



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

June 2018

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Club Director

JUNE 7, 2018

Humorous Membership Classification

THE CLUB'S WEB PAGE SAYS Molly Woodford and Denise Wadsworth are our speakers this week, but that's just a joke. The real jokes will come from our first genuine jokester-member, our first professional comedian, dragged from the Comedy Store, the Palladium, the Laugh Factory, by proud parents Nicole and Teddy. They want to have Ariana show off all she learned about clowning around in San Marino Schools and at Emerson College. For more than 75 years our witless presidents and would-be-comedian speakers have tried to be funny without much success. Now we have an honest-for-goodness comedy writer and performer among our membership, and it's Ariana's half-hour to show off. She'd better be good at this big gig, so Nicole and Teddy can brag on their creation.

IT'S GRADUATION DAY at Southwestern, so a bunch of our members will be missing Ariana's humor. Come to think of it, some of her humor may go missing anyway, bright quips that might be over the heads of some members actually present this Thursday. We hope someone will share Adriana's better quips with those who must be absent to present diplomas and all that sort of boring old stuff.

READING THIS BEFORE WEDNESDAY EVENING the 6th? Remember Dennis' suggestion to join Julianne's Summer Wine event from six to 7:30 on Mission, and remember to take one of our Motor Classic tickets to flash for a \$2-per-glass discount. Should be fun.

LINDA WAH AND OUR VSC - vocational service committee - are joining with local chambers of commerce and the Foothill Workforce Development Board to offer a "Career Expo" in Pasadena the morning of Tuesday, June 19th. Real live employers with real job openings will be available for candidates of all ages and experiences, though it's close to PCC so it will be drawing students too. Linda seeks some helpers with the registration and traffic that morning. Would you volunteer? Don't be shy - write lswah@sbcglobal.net and help.

LINDA'S NEXT VSC MEETING will be next Friday, June 15th, seven a.m. at Southwestern. It will be in the Governor's Room at the front of Pioneer Hall by the parking lot on the west side of the campus. Linda promises to have you out within the hour. If you're on vocational service, or into vocational service, please come and join in the brainstorming of how to help the area's unemployed and our local employees with open jobs to match up.

OUR NEXT CLUB PROJECT - well, next after that little matter of a busy week with the Motor Classic, that is - comes the 4th of July when we celebrate the 4th of July, and Debbie Priester continues to be concerned about getting enough old, new, or in-between rag top convertibles to carry all those important Council and other big-shots in our Glorious Fourth Parade. Have a convertible? Know of another in town? Please volunteer!

DID YOU RESPOND TO Gilda's email invitation for our June 14th presidential out-and-in ceremony? If not, and it's still sitting in your email in-box, just a click'll do it. She's asking so there's plenty of space and food for you. Let her know 'yes' or 'no' about coming. This is the last June of Gilda's presidency and she wants to have a big party.



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about coming. This is the last duty of immediate past presidents before they race into our club's history, so help her make it a successful celebration of Denise and Fang.

OUR CLUB JOINED THE CITY, the Chinese Club, and other local groups in the Memorial Day tribute to those from San Marino we've lost, and those veterans who came home with our thanks and appreciation. Honorary member Mitch Lehman created this annual remembrance back when our good and giving member Matthew Lin was mayor. Current mayor Steve Talt spoke eloquently this year. Chief John read the roll call of those we've lost, with the Rotary bell chiming once for each of far too many who didn't return to our little town.

OTHER ROTARIANS JOINED neighbors in recalling their years of service, though each year fewer remain of the "greatest generation". After the program, the group munched cookies, but for the first time since our local tribute began Elliott Katz did not come ask if the lemonade was sugar-free. We lost Elliott this last year. Paul Crowley really relished the chocolate chip cookies each year, and indeed son Jon found some in Paul's camel jacket's pockets, but we've lost Paul. Bill Steele preferred chewy cookies as he reminisced about his underage enrollment to ferry new B-24s across the Pacific. Bill Hyland gave a memorable talk on the taste and smells of the battlefield. We've lost both Bills, and Carl, and John, And Hank, and all other San Marino Rotarians who served in the great war of the last century.

WE COMMEMORATE THE 64th remembrance of D-Day this week, and a few remember what may be the most dramatic experience in our club's history. June 6th, 1984 – the 40th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion – was a regular meeting day. President Joe Lewis knew as did all that one proud member seated front-center had piloted a Navy LST ashore in that first deadly wave. Joe asked if anyone present had been in Europe 40 years ago, and Wink Day stood to much applause. Then Wink's longtime friend Dick, seated next to him, slowly stood too, but would say nothing. No one knew of his service.

LATER THAT AFTERNOON, Dick visited one of our members to ask his story be recorded, then be sealed until after his death. Dick was raised in Florida through the Depression, graduating from Miami High School in June 1943. He and his buddy decided to join the Army. Both went ashore with the first wave on D-Day, and within a minute on the beach Dick's buddy stepped on a mine and was gone. Dick struggled with General Theodore Roosevelt Jr.'s unit for four days until they gained a foothold atop Utah Beach. He fought to Caen and through the Falaise Gap to Paris. In Paris, he'd lost his unit, and simply stayed lost to rest and party until nearly Christmas. Another partying G.I. told Dick he had orders to take a motorcycle north into Belgium to deliver some papers to our troops. Dick was ready for more adventures, so swapped places and took the motorcycle only to be trapped in the Battle of the Bulge. Joining Patton's army, he pushed to the Elbe, then after V.E. Day was among the first to encounter one of the smoldering Nazi concentration camps and giving his rations to suffering Jewish, only to watch the captives die from this sudden nutrition.

DICK RETURNED TO FLORIDA determined to forget all that horror. He married and moved years later to San Marino. He never told his parents, wife, children, nor good friends of his experiences. He joined our club and bonded closely with Wink Day in Community Church activities, but kept his wartime memories sealed. Only after he was gone was that record of memories unsealed, given to his family, and read at church and Rotary. Each June 6th, we join Dick's family in remembering Dick's very precious gift to freedom.

TREASURER DENNIS REPORTS with pride that the Bill Steele Mini-Grant Endowment fund inspired by Andy Barth with a first major gift is now producing annual income to allow an increase in teacher-grants from the current \$25,000 each year, possibly to \$30 or \$40K for the coming term. More current is the generosity of the Barths and other members who have shifted the funds planned for the PCC Veterans' Clinic (that's not to be) for the start of a scholarship endowment, with our Charities Board has renamed.

"THE BARTH ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP" endowment has a nice ring to it, remembering both the help of Andy and his family and of others building a fund for aiding local students. Our treasurer Dennis says this endowment has some \$66,000 in principal, and has earned some \$11,000 in accumulated interest, since the first donations. Thank you Andy, and special appreciation to other donors to the clinic who agreed to the shift, for encouraging this fine program for our club and community.

June 7th: ARIANA'S CRAFT TALK AND SMHS INTERACT

June 14th: CELEBRATING DENISE'S YEAR OF LEADERSHIP

June 21st: MIDSUMMER'S WITH STEVE GARRETT ON ROTARY FUTURE