



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

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06/28 - LUNCHEON MEETING:
SAN MARINO SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION REPORT

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JUNE 28, 2018

REPORTING ON THE SAN MARINO SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

JAMES LAU IS THE INTERIM executive director, a fund-raising consultant recently named to head our San Marino School District's support program. He will be our speaker at this Thursday's meeting. Lau holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from USC. He has consulted with several California NGO's, and was a State of California Legislature consultant from 1997 through 2001. He started his own fund-raising consultant firm in 2010, and has been working with San Marino's school board with the Schools Foundation campaigns. You've seen so many supportive lawn signs posted earlier this month. Come hear "WHERE WE ARE, WHERE WE'RE GOING" with the Foundation's programs to boost our local city schools and keep them on top.

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK, JULY 5th. Nothing until our enthusiastic young president Fang returns from RI's Toronto convention to tell us what she experienced there and what she's planning for the year ahead.

THIS NEXT SECTION IS A PERSONAL MESSAGE to our past and future presidents who are in Toronto. If you're not the immediate past or the immediate future leader of our club, do not read this but skip down to the "for those who want to relieve" message below.

DEAR DENISE AND FANG:

Come home soon, hear! We hope you enjoy the experience of meeting with thousands of fellow Rotarians from around the globe, but you can't believe what a mess you left behind for last week's leaderless luncheon – more, it was like a rudderless old sailing scow set loose to wander the seas with no one steering. There was no head table, just a bunch of guys and gals sitting around enjoying when this happened:

JIM NASH walked up at precisely 12:30, said nothing, rang the bell, then sat back down. All were enjoying the peace, the lunch, the conversations around the room, until Jim disrupted.

GENE ORLOWSKY gave the invocation, but already it was much too late for God's intervention to help us organize. People were still chuckling about Jim. Gene warned both us and God that the format would be different.

ARIANNA BASSARI handled the joke, or maybe it was the medical procedures she'd endured. Most of us old guys couldn't understand some of the words she used, so maybe they were medical terms above our abilities to comprehend. Her leading of song and pledge went well, however, as everyone in the room helped out.



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Steve Garrett
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BOB HOUSTON announced that the Glorious Fourth of July Parade would be on July 4th and that we all needed to turn out at 3:00 to help. We guess he meant three PM, though Bob's a party guy and maybe he meant to come after the clubs close early morning.

DENNIS KNEIER talked and talked about how successful the Car Show was this year, how much better it was, how great the volunteers were, but didn't give us any proof at all.

MOLLY WOODFORD spoke about how wonderful, how charming, how beautiful she is, but we already knew that. She then introduced our speaker, who was definitely not wonderful, charming, or at all beautiful.

STEVE GARRETT then talked about shoes, and ships, and ceiling wax, why pigs have wings, and how the Rotary Facebook, DAMNEDdb system, and all Rotary websites need to be visited more often. He suggested that we could build membership by raiding nearby areas. He offered to take over the writing of Rotoscope once again, to give us a new attitude or something like that.

STEVE TOLD told an endless story full of false news about why San Marino Rotary men were against bringing wimmen into the club. False. Fony. I was there; he wasn't. I know we had one member who was strongly against female members. He was a year or two behind in paying dues and he never did pay when he quit not because we admitted Barbara Bice but because we moved from Woody and Eddy's and he couldn't stay at the bar instead of coming to meetings at the Woman's Clubhouse. Then Steve sat down.

JIM NASH walked up at precisely 1:30, said nothing, rang the bell, then sat back down. Everyone else walked out. I think Jim and Steve may be still sitting there, waiting for this week's meeting to show off their power again. Ringing that bell was hard work for Jim, but spinning endless balderdash comes easy for Steve, because of his experience as a long-ago district governor.

FANG, DENISE, COME HOME QUICK!

