



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

March 2018

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
 03/22 - Luncheon Meeting: ANNUAL FOUNDATION LUNCHEON

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March 8th, 2018

“WHO I/WE AM/ARE”

GINNY HSIAO JOINED our club last November, and this week she is our single Craft Talker with all half-hour to talk about her husband Chris Lee, her two children, and her GTH Law Group craft. Ginny did her undergraduate work at UCLA, and earned her J.D. in Tennessee. She will tell us of her clerking experiences at the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s office, and her current work with her own firm. She gets twice the usual Craft Talk time. Can she fill it all? Of course, it’s easy for her. After all, Ginny’s a lawyer, and they talk almost as much as schoolteachers and our mayor. Come meet our newest member.

OUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE’S catchy new name for Craft Talks describes this club tradition well: newer members get to tell “who I/We Am/Are”. Says it all. Ginny Hsiao has her turn today. As usual these programs give a chance to get to know each other a bit better.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 18-20th aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach is now open for registration and accommodations, and you have until March blows away like a lion to take advantage of special “early bird” rates on the conference and on QM rooms. You have been sent a direct link from the district – your personal link to register and get the rates. Did you receive the email from the District? If so, act soon while space is available and price is lower. If not, I don’t quite know what you can do to recover that personal link. So far, the district web page gives no conference information, so use that link you were sent in order to register this month while lower rates are provided.

REMEMBER THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE is a time for celebration of accomplishments by clubs, regions, and throughout our Rotary district. It’s a proud time, with exhibitions of what clubs have done this past year – and San Marino Rotary continues another year as “the club that makes a difference” ... with the Tijuana soccer and school support ... with new bicycles for underprivileged ... with books for elementary schools, and furniture for Marine recruit billets ... with another year of Mini Grants for our community’s teachers, of Christmas at La Casa, of packaging meals to Cambodia, of 100% sustaining membership in support of The Rotary Foundation (IF all our members contribute at least \$100, every year as we pledge to do) ... another year of youth leadership, music, art, speech, and essay-writing support, and so much more. Aboard the Queen, clubs will be bragging of their successes, and we are able to brag along with the biggest clubs.

WANT TO STAY ABOARD THE QUEEN? A tip: book soon, and insist on a room that is not below the party areas, a room away from shipboard noise. The old Queen’s walls between staterooms are thin sheets of metal. Dancers above, talkers across the hall, arguments or even lovemaking on either side and below, come through all night as if the noise is being amplified and broadcast. At booking, be sure to demand a quiet area. They’re available, if you book early and insist on peace and quiet. Otherwise ... don’t say you weren’t warned.

ROB FEIDLER AND FOUR FAITHFUL ROTARIANS on Rob’s RYLA committee have collected Leadership Award applications from two score worthy high school juniors – and this year, sophomores too. The committee gave two days of their time to read and discuss the essays and applications, then to meet individually with each of the candidates, make their choices, and send letters of awards to twenty young men and women at our local high schools, plus some alternates, along with individual letters of regret to candidates not chosen. It’s an impressive undertaking. Each student, chosen or not, gains from going through the interview



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MEANWHILE OUR CLUB’S “CHARITIES” committee voted last week to fully fund the twenty RYLA awards, reports Isaac Hung. Isaac and Rob’s RYLA committee were also delighted to receive four extra RYLA spaces from South Pasadena Rotary, where the high school found no candidates for the leadership weekend – so it appears as if our club will be sponsoring 24 future leaders this year, with special thanks to Isaac and the Charities board for the full funding.

ISAAC HUNG AND “CHARITIES” board members also discussed what to do about the unused contributions for the proposed PCC service veterans program. PCC scratched plans for a clinic to help discharged armed service men and women resettle into studies and careers. Several San Marino Rotarians had contributed to this project, and most have asked that their donations be used for another good cause. So Isaac’s Rotary Charities committee are considering just what to do: perhaps special financial aid programs for high school and college students in our area? Maybe those with needs, or those of high merit regardless of need? How to do it? The concept is just in the talking and planning stage at this point, and Isaac welcomes any and all suggestions from you.

JUDGES FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS PLAN contest are still needed, and Isaac Hung is our member seeking this help. If you’re willing to read through and comment on some student plans, please call, email, or see Isaac for another fine service opportunity.

OUR GLOBAL GRANT RECIPIENT Larissa Phillips has posted another fine report on her business studies in London as well as her explorations around Sweden and Denmark on a midwinter break. Larissa has been in the middle of the “Arctic Bomb” freezing London and most of Europe. Nonetheless, she traveled to even-colder Scandinavia, as you’ll review in her latest travelogue.

LARISSA TELLS HOW she explored the Stockholm islands, museums, and crafts shops, and moved on to Denmark’s Kronberg Castle of Shakespeare’s Hamlet and took a tour of the Louisiana art museum – no, not the USA’s Louisiana, but a rich contemporary collection in remarkable buildings a few miles north of wonderful Copenhagen. You can read all Larissa’s study and travel reports in another chapter of her sparking writing by opening larissainlondon.weebly.com. Settle back, read, and enjoy the travels of our GG scholar.

March 8th – Meet Member Ginny Hsiao

March 15th – The Camp Experience

March 22nd: Rotary Foundation Luncheon at The Huntington, 11:30