



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

May 2018

05/10 - LUNCHEON MEETING:
LOS ANGELS PHILHARMONIC
CONCERTMASTER
05/10 - Board of Directors Meeting
- San Marino Rotary Club
05/17 - LUNCHEON MEETING:
CRAFT TALK
05/24 - LUNCHEON MEETING:
MINI GRANT TEACHER
PRESENTATIONS
05/31 - LUNCHEON MEETING:
SALUTE TO THE SERVICE
ACADEMY APPOINTEES

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Youth Service
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President-Elect



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Foundation Chair



Deborah A. Herbert
Club Director



**J. Leland Mothershead
III**
Club Director

MAY 10, 2018

Back for lunch at Community Church

A Neighbor Tells About his Craft

HE (OR SOMETIMES SHE) WAITS stage left-center until all the others are there, then he (or sometimes she) stands and plays just one note while all those others tune their instruments to match it, then he (or sometimes she) gets to stand again if the conductor thinks the performance well done and invites him (or sometimes her) to be applauded. But what's this "Johnny-one-note" all about? Martin Chalifour will tell us. He is the back-fence neighbor of Joseph Cheng, Wray Cornwell, and Lucille Norberg. Maestro Chalifour is also the Concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He studied at his home town Montreal Conservatory and at Philadelphia's Curtis Institute, performing with various orchestras before coming to Southern California in 1995. He's performed around the United States, Europe, Asia, and Oceania, with a few stories to tell about long flights and lost instruments. And he will explain more of how his craft melds a hundred or more performers to bring the composer's and conductor's musical concepts to brilliant life.

THE PARTY WAS WONDERFUL! – with the gracious hosting by the Hung's, and the attention to details by Grace Yang and a few helpers. Some 86 members and their families had responded they'd be coming, but other events around town drew some away so food and drink were more than plentiful. Aaron Gil was out front registering guests, while Scott Kwong and Teddy Basseri were out back pouring beverages. Joey and Myron Hung, Ashlyn Gannon, and Benny and Hunter Rasmussen continued their traditional entertainments for younger guests in the playhouse, with Michelle Cox handling reservations. Our social chair Grace Yang orchestrated all the party to perfection. That's no surprise as Grace had understudied for years under our hostess-master emerita Lucille Norberg.

CELIA AND ISAAC ARE ALWAYS generous in sharing their delightful gardens while pitching in with all the setting-ups and cleaning-ups that's required. They also supplied perfect weather, after the morning's chill and before the coming of summer heat the next day (well managed, Isaac). We all owe buckets of thanks to the Hungs for allowing us yet another splendid Family Night, now a springtime tradition, and to Grace and her helpers for making it all happen.

PRESIDENT DENISE'S TOUCHING TALK should have been videoed, and those who heard her remarks understand why. This has been an extraordinary year of service, but Denise isn't stopping, no way, with two months, one great Motor Classic, and much more leadership in service she'll be providing for many years to come. Dry your tears. After 36,000 meals were packed in a few hours even while interrupted by an interclub meeting, there will be another 40,000 or 50,000 or whatever more meals and service opportunities for her ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HARPER CHERNISS! She came into the world mid-April, choosing two fine parents and two Big Brothers for her new family. And father Alex is bubbling with pride for his little sweetheart.

JANE WANG'S DEMANDING JOB, with home-tour caravans happening at our meeting time plus two active athletic boys adding to her daily schedule, forces her to step aside from



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Public Image Chair



Tony Chou
Vocational Service Chair, Youth Service Chair



Steve Garrett
Programs Chair

time plus two active athletic boys adding to her daily schedule, forces her to step aside from Rotary membership for now. She has promised to volunteer and help with some of our specific projects, and we hope to see her back on our roster soon enough.

THE 'CHARITIES' BOARD SET UP a committee at their last meeting that will devise policies and procedures for using the scholarship endowment funds wisely and equitably. Our SM Rotary Charities chair Isaac Hung joins Molly Woodford, Fang Ho, Denise Wadsworth, Chuck Miller, and Gilda Moshir in this work. Len Therrien reminds you that Charities' next meeting will follow our luncheon on May 17th at Community Church.

SHODY CHOW REPORTED at the last Rotary Charities meeting that Rotary International has approved a grant for the Argentine Farm School Equipment Project, with San Marino joining other clubs in the work. More details are available from Shody or any Charities board member if you're interested.

REMEMBER THAT GREG JOHANSING plans to play at least 54 holes in one dawn-to-dark day, seeking a dollar-a-hole from you and as many others as possible for the second annual Pars versus Polio fundraiser. Check with Greg how you can help. Polio is not yet gone, but efforts such as Greg's 54 holes will make the eradication of the virus happen.

THE BIG PARTY WANTS YOU TO COME! Each member of the district received a special email – with a special link to register for all or part of this year's District Conference aboard the Queen Mary in neighboring Long Beach. If you're not yet registered, there's time. And if you deleted the link, no worry – check out district5300.org for all the details.

SAN MARINO'S OFFICIAL MATRON, by Congressional action, puzzled some readers last week. She's so modest that our member receiving the award from Judy Chu might have missed your notice. Also she feels too youthful to be a "Matron". Want to guess again?

HOWARD TOPP'S GOOD LIFE was remembered by many friends and his family last week, but his lovely partner Helen summarized his accomplishments and spirit especially well with these words:

Howard Topp passed away at 90 on March 24, 2018. Trained as an electrical engineer, Howard worked at Hughes Aerospace in Fullerton where he took advantage of an early retirement package. With his wife Helen, he moved to the family home, which his father had designed, on Lorain Road. Transferring his Fullerton Rotary Club membership Howard became an active member of our San Marino Rotary Club.

San Marino Community Church sent Howard to Orlando, Florida to become a Steven's Minister in paraprofessional counseling. His first assignment was the Grief Group. And after each meeting on Wednesdays at 5 o'clock, Howard and the group's ladies would adjourn to Colonial Kitchen for supper. Helen joined them and enjoyed the curiosity of the other male customers as they sauntered up to Howard and asked, "What is your secret?" With his dry sense of humor, Howard would keep them guessing and never revealed that they were all widows!

Eventually Howard used his skills at the Pasadena Mental Health Center. And when that office used graduate students in Social Work, he counselled at the Dispute Resolution Center in Los Angeles in the City Attorney's Office. He was also a visitor for Vita's Hospice Program in which he received an award as the Volunteer of the Year.

Howard was a busy man. If he was not in the workroom behind the garage, he lived Rotary's motto "Service Above Self. In his retirement Howard often said, "I don't know when I found time to go to work before!" Members so inclined are encouraged to remember Howard in a remembrance gift to "Community Church of San Marino, Music Department".

May 10th: BACK TO NOONTIME AT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Meet the Philharmonic's Concertmaster

May 17th: CRAFT TALKS FROM TWO OF OUR NEWER MEMBERS

May 24th: SAMPLES FROM CREATIVE MINI-GRANT TEACHERS

May 31st: OUR ANNUAL SALUTE TO SERVICE ACADEMY STUDENTS