

PRESIDENT FANG WILL CONDUCT the Annual Meetings and elections in an attempt to beat the current record time of one minute, twelve seconds.

HOLIDAY PARTY

GRACE YANG AND OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE are proud to present a special holiday gift:

SAN MARINO ROTARY ON THE TOWN

on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018, six to nine p.m.

at

STEPHANIE AND JON DUNCAN'S HOME

669 Chaucer Road, San Marino

ELEGANTLY DECORATED for the holidays, with special entertainment and three food stations created by Beverly Hills Catering, the Duncan home will delight your senses with color, sounds, and delicious tastes through Stephanie and Jon's generosity in hosting our club. Holiday musical ensembles, selected wines, award-winning foods with lavish desserts, are promised by Grace's social committee. This is the don't-miss event of the year.

RESERVATIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT by December 7th to Michelle Cox at mcox@villaesperanzaservices.org, or by calling Michelle's office at 626-449-2919 ext. 128. The price is \$65 per person for members, spouses, and guests. Checks payable to "Rotary of San Marino" should be mailed to Ms. Michelle Cox, c/o Villa Esperanza Services, 2060 East Villa Street, Pasadena 91104, or paid through your credit card on file with club treasurer Dennis Kneier.

STEPHANIE DUNCAN HAS BEEN a supportive member for almost twenty years, though her management of Jon's medical office in DTLA prevents her frequent attendance (she promises to come regularly once she retires!). The Duncans are noted for their gracious entertainment, and we are all fortunate to be recipients of their hosting talents this holiday. Please come! – and remember to respond no later than Friday, December 7th, for this treat.

CLUB SERVICE PROGRAMS IN DECEMBER

OUR FOUNDATION COMMITTEE has planned a drive on Wednesday, December 5th, to view the youth soccer field our club has helped sponsor in Baja California. We've been calling today to see if the trip is still on, given news that entering Mexico at the border continues smoothly in a few minutes from San Diego, but returns to the United States from Tijuana are running six to eight hours. So far we've not heard of changed plans, but if you're joining the trip be sure to watch for updated news. We presume chair Shody Chou will make the decision soon as to traveling. Whatever, we can be very proud of our partnership with Tijuana Rotary clubs in this special effort.

THANKSGIVING BROUGHT EXCITEMENT to all four of our sustaining club projects in Antigua, Guatemala, when the neighboring Fuego volcano opened its side in a second, predicted pyroclastic flow. This time international groups had placed sensitive instruments to not only predict the flow but also warn villagers below, and through seven NGOs buses lined up to evacuate 800 on Sunday, November 18th, then return them home two days later. Meanwhile San Marino Rotary man-on-the-scene imported twenty pounds of cranberries to

prepare four gallons of sauce to accompany 22 roast turkeys as we introduced the all-American Thanksgiving to the Maya refugees, with the help of a Kanjobal speaker translating the Spanish description to the refugees our club helped resettle after the end of the Civil War in 1999. Our club also presented awards for special beyond-the-call rescue efforts performed by the Antigua Volunteer Firefighters we've helped over twenty years, and also recognized students at "Open Windows" school who had spread warnings of volcano dangers around their families and visitors. All our club should be proud of this ongoing support program started last century by a few past presidents including Merrill and Margie Francis, Paul Crowley, and John Hamilton.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY NEW BIKES assembled by our club, together with Pasadena and Altadena Rotarians, are parked at the Pasadena school corp yard ready for Aaron Gil's committee volunteers to move them on Monday, December 10th, to the Salvation Army parking area on Mentor at Walnut, then to distribute the shiny gifts to 250 eager youngsters on December 13th. If you are part of Aaron's good guys and gals, don't forget to come – and if you still want to volunteer, please talk with our president-elect-eventual Aaron. Send him an email at agil73@gmail.com and come enjoy the smiles.

OUR ANNUAL PARTY FOR LA CASA de San Gabriel families will be on December 20th at three p.m. Chair Peter Corzo says he needs more funding for gifts to the children, and more helpers to serve and clean up after the party. If you're free to join the happy chore, please call or email Peter soon.

LEN THERRIEN REPORTS THAT Rotary's Centennial Clock is once more 'live' on camera from our city center. For those of us such as me who never knew we had such a streaming show, Len is proud to say it's fixed after being down some three months. Len says all can be seen any hour at <https://sanmarinorotary.org/weather-and-live-video/>

FOR YOUR YEAR-END GIVING, be sure to remember your pledge of "Every Member, Every Year" support of The Rotary Foundation. A minimum of one hundred dollars from each of us makes us a 100% club once again. Mail your check to the club box, or hand it to Will Bortz or any member of our Foundation Committee. Help make John Harris proud we are continuing his long efforts

JOHN HAD BEEN A STOCK BROKER with Dean Witter's branch in San Marino. He was sponsored in our club by Larry Shepard when Ron Witter was moving into the club's leadership and Rotary met at Pierre's, the elegant dining house across from City Hall. John was president of our club in 1957-1958, just as Pierre's lit its last crepes suzette when San Marino went dry, and Rotary moved east to Woody and Eddie's, just outside the city limits where lunchtime martinis could still be had and where Trader Joe's is today. John wrote the history of his presidential year in his typically laconic style, worth your opening and learning more of what the thirty or so San Marino Rotarians were enjoying in the newly postwar America. Here's a link to his page. Take a look:

<https://sanmarinorotary.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/195758McDonald.pdf>

AND SHOULD YOU HAVE MISSED THESE PASSINGS OF GOOD FRIENDS:

WRAY CORNWELL displayed the usual strengths and grace he has shown through a rich life of service to others as he yielded to a fast-spreading kidney cancer with smiles and love for all around him, but especially for Jeanne, his wonderful partner of 66 years, who is now settled at Monte Vista Grove. Wray's smile and quiet service shone from his growing-up in the Imperial Valley through passing in comfort as we gave Thanksgiving for many blessings, including the privilege of having known Wray's love and charm.

SERVICES FOR WRAY WILL BE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 11 a.m. at his place of worshipping his Lord, San Marino Community Church.

EUGENE SUN'S BEAUTIFUL LESLIE yielded to months of struggle with illness and passed

from this life on November 14th, leaving Eugene, their daughter Emily, and all who encountered this couple through their 44 years of marriage, or who enjoyed and admired Leslie's artistic talents. She was born in Shanghai but raised in Taiwan before coming to the US.

LESLIE AND EUGENE MET AT the University of Missouri in Columbia, where the charming young man swept her into a happy marriage and out to San Marino. Eugene should be full of good memories of his mate, their travels, their community involvements, and of their decades together. All our sympathy goes out to Eugene and their Emily.

SHIRLEY WEAVER, wife of our member for many years Gordon, also passed away this last fortnight as we extend our sorrow for Gordon and the Weaver family.

December 6: Hollywood Stuntman John Moio
with our TLC middle-school returnees

December 13: The Horror of Human Trafficking
and some hopes for its control

December 14: the marvelous Holiday Party
at Stephanie and Jon Duncan's –
if you respond by this Friday the 7th.

December 20 and 27:
No meetings, after our two-meeting week on the 13th and 14th