



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

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

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MARCH 1st, 2018

A PROUD AND GOOD SCOUT

OUR NEIGHBOR TIM GREENLEAF in his business life is a successful private equity and venture capital executive, currently managing director at Fairmont Capital. But he's really a Good Scout, a volunteer for many fine causes, from being Scoutmaster with San Marino's Troop 358 through donating his legal and financial skills to the Boy Scouts' San Gabriel Council, then through a merger with the Los Angeles council to create the new Greater Los Angeles Area Boy Scout Council, where he is now president and chair of the board. Tim Greenleaf is proud of how the Scouting spirit builds stronger futures for not only the Scouts involved but for the general good. Bill Payne is bringing and introducing Tim to tell us more of the development funding needs of the area's Boy Scouts, as part of Bill's recent program series of good causes seeking our club or individual help.

BEFORE OUR MEETING THIS THURSDAY, whether March blows in as a lion or a lamb, would you give an early morning hour to please some great young kids and to feel the glow of one of our club's best projects? It's the first "ROTARY READERS" presentation of books this season, 7:00 a.m. March 1st at Granada Elementary in Alhambra, and chair Jean Brodhead needs and appreciates your joining the committee in the presentation. It's close, too. Granada Elementary is on Granada, of course, at 100 South. Easy, and a happy occasion to show Rotary's support for the children.

JEAN'S "ROTARY READERS" SEEKS one of our members to step up and chair the group, to perpetuate the good work we've been doing with book distributions to underprivileged elementary school groups for the last two decades. As you may remember, Scholastic Publications is contributing a significant part of its great profits from the "Harry Potter" sales by offering age-appropriate books for Rotary clubs to buy at very low prices and to present in area schools. Until the Chicago newspaper people scooped up the L.A. Times and killed the "Reading by *" support but *copyrighted the name so we can't say "Nine", our club and other area Rotaries were helped financially by the big city's big paper. Now we're on our own, and proud of what we're doing. Consider this special way to give service to build better young readers. Talk with Jean Brodhead for information on how it works and what is involved.

GRANDFATHER GENE DRYDEN continues steadily to mend in rehabilitation after his stroke, but he's not quite up to meeting a commitment he made months ago to tell the Michael White Adobe story at the quarterly San Marino Historical Society program this Monday evening, February 26th. What to do? Easy. Ann and Gene's grandson Hunter, a freshman at San Marino High, will not only give this week's program but also show a scale model he made over several years in Legos. He will be donating the model to the adobe, caught as the early California Rancho building is between field and fence above the swimming pool at the high school. Grandpa raises them right, full of interest in local history as Hunter has been since Cub Scout days. If you want to hear the presentation, it's in the Barth Room at Crowell Library at seven p.m. Monday, with no charge as always with our local historical society programs.

WATCH OUT! BLANK CHECK ON THE LOOSE! President Denise, our social committee chair Grace Yang-Antonides, Tony Chou, and John Chou of the Chinese Club, presented that "Big Check" last week to "Rise Against Hunger". The photo in this week's Outlook shows the check's routing numbers clearly, but the amount and "pay to the order of"



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is blank. Maybe it's the lighting, or the angle – whatever, perhaps you can clip the check's photo out of the paper, fill in enough for one of those beautiful Motor Classic cars, and cash it for yourself. Then drive away fast before John Incontro's big fat slow cruisers can catch you if they can.

HOW MUCH EXACTLY did the "Christmas Party for a Cause" raise with the partnership of the Chinese Club? No numbers are on that "big check", but the caption does tell us an impressive figure: \$10,460.80. Thanks to all in both clubs who donated this first year.

HUNTINGTON SCHOOL CAREER DAY on Valentine's that was organized by Linda Wah was a fine success, with professional and business people talking with middle school girls and boys about careers in medical services, government work, small businesses, and even stand-up comedy. Nicole Brasseri was there with daughter Ariana. Fary Yassamy was talking about the future of dentistry (once declared to be no longer needed, now busier than ever with an aging population). President Denise also shared her career's requirements and opportunities. Thanks to them and any other Rotarians who participated but we missed.

LINDA WAH AND HER VOCATIONAL SERVICE committee are planning to do "Speed Dating" again – but not to seek partnerships. Over lunch on April 26th, armed forces veterans at Pasadena City College are invited to meet Rotary volunteers one-to-one for just five minutes, to give the vets information and help in career planning. What's involved in preparing for your career field? What are the opportunities for the future – and what are the problems? Would you be willing to summarize your career for these good women and men who've served our country and have now turned to studies and preparing for work and family? Please write, call, or talk with Linda at Rotary and give an hour at PCC next month.

