



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

March 2018

03/09 - Board of Directors Meeting
- San Marino Rotary Club
03/15 - Luncheon Meeting: NO
CRYING: THIS WEEK WE TALK
ABOUT JOURNALISM!
03/22 - Luncheon Meeting:
ANNUAL FOUNDATION
LUNCHEON
03/29 - Luncheon Meeting:
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN
PASADENA

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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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

MARCH 15, 2018

“NO CRYING!”

It's Mitch Back to talk about Journalism

OUR PLANNED SPEAKER for the week, who was supposed to be coming to talk about camping, cancelled (though we're not told if he overslept in the tent or if the bears got him). Last-minute no-shows are the bane of program chairs, but Bill Payne knows just who to call. He's ready to talk, and talk, and talk at any time. So our honorary member Mitch Lehman gets to sing for a free lunch this Thursday. Mitch will be singing in the newly renovated men's room at Community Church before our noon meeting (and those Rotarians who are not male can get a hall pass from Denise to get in should you wish to see the splendid new tile work there). Or you can come as usual at 12:10 for lunch, and listen to Mitch talk about today's journalism strengths and challenges. He promises not to spoil lunch with his singing. No crying. Mitch is talking.

SPEAKING OF LOCAL JOURNALISM: another paper, not one of Mitch's, says our City Council is planning "to explore revamping and modernizing ... and preserving the city's vibe." No way! San Marino has no vibe. Vibes are absolutely forbidden under our City Code. We hope this error is from the newspaper's staff, used to the vibe of places like Montrose or Flintridge. We hope more that the three new members of the City Council, and our City Manager, clearly understand that we don't want vibe; indeed, that we ban any vibe. We're depending on Mayor Talt to preserve our traditions, without vibe. Otherwise we will face the spirit of our former Rotarian and Mayor Paul Crowley's wrath if our city dares even to consider bringing vibe to San Marino.

AND SPEAKING OF MAYOR TALT: That same newspaper declares Steve "finished 8th grade at Huntington Middle School," that he met his wife at Huntington Middle School where he was student president for a year. We're glad to hear Steve made it through junior high math and U.S. History, but there's no indication if Steve continued any academic work elsewhere, but if he was spending all his eighth grade fooling around with Leslee we tend to doubt it. (There was no vibe at Huntington either, in ASB President Steve's administration. He was much too busy flirting and vibing to allow such among his fellow students).

GREG JOHANSING LEAVES EARLY MORNING this Friday to take 24 of the Finest Eleventh Graders, selected by Rob Feidler's committee from among more applicants than could be accommodated to our Rotary Youth Leadership Award weekend. Rob faced another commitment, and Greg stepped up to help. And as we learned last week, our San Marino Rotary Charities has awarded full financial support to the awardees. As always, RYLA will be a memorable learning experience for each of the two dozen students chosen for this year's award recognition.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE couldn't resist. They remind us that "WE SET SAIL" on the Queen Mary May 18th for this celebration of the year's accomplishments among all district clubs, and that less expensive registration and hotel spaces are available this month only. We doubt the old Queen can sail out of its Long Beach berth, or even steam out as its engines are gone, but you get the idea. Book soon. Remember you must use the unique link sent you by our district. We're not sure what to do if you've deleted that link already, but maybe you can find information on the district5300.org web site.



John Donovan
Club Director



Molly W Woodford
Club Director, Membership
Chair



Shody Chow
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William L. Payne
Public Image Chair



Tony Chou
Vocational Service
Chair, Youth Service Chair



Steve Garrett
Programs Chair

ANOTHER TIP: We're told by a Long Beach friend that rooms at the Hilton's Hotel Maya, near the Queen Mary, are quieter, larger, much more comfortable than aboard the old grey lady. The Maya is about a thousand feet north of the Queen, right on the water, with romantic views of city lights across the way. They even offer a free shuttle from the ship's gangplank to their tropical entry (which has nothing to do with anything Maya, but it's an attractive alternative anyway). Booking can be done through Hilton Reservations or on line at consolidators such as tripadvisor.com or hotels.com, or call Debbie Priester and she'd be happy to help with this or other alternatives in Long Beach.

