



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

May 2018

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MINI GRANT TEACHER
PRESENTATIONS
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ACADEMY APPOINTEES

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MAY 17, 2018

FINDING TRUE LOVE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

DEVLIN CHUNG IS A PURE-BRED Southern Californian, born here and raised over 25 years in Temple City. Now he's a financial advisor, at the San Marino office of Edward Jones the last couple of years, as well as one of our club's newer members. This is his week to tell us about himself, but we'll tell you in advance his most important accomplishment: finding Darice in Middle School, and holding on to her through Temple City High, Cal State, and finally marriage three years ago. Something good coming out of the high stress of those middle school years! Our energetic membership chair Molly Woodford brings us only one craft talker this week so Devlin can demonstrate his Toastmaster skills and tell how he feels a financial advisor's first job is learning what clients are working toward.

THE LAST BUNCH OF MOTOR CLASSIC tickets was passed out last week, but should you not yet have yours speak up this meeting. You've already bought them. Your charge now is to get them used by spectators so that our sponsors and car owners are impressed by our great show. Both attendance and revenues have been growing each year, as the reputation of San Marino Rotary's efforts at Lacy Park has brought about a memorable annual experience. Maybe our on-the-ground work will help bring about a larger slice of the proceeds for our distribution through San Marino Rotary Charities.

TEN TAKEN FROM 114 plus five new bodies equals 109, the number of members treasurer Dennis shows on his books at the end of April. Down a bit, and needful of our attention through inviting potentially good Rotarians to come see how we do make a difference. But Dennis says we're financially in balance, all going smoothly for both the club's treasury and for our non-profit "Charities".

THIS IS THE 120th TREASURER'S REPORT that Dennis Kneier has prepared and filed. And this is real dedicated service to Rotary, keeping dues and investments coming in and paying expenses and contributions going out. Congratulations! – to us, for having a faithful treasurer willing to turn out 120 reports – so far. Thanks, Dennis.

GOLFERS ALWAYS LIE, UNLESS they really did it, and Greg Johansing's kids kept careful watch over dad from 9:30 one pretty morning until the last putt was sunk at six p.m. Greg played 54 holes on May 2nd at the South Pas' Arroyo Seco course, around and around and around again. Greg broke for a bit to eat just once, and a couple of pit stops, but his 54 holes brought in pledges totaling \$1549 toward beating polio. Good job, Greg! – with thanks to those who pledged support for him and for RI's almost-there-but-not-quite campaign to eliminate a once-dreaded disease from our world.

SHODY CHOW REPORTED at our last Foundation Committee that we received 228 more books in Spanish for elementary students at the Tijuana school we've been supporting. They were delivered in Mexico late April by our Corazon house-builders. The soccer field project in conjunction with the Tijuana Independencia Club should begin shortly. Shody says: Our



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Shody Chow
International Service Chair



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In conjunction with the annual Independence Day parade celebration, Shody says our club is contributing \$15,750, with grants from RI and other clubs bringing the total cost of the new field to \$134,000. Shody notes we are continuing to work with a club in Uganda where we have helped a school with water supplies, furniture, and kitchen. Our next project there is a bathroom for girls in the school, who currently have no facilities for them.

EIGHTEEN SAN MARINO ROTARIANS joined another eighteen from South Pas and Glendora Rotaries to build a house in one day for a deserving family in Tecate, this time about fifteen dirt road miles south of the border. We split the cost of materials with South Pas, a total of \$8,400, and did the job over a long Saturday, April 28th. The house slab was ready for a 16x20 foot home, including a loft, kitchen, windows, and a door – a door with a lock, and that’s an important part. Our team included Shody and Merian Chow, Tony Chou and Cory Lai, Aaron Gil with Ave and Marie, Teddy and Ariana Basseri, Fary and Arya Yassami, Isaac and Myron Hung, J.P. and Pierre Mainguy, and Will with two Aves Bortz (notour Will and Ave, but their daughter and granddaughter Ave, with daughter Ave’s Will – got it figured out?). The house was finished by 4:30, the keys were turned over to the family with joyful tears, and the Rotarians celebrated with a fiesta dinner in Chula Vista that night.

FLIGHTS FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA heading to LAX begin to descend from 35,000’ cruising about the head of the Sea of Cortez. By the U.S. border they’re down to 8,000 feet. Below the treeless land is river-bottom sand, every year developing more squares of farms connected by dusty roads to clusters of shanties for the field workers. Here are your breakfast melons, luncheon greens, evening squash and peas and green beans and kale and many of the fresh vegetables and fruits for your table year-around. Stoop labor is needed year-round too, six and sometimes seven times a week, filling crates bound for Von’s and Ralph’s the next day. The work is hard, the pay and conditions poor. California’s laws since Cesar Chavez’ days require latrines, water, break times, meals. Baja doesn’t. Pickers come from every part of Mexico, differentiated by strong regional accents and customs.

THESE GOOD, HARD-WORKING FOLK have left the states of their births to find regular if low-pay harvesting work. On arrival they live in shells of cars, remnants of sheds, shanties of scrap wood. They worship outdoors on Sunday as priests ride the circuit to say eight or ten masses, then back to the fields so we’ll have fresh produce on Monday. There’s no time to build themselves a little house, even if they were able to gather the capital for materials. And there’s no way a cement pad can be poured for that little house unless a group can pay for a ready-mix load to bounce down the dusty road from Mexicali.

BORDER-AREA CHURCH AND SERVICE GROUPS give time to mentor community service work programs, with the harvester-families doing some ditch-digging for water and sewage, some road-building with simple tools, some care for neighbors who are sick or old. These charity groups keep records of the more dedicated, and those are the families awarded with a little house from Corazon and other hands-on service programs.

THIS IS WHERE WE ROTARIANS really make a difference. Families don’t have the skills, the time, the capital to build. Each day means dawn-to-dark picking to gain enough for their immediate needs. Life in shells of cars, remnants of sheds, shanties of scrap leave no place to keep kitchen pots and pans, chairs and tables, or a few saved pesos safe. Marauding gangs come to steal whatever they can while the families are in the fields or at school. So Corazon and other groups do what the campesinos can’t – bring a truck of concrete for multiple pads, assemble batt-and-board building supplies, roofing and paint, cabinets and doors – and locks. Glorious locks! A sturdy lock on each door! More than the roof keeping out sudden and heavy storms, more than the screened windows blocking insects, more than a dry place to eat, study, sleep, and live, it’s the lock on the door that is really exciting. Here are some pictures of our work project in Tecate last month. See who you might recognize.

<https://youtube/fHmZGe2TFMM>

OUCH. OUR BOARD VOTED last week to increase each member’s price per plate at the Paul Harris Foundation luncheon next spring to ... \$60. Sixty dollars plus the money we’ve already paid through dues for the day’s lunch and meeting room back at the church. Wow. They didn’t ask me, or I might have said something very impolite. Any way we can skip a \$60+ salad plate and each of us donate that amount to TRF then go grab an In-n-Out?

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

June 7th: MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERACT HONORS