LINDA WAH WELCOMES any and all of her fellow Rotarians to come help with our Vocational Service work. Meetings are monthly on Friday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 at different locations. Upcoming dates include March 9th, April 20th, May 18th, and June 15th. As with the "Speed Career" lunch time at PCC, talk with Linda and volunteer.

NICOLE BRASSERI AND ISAAC HUNG joined in celebrating our Rotary president Denise's sweet sixteenth birthday – but did not do so at our club. Instead the celebration was held at The Other Big Club in Town, with a big picture in the Tribune. This presidential publicity traditionally gathered major fines for Rotary. Now they slither by without Nicole, Isaac, or especially Denise paying anything. Isaac especially is unfair. His birthday brought a big cake for him at Rotary's meeting, Isaac scored even more cake and celebration at The Other Big Club. Really doesn't seem right that they don't have to pay up for such special attention.

WE'RE SPONSORING ANOTHER business plan competition at San Marino High School, and a few more Rotarians are needed to help judge the best of the students' concepts. Once Isaac Hung has finished off all the birthday cakes and wiped the frosting off his mouth, he can tell you how it works and what's involved for you. Please, consider another good way to give volunteer service to our youth.

MEMBER MATTHEW LIN took on another of his many impressive Service Above Self challenges last summer when he accepted the post of deputy assistant secretary for minority health and director of minority health services with HHS in Washington. Matt and Joy have been dividing their time between Matt's work in D.C., his travels around the continent and our Pacific territories, and their home and family in San Marino. Matt writes of his visit last month to North and South Dakota's Lakota Nations' Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations, ranked among the poorest Americans for the last three decades. Matt notes how this poverty has led to cycles of poor health from generation to generation.

DR. MATT REPORTS THAT he found among the Lakota reservations:

- The rate of diabetes is eight times the rate of the rest of the United States;
- Infant mortality is three times the national rate; and
- Life expectancy is the lowest in the nation, and second lowest in the Hemisphere.

MATT WRITES US THAT “we talked with state and local officials about opportunities for collaborating on activities that can help these populations. In Bismarck, Gov. Burgum talked about the need for greater understanding of the state’s Native American tribes, as well as opportunities for local/state/federal collaboration on societal factors such as workforce development, education, violence and access to health care.”

AT THE SIOUX SAN HOSPITAL, Matt’s delegation heard from Jim Driving Hawk, acting director of the Great Plains Area of the Indian Health Service, on plans to rebuild the hospital as a 220,000-square-foot medical building by 2025. Currently, the inpatient and emergency departments at the existing facility are temporarily closed and urgent care is open 24 hours a day. Matt says the “president of the Ogala Lakota Nation at the Pine Ridge Reservation, emphasized that the peace treaty the tribes signed with the government in 1851 stated that the U.S. is obligated to provide medical care, along with education and employment” – and we’re failing to meet our treaty obligations. The Ogala president also talked about the absence on the reservation of social welfare and job opportunities, housing and law and order, along with efforts to stop illegal gold mining on the Indian land.

MATT FOUND THE FEDERAL HOSPITALS on the reservations “spend a considerable amount of time treating health disparities impacting the populations the hardest, such as opioid addiction, smoking- and alcohol-induced health problems and mental health issues. We saw poverty and illness throughout the tribal communities. Even though there are very good medical facilities and services available on the reservations, a significant gap remains between the care that is available and those who use it. And many of the health problems resident suffer from are rooted in social determinants. As such, one solution that would help break the cycles of poverty and poor health is education and vocational training for young people. I conveyed my interest in further communication to address these and other needs.”

OUR FELLOW ROTARIAN MATT, skilled physician, successful practitioner, former mayor, who is so often off to volunteer surgery in global areas of disasters with a true humanitarian spirit, makes us feel so proud to have this unassuming gentleman representing San Marino Rotary at its very best. Matt gives not just thoughts and prayers but great service to others in need without reward to himself.. May God continue to bless and strengthen you, Matt. We hope you’ll have time to stop at your club in between your service travels.

March 1st: Boy Scouting around Los Angeles

March 8th: Newest member Ginny Hsiao has the program to tell of her craft

March 15th: How a camp experience helps youngsters grow stronger

March 22nd: To The Huntington for our annual Rotary Foundation luncheon