



# The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



## Events

### February 2018

02/22 - Luncheon Meeting:  
AMAROK SOCIETY

### March 2018

03/01 - Luncheon Meeting:  
SCOUTING IN THE SAN  
GABRIEL VALLEY  
03/08 - Luncheon Meeting: CRAFT  
TALKS  
03/09 - Board of Directors Meeting  
- San Marino Rotary Club  
03/15 - Luncheon Meeting: THE  
IMPORTANCE OF A CAMP  
EXPERIENCE

## Club Leaders



**Denise Wadsworth**  
Youth Service  
Chair, President



**Fang Fang Ho**  
President-Elect



**Gregory F. Johansing**  
Administration  
Chair, President Nominee  
Elect, Club Director



**Gilda Moshir**  
iPast President



**Paul Brassard**  
Secretary



**Dennis B. Kneier**  
Treasurer



**Lucille F. Norberg**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Kenneth Veronda**  
Bulletin Editor



**William H. Bortz**  
Club Director, Rotary  
Foundation Chair



**Deborah A. Herbert**  
Club Director



**J. Leland Mothershead  
III**  
Club Director



**Fary Yassamy**  
Club Director

## February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

### EMPOWERING TEACHERS IN POOREST AREAS

GEM MUNRO OF THE AMAROK SOCIETY comes from Canada to tell us of their work in Bangladesh and Pakistan, spreading education through impoverished areas that are without schools, teaching mothers how to be the teachers and bring literacy and numeracy to children. Bill Payne will introduce Gem and his organization's story, working with Rotary in some of this globe's poorest regions. Gem is an author and artist, devoting time to seeking funds for the non-profit Amarak, as we'll hear in this Thursday's program.

SOMEONE SENT LEN THERRIEN pictures from our "Night Out" at Malbec's, with several members (but never spouses) looking as if they had already enjoyed several glasses of Malbec. Len's not quite sure who sent these, but blame the unknown photographer if you don't like your looks. Click through and see if you can find yourself and remember this happy event created by Grace Yang and her Social Committee:

<https://youtu.be/7Xf9V2tRt40>

THE "BIG CHECK" WAS REALLY BIG – third biggest so far in Denise's year – when our president joined our partner John Chow of the Chinese Club in giving funds to Rise Against Hunger last week. Now we need all hands to help pack those 6000 meals come April.

WILL BORTZ REMINDS US that we have each pledged to support The Rotary Foundation with at least \$100 from "Every Rotarian, Every Year". We started 100% participation back in Debby Lowrey's presidency sometime last millennium, when \$100 was real money, and John Harris has been ever so faithful about kicking our collective bottoms into maintain that 100% for yet another year. John's coming back soon to make sure we're doing "every year" for another year, but meanwhile John's famous board is back, with all our names and a record if each is helping the good cause.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP WITH TRF is easy, Will says. Give him your check for \$100 or more at this week's meeting. Or drop your check in the mail to the club's PO Box, in the envelope Will sent you last week with his reminder. Or even easier, if your credit card information is on file with treasurer Dennis, simply ask Dennis in person or by email to charge you and there's no need to pay. (Well, until your credit card statement comes, of course.) And as the notorious Bill Steele would remind us all if he were still around, "it's tax deductible" – should that phrase mean anything any more when you go to work next winter on your 2018 return and must decide to itemize rather than take the automatic amount.

FANG HO TALKED ABOUT PETS last week. No, our president-in-waiting is not advocating either cats nor dogs, but rather she talked about the weekend she spent training to be an effective president (get it? Another one of far too many Rotary acronyms). Over intense hours of lectures and discussions, the district's incoming presidents met earlier this month to prepare for their July first inaugurations.



**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

FAN UNVEILED the international theme for 2018-2019: “BE THE INSPIRATION”, and showed a banner with the contemporary design from RI in Evanston (looks sort of like a big surf breaking over the Arizona state flag, but we’ll get used to it soon enough). Now Fang needs to round up all next year’s officers and board members, plus any other member who’d like to learn more of Rotary leadership, for BODTS. This has always sounds like some dread disease to me but is really the training session for her board of directors or something like that.

