our district making the drive to the University Club to recall Bob’s help for them. We learned – as too often happens after someone passes on – how Bob gave aid to several other Rotary Clubs in proper incorporation of their non-profit charitable work.

SAN MARINO ROTARY TREASURERS through many years simply put dues and fines into one accounting. Our enthusiastic fund-raising salesman Bill Steele became famed by squeezing contributions from members for auctions, raffles, birthdays, even divorces, with Bill promising that “it’s all tax deductible!” We’d laugh, but Bill was wrong. Then one day IRS marched in to point that out, along with delivering the IRS auditor’s threat of a major fine against our club. This is where Bob Eichel came in, incorporating the Club part to pay our non-deductible operations, and the contributions part as a separate non-profit corporation. One small confusion came when our non-profit was originally named “San Marino Rotary Foundation” – which of course still confuses a few who think of the “Paul Harris Foundation” that is now “The Rotary International Foundation,” so our nonprofit was renamed “Charities.” Simple. Thanks for that solution, Bob. Thanks for your incorporation work for us. And many thanks from other district clubs for helping them also.

HOWARD TOPP SERVICES and any other news about him and Helen remain a mystery. Bill Payne had heard that Howard had died, but knew nothing more. I’ve spent too much time trying to find out when he passed, if there was or is a memorial, and how Helen may be. I’ve learned nothing. This does sound like Howard – modest, quiet, gentle, contributing to Rotary and the world without seeking attention. A very good man many current members did not know, as he continued his paid membership without being able to attend the last few years. But if you learn more of Howard, please share it with those who remember and admire him.

April 12th: Annual Art Contest for San Marino Youth

April 19th: RYLA Students’ Report on their Leadership Weekend
and at 2 pm, West Entrance to Lacy Park:
Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremonies

April 24th: A TUESDAY, AT ALHAMBRA ROTARY
A joint meeting with our sponsoring club – we’re dark the 26th

May 3rd: AN EVENING PICNIC
PLEASE: RSVP NOW to the notice sent you to help in planning.