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO RELIVE memories of our June 14th meeting to celebrate Denise's year before she was sent out to pasture, Len Therrien has posted his collection of photos on line for your inspection. They're also on line at the club's web page, so the entire globe can see the skit that proves Shakespeare's adage of "what fools these mortals be". If you're interested, especially if you want to see yourself dressed up in the very different classroom skit, go to:

<https://youtu.be/kE2ivPgIVxs>

OUR CLUB DID NOT find time in the crowded spring meeting calendar for us to meet and hear a report from Southwestern's Interact officers so we asked the president to write this up:

SOUTHWESTERN INTERACT CLUB

INTERACT is everybody's club, sponsored at Southwestern by the Rotary Club of San Marino for students at both campuses. It is a part of Rotary International, where men and women devote many hours of volunteering to help the world become a better place. We are a club with inspiration. As this 2017-2018 school year closes, we have recorded over 3,400 hours of volunteer community service by our student body so far this year.

The 2018-2019 Southwestern Interact Club President is GWENDOLYN MURPHY. Other officers include vice president Richelle Chow, treasurer Brennan Valdez, secretary Nancy Zheng, project researcher Delia Wang. Our faculty coordinator is Thomas Bornt. We haven't heard yet who our Rotary Club liaison will be.

SOUTHWESTERN INTERACT CLUB is a highly devoted place for students to give service to others by donating their time and helping other students volunteer. The purpose of INTERACT is to create a better community for you and others.

INTERACT is sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Marino, which provides some travel funding to help make our community service smooth and successful.

Every year we assist many hours at a Food Bank, with "Toys for Tots" over the holidays, at Huntington Hospital, and at some events in the Huntington Library. We volunteer with our San Marino Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast, with the L.A. Marathon and with La Casa de San Gabriel. We've stuffed envelopes and prepared mailings for four local charities. We tutor elementary students at public schools in Alhambra and West Pasadena. We put labels in books for elementary-age students who live in impoverished areas, and collect soaps and gifts for a Maya Indian community funded originally and supported by San Marino Rotary. We help the Southwestern Jazz Band entertain at senior citizen homes and for shut-ins. Very popular volunteering includes cleanup at beaches and along the Los Angeles River on weekends, collecting hundreds of pounds of litter, especially plastic waste.

We are in charge of finding other projects for all our school community to help, then keeping track of all students' hours spent in community service. Every one of our classmates must complete at least 100 approved hours of volunteering before graduation, but most record twice this, many volunteer hundreds of hours before graduating.

Participating with INTERACT projects in volunteer service builds you both mentally and physically. It is a fulfilling experience, a place to learn new skills that you can't be taught in classes, and a way to meet new friends outside our school. I am looking forward to your enjoying these opportunities and feeling the euphoria of helping others.

GWEN MURPHY, Interact President

A FEW REMINDERS:

--GENE DRYDEN keeps improving at the Villa Gardens rehabilitation center, but really welcomes visitors with his big smile and wit. The rehab building extends behind Villa Gardens' residence, just north of Lake Avenue Church, with entry and parking on the west across from The Hat pastrami (but no, Gene doesn't need all that garlic as he's well fed by Villa Gardens). Take a few minutes to visit Gene and help him get stronger.

--THE VETERAN'S FORUM where Linda Wah's Vocational Service Committee members and other volunteers from our club is on Saturday morning, June 30th, in Azusa. Sponsored by our local members of congress, providing much information for recently-returned veterans, is from 8:00 to 2:00, and Linda would appreciate any more helpers willing to go. She can be reached through lswah@sbcglobal.net. Information on the Forum, with directions, is at <https://Vetforum2018.eventbrite.com>.

--DEBBIE PRIESTER REMINDS YOU that she still needs a few more working convertibles for the Glorious Fourth parade, and for that matter a few more helpers would really please her also.

--HELP IS ALSO NEEDED in decorating, then undecorating, the Rotary float to carry either our immediate past or our newly installed president (the choice varies from year to year/

--RAY CARLSON, the dynamic Altadena Rotarian who spear-headed innovative business planning competitions in district high schools, is to be memorialized on Saturday, June 30th, 1:30 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1757 North Lake in Pasadena (just south of Woodbury, across from St. Elizabeth's - plenty of parking in the church lot to the west).

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July 4th – HELP NEEDED WITH GLORIOUS FOURTH PARADE

July 5th – NO MEETING OVER THE LONG 4th WEEKEND

July 12th: NEXT MEETING, AT COMMUNITY CHURCH:
PRESIDENT FANG'S REPORT ON THE TORONTO CONVENTION
AND PLANS FOR 2018-2019