THE LUNAR NEW YEAR annual program at Southwestern had something new this year, thanks to a teacher Mini-Grant funded by our club. Each month Southwestern’s international students from a region of the world present a show about their countries, then plan and cook a dinner of their ethnic specialties. Chinese students from Taiwan and the mainland join with other Asian countries following the lunar calendar with the help of the traditional Lion Dance to bite and end the old year and usher in a new one. This year’s program included students playing the erhu, the guzeng, and a third ancient stringed instrument, the pipa, along with a loud and clear bamboo flute, found and purchased in Los Angeles by their music and language teachers Josh Gerowitz and Darlene Osmonson as part of this year’s Mini-Grants. Most of the Chinese students had never played these instruments, but learned quickly and beautifully.

OUR INCOMING PRESIDENT FAN and our governor’s representative Isaac Hung came to Southwestern’s welcoming of the Year of the Dog and were thanked by the performers for Rotary’s grant before everyone filed to twenty tables under the stars to use steaming hot pots and cook their choices of meats, tofu, various mushrooms, and vegetables. For dessert, budding chef Sam Shi had created “White Rabbit Ice” by crushing the popular children’s candies and mixing them with a cream custard to freeze.

THE SMUSD PTA COUNCIL is awarding three of our members special recognitions at this year’s PTA “Founders’ Day” – Honorary Service Awards to John Incontro and Denise Wadsworth, plus the prestigious “Golden Oak Award” to Liz Kneier. Nice honors indeed. And Denise can be especially pleased that our old system of fining our members for these type of awards, and for their pictures in the newspapers, is gone. Otherwise our poor president would be broke already.

HE’S “THE THING THAT WOULDN’T LEAVE.” Or so our honorary member Mitch called our former Rotarian, former superintendent of schools, former principal, former vice principal, former football coach, former lots of different jobs throughout our school district Loren Kleinrock in the Tribune. Mitch was just kidding. I hope. But The Rock is Back. Alex Cherniss dug him up to be interim temporary short-time assistant to do all the work of principal at San Marino High until a permanent assistant principal is found.

SAN MARINO HIGH SUFFERED the loss of another good friend and booster last week, though few are still around our city schools who would remember Clarence Gauldin, “C.B.”, the enthusiast of all Titan sports and especially Titan football. C.B. was the “spotter” through many seasons for the Voice of the Titans, announcer Paul Crowley, our former club president, mayor, planner, and official dry wit of San Marino. Paul is most famous for declaring that “everything is illegal in San Marino”, and that “San Marino is fifty years behind the time, and struggling to stay that way.” Paul’s fellow UofA alum C.B. agreed completely. C.B. never married through his ninety years of enjoying his church, travel, hobbies, and life. He was particularly close to Marie and Paul’s children, and to Jon’s two sons and daughter Kelly. Clarence gently slipped away from us last weekend, just a few weeks after that happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

ROB FEIDLER HAS A GOOD GROUP poring over applications from juniors at our local high schools who have applied to attend the district’s RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, a weekend at Running Springs. Rob’s committee will be interviewing each candidate, and must make the difficult selections. Rotary volunteers and funds give the best of these rising seniors discussions and activities to build their work as seniors and through college and career

leadership. Rob and our RYLA committee spend time to select the few they believe will most benefit from a RYLA award. You'll meet their selections later this spring after the 2018 RYLA concludes.

OUR "ROTARY READERS" BOOK PRESENTATIONS in nearby and underprivileged elementary schools is one of San Marino Rotary's most delightful and beneficial annual activities. Over the last several years, Jean Brodhead has chaired a small group of good Rotarians in selecting age-appropriate books through Scholastic Publications, having them identified with bookplates pasted in by our Interact Clubs, then finding needy school groups and presenting books each spring. The 2018 boxes of new books just arrived, to be presented in March and April.

NOW JEAN NEEDS TO STEP DOWN from the "Rotary Readers" commitment. Would you consider giving a few hours a month during the school year to continuing "Rotary Readers" for San Marino Rotary? Please speak with Jean Brodhead to learn more of how we continued "Reading by Nine" when the L.A. Times was sold to those Chicago newspaper barons, and of the good we do encouraging reading in many families without the resources to provide books for children. Will you help?

February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Gem Munro with the Amarak Society

March 1<sup>st</sup>: Boy Scouts Appeal

March 8<sup>th</sup>: Meet our very newest member