



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

December 2017

12/14 - Bike Distribution
 12/14 - Luncheon Meeting: TLC & INTERACT CLUB REPORTS
 12/21 - Luncheon Meeting: CRAFT TALKS
 12/28 - Luncheon Meeting: D A R K

January 2018

01/04 - Luncheon Meeting: D A R K

December 14, 2017

MORE SUCCESS STORIES FROM DEBBIE: MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERACT AND TLC REPORTS

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DEBBIE PRIESTER HAS GIVEN fourteen years of her volunteer time to “mother” as well as “father” our club’s programs for future leaders from high school and middle school – RYLA and TLC – twice heading the entire district’s leadership weekend. Meanwhile, the middle school Interact Club at Huntington has been bursting with activities. This Thursday’s program comes from eighth graders who attended TLC, the Teen Leadership Camp last month, and the middle school members of our president Denise’s Interact Club.

DEBBIE WILL TELL US how San Marino Rotary sent 20 boys and girls from Huntington Middle School, to join a record number of 240 TLC students from around the district, almost 300 TLC attendees in all counting the Rotarian speakers, cooks, nurses, and helpers. Why does Debbie do all this work? “It’s the greatest program” in helping students prepare for high school, future studies, careers, and life, as Debbie says.

FAKE NEWS! WE WERE WRONG! SORRY! FORGET what some copies of Rotoscope sent out last weekend said about programs for Thursdays, December 28th and January 4th. NO! Program chair Bill Payne reports there will be NO MEETINGS, thus NO PROGRAMS, those two holiday Thursdays. I’m sorry we wrote otherwise. But YES, we will gather for lunch as usual on Thursday, December 21st to meet two new members, and again on Thursday, January 11th, to meet the poor sucker who wins the exciting City Council vote to choose our next Mayor of San Marino. He’ll talk, as he talks so well, on the State of the City.

TREASURER DENNIS KNEIER IS RIGHTLY PROUD to show two major grants by our club, through “Charities” funding from the Motor Classic, that some of us hadn’t known about: a donation of \$50,000 from us to help with the Barth Athletic Complex at Huntington Middle School, and a leadership grant of \$15,350 toward a district program for an improved soccerfutbol field in Tijuana. Shody Chow will be sharing more information about the field soon. As Dennis notes, these fine contributions from our hard work at Motor Classic time go to worthy causes and are “the right thing to do”.

OUR NOW-TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY for families at La Casa de San Gabriel will be on the shortest day/longest night/winter solstice, Thursday the 21st. So far, we’ve not heard who will be chairing the event and what time volunteers are needed to set up, to serve, and especially to stay for the clean-up. If you can help, please check with Denise this next meeting or soon to find out what and when.

GRACE YANG AND OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE earned cheers for the great success that was our special Christmas Party in conjunction with the San Marino Chinese Club. They’re still counting the proceeds, but will report at Thursday’s meeting on the proceeds raised to purchase foods to pack as a help for hungry somewhere in this troubled world. Ten high school students came to set up and do the decorations with Grace’s group. Many attendees say they loved the food and refreshments, all gone. Rotarians squeezed into a photo booth for four funny-face photos (maybe to be sold off as blackmail?) before Denise and Chinese Club president John Chou brought all the women with ugly sweaters onstage, then the men, onstage for us to judge the ugliest. We’re proud a Rotarian, Shawn Chou, placed second in the stiff men’s competition. Then came the twenty raffle items – with Isaac Huang and Steve Talt among the big winners. Good fun. thanks to Grace’s team of Michelle Cox, Scott Kwong, Fong



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among the big winners. So far, thanks to Grace's team of members Sam, Scott, Anthony, Fong Fong Ho and Annie Brassard at registration, Cashier Yiming Chen, our bar boys Steve Huang and Calvin Lo, Ginny Hsiang and Eugene Sun joining Annie Bassard in serving foods, and Shawn Chou with Joseph Chang conducting the raffle. Grace also wants to thank donors to the cause: her sweet husband Frank Antonides, Jean Brodhead, Tony Chou, Chris Datwyler, Isaac Huang, Denise and her other half Richie, and Ken Veronda.

