



# The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



## Events

**February 2018**  
 02/08 - ROTARY ON THE TOWN  
 02/09 - Board of Directors Meeting  
 - San Marino Rotary Club  
 02/15 - Luncheon Meeting:  
 FRIENDS OF SAN GABRIEL  
 MISSION PLAYHOUSE  
 02/22 - Luncheon Meeting:  
 AMAROK SOCIETY

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## NO LUNCH MEETING – DINNER AT MALBEC PASADENA

(And there's a tip below to finding and parking for those who've reserved for our sold-out night-on-the-town this Thursday)

## 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**  
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**Paul Brassard**  
 Secretary



**Dennis B. Kneier**  
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 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



**Leonard Therrien**  
 Club Director, Community  
 Service Chair

MALBEC RESTAURANT ON WILSHIRE in Santa Monica has received high ratings over the last several years on “Best of L.A.” lists. Their branch in Toluca Lake has drawn praise from neighboring Disney and ABC types who appreciate the Argentine foods. Now it's our turn to try the newest Malbec, as our social committee presents a very special night on the town for just us, gathering at six p.m. Thursday (see hints coming up on how to find the restaurant).

ARGENTINE FOOD AND WINE STYLES are wonderful, and Malbec Restaurant has brought the best to Southern California. Those who've been over to Santa Monica praise the empanadas, lomo a la pimienta, homemade pastas (yes, remember many Italians settled in Argentine decades ago and brought their old family recipes with them to be integrated into River Plate cuisine), and ojo de bife (no, not an “eye of a beef”, rather what we call “ribeye” steak, but with Argentine beef, grass-fed, and delicious). We've a chance to try for ourselves if the move from Buenos Aires to the fancy Westside and now to the growing gourmet center of Pasadena rates lots of stars.

FINDING MALBEC AT 1001 EAST GREEN is a little trickier than just finding the corner of Green and Catalina. The restaurant is not on the corner, but in one storefront closer to Lake, and on the north side of one-way Green Street not on the south side as shown on MapQuest. And Malbec's sign is a temporary vinyl banner above the windows, somewhat blocked by the beautiful trees along Green. Remember that Mentor is one-way southbound, so from San Marino and points below Pasadena you must enter Green from northbound Lake. Cross Mentor, and you should see a lectern standing on the left in front of our Malbec's, with valet parking attendants available and probably necessary (for \$6) as street parking on Green or Catalina has become rare with other restaurants nearby.

BUT BE CAREFUL! Don't go as far as Catalina, or you'll need to go left and left and left and left again – Catalina to Colorado to Mentor or Lake to eastbound Green – in order to circle back to where you belong if you want to join your Rotary friends.

AND BE SURE TO TRY THE MALBEC RED. The luscious purple table grape is one of the six allowed in Bordeaux clarets, where Malbec adds a rich dark tannin. Carried to Argentina by those Italians back in the 1880s, Malbec has been a cheap jug red. Now around Mendoza the Argentines have developed a softer, less tannic wine that's beating the harsher French in gathering international appreciation. If you don't know Argentine Malbec, try it out.

A GLASS OF ARGENTINE RED OR WHITE is part of your package at our Night on the Town. Yes, it's OK to taste the white Argentine, which is getting better but is still overshadowed by the Chileans from the other slope of the Andes. Our social committee provides your first glass along with the three entrees, including tax and gratuities. Chair Grace and the social committee worked hard to build a fine package which sounded expensive to a few members. C'mon – a special three-course dinner with wine for two just for Rotary at one



**John Donovan**  
Club Director



**Molly W Woodford**  
Club Director, Membership  
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**Shody Chow**  
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**William L. Payne**  
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Vocational Service  
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**Steve Garrett**  
Programs Chair

or Pasadena's newest hot spots, with tax and tip, can't possibly be beat in price other than at the strip of fast-food places on North Lake. Thank you Grace and team!

**TREASURER DENNIS REPORTS** we ended January with all bills paid, including RI and district dues, and a few hundred dollars ahead of the budget. There are a few third-quarter billings in arrears, and should yours be one Dennis would appreciate your help in clearing your account, but otherwise it's another year for the club in the black.

