



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



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May 2018

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MAY 31, 2018

Our Annual Salute to Service Appointees

FOR THE FOURTEENTH YEAR we welcome high school graduating seniors from the two neighboring Congressional districts who have been accepted to report this summer at one of the five American service academies – Annapolis, West Point, Colorado Springs, New London, and Kings Point. The students come with their proud parents to join our meeting of honoring Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine entrants appointed by our local Members of Congress Adam Schiff and Judy Chu. Our club's service salute was created by James Nash, and has become a pleasant San Marino Rotary tradition. Come early this Thursday to be sure of a seat and food - preferably sitting among the visiting students and their families to show them a genuine Rotary welcome.

Club Leaders



Denise Wadsworth
Youth Service
Chair, President



Fang Fang Ho
President-Elect



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Chair, President Nominee
Elect, Club Director



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iPast President



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Club Director, Rotary
Foundation Chair



Deborah A. Herbert
Club Director



**J. Leland Mothershead
III**
Club Director

A NAVY MAN IS OUR SPEAKER this year, aiming to help honor and inspire the appointees. Ed Ceja graduated from Annapolis in 1981. Ed was raised in South Central Los Angeles, the first in his family to go to college. He says it was a nearly overwhelming struggle to keep up academically, but his drive and hard work brought him to finish in the middle of the ring-twisters. Ensign Ceja chose surface warfare for his specialty, first aboard the USS Mobile in multiple positions, then aboard the re-modernized USS Missouri to circle the world on the Mighty MO. After his Navy duty, Ed used the leadership skills he formed and polished in the service to work for several companies including PepsiCo and the Princeton Review, where his current project includes recruitment of and support for minority candidates seeking university entrance and success.

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY Dennis Kneier told you about, enjoying a chilled glass of wine and light foods on Mission Street at Julienne's next Wednesday, June 6th, 6:00-7:30 p.m. And bring along one of your Motor Classic tickets to flash and receive a \$2 discount on each glass. There will be a few of the better classics parked on the street for you to admire also.

GILDA MOSHIR ASKS YOUR RESPONSE to the electronic invitation she sent you for the June 14th celebration of Denise's leadership. Gilda would like to get a count by next week of who will be coming to our usual noon luncheon meeting that day, as our immediate past's last duty is to put on a special show to honor Denise and induct Fang.

EASY TO RESPOND TO GILDA'S INVITATION: just press yes or no. Gilda has added an easy way to scroll down and add a gift card if you wish, though that's not at all necessary. Your RSVP is what's needed.

MAY GRAY TO JUNE GLOOM TO hot blue July Skies, all very quickly coming at us. July means the Glorious Fourth parade in San Marino. San Marino Chamber started our hometown 4th some 55 years ago, then the city took it over with one volunteer joining Debbie Priester in running the parade from Huntington down Monterey to Lacy Park. In 2005, incoming Rotary president Len Therrien took the parade over for our club. This year Debbie and Bob Houston team up to chair the event for Rotary.

CONVERTIBLES ARE BADLY NEEDED by Debbie to carry all the local dignitaries past the cheering crowds – old, new, in-between convertibles, any old vehicle, just so our VIP's can



Fary Yassamy
Club Director



Leonard Therrien
Club Director, Community Service Chair



John Donovan
Club Director



Molly W Woodford
Club Director, Membership Chair



Shody Chow
International Service Chair



William L. Payne
Public Image Chair



Tony Chou
Vocational Service Chair, Youth Service Chair



Steve Garrett
Programs Chair

the steering wheel – and, hey, in between conversions, my car takes, just so you can perch in back and give their royal waves (well, the convertible needs to be able to chug the full mile and a half to and around the park, unless some muscular young guys are on hand to push it as some did when Bob Hope’s convertible conked out in a Rose Parade). Do you have a convertible that Debbie can use? If you can’t come and drive, would you lend it? Or know another around town who would volunteer a car? If you can help out, please email Debbie@titantravel.com.

ALONG WITH CARS, SOME OTHER VOLUNTEERS are needed to organize the July 4th parade in the parking lot on the west side of Huntington and San Marino Avenue, then send the show down Monterey to Lacy Park. It’s just a couple of hours’ duty, easy and fun. Use Debbie’s email to let her know you’ll help out.