GRACE AND HER COMMITTEE are concerned that a few members might not have understood why our Christmas party was more expensive than usual. It was a "party for a Cause" – jointly with our Chinese Club to raise funding for another Fight Against Hunger. In spring 2018, the plan is to gather again at Huntington Middle School and package 25,000 meals in a few hours, to be sent into an area of famine such as to Cambodia this last spring. Thus \$35.00 of your ticket, plus your extra raffle purchases and other sales, are tax deductions for those who went or donated separately. Grace apologizes that in the excitement of planning and presenting the event, some Rotarians might have missed the "for a Cause" part of the party – fun, for a good purpose.

AARON GIL AND 26 SAN MARINO VOLUNTEERS joined Pasadena and Altadena Rotarians in assembling 300 new bikes in a record two hours, perhaps because they were fueled by a great breakfast prepared by Altadena Rotary members. Aaron's volunteers will be moving the bikes this week from the Pasadena schools' work yard to the Salvation Army temple on Mentor at Walnut, where they are presented to excited boys and girls pre-selected to be from families in need. Aaron invites more helpers to join the delightful time of bike distribution, this Thursday afternoon the 14th at the Salvation Army. If you're free to come and help fit bikes and helmets to the happy kids, please email or see Aaron right away .

AARON'S CONTACTS AT THE SALVATION ARMY mentioned their great need this year for additional bell-ringers. Donations have been down, and need is up. Fewer are giving, as the "great recession" isn't over for many in the Pasadena area, and requests for help have grown. Fewer are volunteering their time to ring bells, and if you'll do a shift, they need you. A van-load of Southwestern Interact members and student friends gave their afternoon last weekend, all we could carry to the Temple and then with kettles and bells to their posts. The kids, from California, Japan, Guatemala, and Saudi Arabia, were all smiles on their return. They were proud of the clinks of coins and rustle of bills stuffed into their kettles, but even more pleased with the smiles and thanks-for-coming-out-and-helping greetings from many-not all, but many - of the shoppers who passed by and usually donated. (Our kids were also a bit amused at a few who looked the other way and pretended they didn't see or hear the bell-ringers – a good lesson for the students in human reactions.) We haven't learned how much was raised, but about 70% of those who passed gave something, the Interactors said.

CAN YOU GIVE TIME TO RING A BELL? Aaron asks you to consider, find a few hours any time before the 25th, and email Captain Terry Masango, the Salvation Army leader that Aaron has been working with on the bike project. Aaron says he is a good guy: email him at terry_masango@usw.salvationarmy.org. Easy, if a bit cold outside, but if the kids can give time, so can you.

UPCOMING: CAREER DAY FEBRUARY 14th at Huntington Middle School, and Denise will be seeking Valentine Day helpers; TREE PLANTING APRIL 19th, with Len Therrien wanting some Earth Day diggers and planters. Save those dates on your new 2018 calendar.

JOHN HARRIS HASN'T ANSWERED my recent calls to 626-287-3611 that rings through to his rehab room. We hope that's a good sign, that John is out surfing, up skiing, or at least at exercises to be around home and club soon. But meanwhile, we mustn't forget John nor his annual project of begging, badgering, building 100% participation, every member, every year, giving at least \$100 to The Rotary Foundation through our club.

WILL BORTZ LEADS OUR 100% PARTICIPATION record of Foundation support, but Will needs helpers, and every member is appointed to badger himself or herself first, to remember that \$100 contribution before the end of December for tax credit before such might be eliminated, or by the first part of the new year so our 100% participation record remains intact. Then once you've done your duties, please ask Will how you can stand in for John Harris in reaching out to a few laggards, perhaps a member you've sponsored, or a member who is new and doesn't understand the cause. Be a Junior John – Mr. Harris will give you one

of his gentle smiles and grateful thanks just as soon as he's up and back. Meanwhile, make us 100% yet again! We all promised, on joining San Marino Rotary: \$100 every year.

December 14th: Debbie Priester's Reports on Interact and TLC

December 21st: Meet new members Rick Politte and Mazi Yarehmedi

NOTE NEW PLANS:

December 28th AND January 4th: NO MEETINGS

January 11th: Whoever wins San Marino's Mayor race comes tell us his big plans