**IF YOU WENT TO TIJUANA LAST MONTH** with Shody Chow's international service committee you will want to see these pictures of your handsome selves at Rotary work. If you didn't go, Len Therrien provides a link for the rest of us to see evidence of the soccer field we are helping finance. J-P Mainguy, Rob Feidler, Fang Ho, James Nash, Grace Yang, and Mazi Yarahmady are the stars of this collection. Take a look at Len's slide show here, and thank yourself and our club's committee for helping out with the project:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/mFQczVAH1bl?rel=0>

**PRESIDENT DENISE IS PROUD** that we've provided \$1920 to buy 38 cots for the Friends in Deeds "Pasadena Bad Weather Shelter", and prouder that our joint party with the Chinese Club generated more than \$10,000 to buy 6000 bags of food that will serve 36,000 meals through Rise Against Hunger. Now we all need to save time on April 24<sup>th</sup> to pitch in at Huntington School with packaging those 6000 bags. Mark time on your calendar today.

**WE RECEIVED A NICE LETTER OF THANKS** to San Marino Rotary from the Rotary Club at Camp Pendleton reporting they sold all the furniture items we carried down to the Marine base last August, and that 32 young Marine families were able to receive desks, beds, and wardrobes for their family quarters. Our club did provide muscular help from the Hungs in loading furnishings from the girls' dorms of Southwestern, but the donation as truckloads two previous years to Tijuana Rotaries actually came from the school. The Rotarians of the Pendleton club, on base near San Clemente, are doing a great job helping our forces.

**DEBBIE LOWREY FOGARTY** and husband Bruce are moving from Millerton Lake to Gold River, in Sacramento County near Rancho Cordova. Debbie is an honorary member of our club – a third-generation legacy member for that matter, as grandfather and father (both named Paul) trace back to our club's founding, all three Lowreys interior decorators with a studio on Mission Street. Debbie was our club's president in 1993. She is historic: a single woman as incoming president, who met handsome sheriff deputy Bruce at the RI convention in Australia that spring; a first president married while in office; a first pregnant president, bringing little Elizabeth as our Rotary Baby (beat that trifecta, president Denise!). Debbie's term of office started our tradition of 100% sustaining membership to The Rotary Foundation, a proud record that continues 23 years later.

**AND ROTARY BABY ELIZABETH?** All grown up, of course, and at her first full-time job in Carlsbad. Meanwhile Debbie reports that her father Paul continues well, while well along into his 90s. Debbie and Bruce's new address is 11408 Tunnel Hill Way, Gold River 95670. If you remember her, I'm sure she'd enjoy hearing from you. In packing up, she found a group photo of San Marino Rotary back when all-male, and promises to send it along for our archives. If you didn't know our charming honorary member Debbie, too bad. Your loss.

**GLOBAL SCHOLAR LARISSA PHILLIPS** has her latest blog posted on the club's web site, and Bill Payne asks you to see for yourself we've a "scholar and socialite" in Larissa.

**REMEMBER SUNDAY THE 11<sup>th</sup>** will be the East Meets West Lunar New Year celebrations at Community Church starting at 2:00 p.m.

**GENE DRYDEN IS IN THERAPY** and flashing a positive smile as he rebuilds speech and other mental connections after suffering a stroke a fortnight ago. Of course he is still unable to have visitors or take phone calls at the rehabilitation center, but Ann and Gene really appreciate having received the card many of us signed, plus a few mailed messages from others. Please keep them coming to let both know they're not forgotten. Send your note or card to them at 2500 Cumberland Road, San Marino.

I'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND current information about Bob Twist at City of Hope. If you have news to share, please let me know. And please continue to keep Nancy and Bob in your prayers in appreciation for their many contributions to our San Marino and world.

February 8<sup>th</sup> – this Thursday noon – no lunch meeting  
Six p.m., is our “Night Out” at Malbec in Pasadena

February 15<sup>th</sup> – back to Community Church to hear about  
funds needed to help restore the Mission Playhouse

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – another program on another worthy cause,  
this for Bangladesh and Pakistani students.