LARISSA PHILLIPS, our nominee selected by Rotary International to study in South Africa, moved to the London School of Economics once her year was over in Cape Town. She concludes her studies in England with finals next week, then will be studying in Beijing this summer while she searches for an internship back in South Africa next fall (or next spring at the bottom of Africa). Larissa’s latest report is available at larissainlondon.weebly.com, and thanks to Bill Payne will be posted also at the club’s web page where you’ll also find more pictures from Larissa and from several other recent club events.

WRAY CORNWELL FINALLY SORTED OUT the hall closet that he’s been promising Jeanne to organize since back last Midcentury. A problem arose as he took time to read all the souvenirs, music from Earl Carroll’s Vanities, the script from The Drunkard at the Theater Mart, and the lyrics of the Civic Light Opera’s “Kiss Me Kate”. In The Playgoer for Ken Murray’s “Blackouts of 1949” he found a menu from Pierre’s, “The House of Crepes Suzette,” San Marino Rotary’s postwar meeting spot right across from City Hall at 2295 Huntington.

THIS GIVES WRAY THE BRIGHTEST IDEA for the new Rotary year: that Fang move us back to Pierre’s, next door to the Richfield gas station and close by the Pacific Electric’s stop at San Marino Avenue. Plenty of parking on the dirt lot just to the west, too.

WRAY NOTES THAT PRICES drove us away from Pierre’s in 1958 when his lunch increased to 75 cents. We moved to Woody & Eddy’s, where Woody charged only 65 cents including dessert and Rotarians could linger all afternoon over his powerful martinis. But “For Atmosphere, Food, and Inspiration,” as they advertised, Wray thinks Pierre’s would be a more comfortable spot for our aging members to relax in the deep leather French Provincial chairs and snooze discreetly if the program was boring. Pierre’s offers a charcoal broiled filet mignon dinner for a rather steep \$2.50, but you can add his prepared-at-your-table flamed crepes for 75 cents. Fang, it’s up to you, but Wray really hopes you’ll move our club, and he volunteers to pack our stuff again as he did for our last move from the Woman’s Club.

GENE DRYDEN CORDIALLY INVITES YOU to come visit him as he goes through rehabilitation at Villa Gardens in Pasadena. Gene rewards his visitors generously. He will gift you with a beautiful smile, flash twinkling eyes, and a firm handshake – with the left hand for now, as his right side gets rewired and stronger. His gentle sense of humor doesn’t need rehab – it’s still delightfully strong. Come see and hear for yourself. Gene’s close by, and we do not want to forget this valued Rotarian, community leader, and good friend.

GENE’S THERAPY UNIT AT VILLA GARDENS is considered one of the best such facilities in Southern California. The building wraps around the south side of the main Villa Gardens retirement structure, above the 210 and Lake Avenue Church, just west of Lake. It’s an easy drive from anywhere in San Marino, up Lake, then left on Villa, though it’s even easier to drive north on El Molino and turn right on Villa, as there is some construction happening in the block and Villa is quite narrow. During the day there is complimentary valet parking service at the main entrance to Villa Gardens. The therapy building is separate, with its entrance at the southeast corner of the complex, accessed through the main building or through a twenty-car parking lot that is usually full. The lot is just across Villa from THE HAT, and surely you know Corky Conzonire’s best pastrami sandwich west of New York.

GENE’S IN ROOM 24 to the east of the nursing station, unless he’s in the therapy room to the west. Bother the gracious folk at the nursing desk and they’ll point you in the right direction. Visiting hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., though they prefer us to avoid lunch and

dinner hours. Take a few minutes of your time mid-morning or –afternoon to go trade smiles with Gene. He will be joyous to see you, and you'll feel equally happy to feel his strength and determination to rebuild the circuitry in his still-brilliant brain. Go greet him. You can always stop at The Hat and reward yourself with a hot pastrami, big enough to feed two and take it home so your spouse won't be bothered by your garlic breath.

May 31st: OUR ANNUAL SALUTE TO SERVICE ACADEMY STUDENTS

June 7th: ARIANA'S CRAFT TALK AND SMHS INTERACT

June 14th: CELEBRATING DENISE'S YEAR OF LEADERSHIP