IF YOU HAVE ONE OR MORE of those million-dollar classic vehicles, or hot Detroit muscle cars, or maybe a Duesy or Rolls, you're invited to enter the San Marino Motor Classic and maybe collect a trophy for your efforts. Entry forms are on line at the SMMC web site, where the second newsletter for 2018 is also published for you to read the history of another vanished automobile manufacturer. It's a beautiful, professional newsletter, too. We only regret it doesn't mention San Marino Rotary and all our club's volunteers who put the show together.

WE JOIN ANOTHER "SUPER BUILD" one-day construction of a home in Tecate, just over the border in Baja, on Saturday, April 28. Twenty from our club went last year; they're all welcome again, as is every member, spouse, teen, any age or construction skill level. All who've gone will testify to the quality of the experience. The district is purchasing the prefab home this year from "Project Mercy" rather than Corazon – Mercy is a third less expensive. As before, the team will meet at La Quinta Inn in Chula Vista for overnight Friday, April 27th, then caravan across the border early Saturday.

J. P. MAINGUY IS OUR main guy (he must grow very tired of this silly name-play) and urges each Rotarian to consider coming down for Super Build the last Saturday in April. Painters, hammerers, wirers, cooks, muscles or not, are needed and welcome. No Spanish is needed, just a smile, to serve food, care for little kids, control inventory, finish the house before sundown, and feel the pleasure of turning keys over to a homeless and needy family and returning to Chula Vista's La Quinta for Saturday night before heading home.

REGISTER ON LINE AND HELP with the April 28th Super Build:

<http://district5300.org/service/international-service/super-build>

and don't forget to book a room for the two nights at La Quinta: 855-823-4661.

SUPER BUILD QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? Email jpmainguy@gmail.com, or call J. P. at 626-347-0752. It's a good cause as well as a great experience.

"ROTARY READERS" presents books at underprivileged schools for the last time this year, on Tuesday, March 13th, ten a.m. at Dolores Mission School, 170 South Green, Los Angeles. If you can give a few minutes to enjoy the smiles of delightful kids on seeing real books come for them, please join Jean Brodhead's committee. They'll meet in the school office at 9:45 for the ten a.m. presentation. You'll be home or at work within an hour. It's well worth celebrating these elementary schools and students by showing we care.

JEAN BRODHEAD SEEKS a willing replacement to perpetuate our "Readers" work. Please see her or Fang Ho and volunteer.

FANG'S NEW BOARD heads to beautiful Lancaster – well, not so beautiful this year without the wildflowers of 2017, but still just an hour away – this weekend for BODT, not (yet) a disease but rather the district's training program.

NEWS OF OUR MISSING FRIENDS:

--GENE DRYDEN is progressing after suffering a stroke, strong enough to leave Huntington Hospital for continuing therapy in Pasadena. Ann says no calls or visitors yet, though your cards and prayers are valuable help in reminding the Drydens that we care.

--JOHN HARRIS is back home, doing very well with walking again after a second hip fracture, planning to join us at The Huntington's TRF luncheon March 22nd – and we hope you'll join with your "Every Member, Every Year" sustaining membership that we can

report to John next week. Again, no visitors yet, but be prepared to cheer John's return soon.

--BOB EICHEL is facing some serious problems at Huntington Hospital, as we heard last meeting about our former member. Bob deserves our "thoughts and prayers" for real, not just as nice politician's words.

March 15th: Don't Cry; Mitch Talks

March 22nd: ANNUAL ROTARY FOUNDATION LUNCHEON

at the

HUNTINGTON PAVILLION

11:30 Reception

Lunch prepaid for members, but by reservation only

March 29th: at Community Church, 12:10

City of Pasadena Economic Development – past and plans