



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



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November 16, 2017

YES! Our Huntington Morning Program is a Go – See Below

LUNCH WITH THE ROYAL COURT

YES! WE'RE TOLD by Isaac Hung, our always-aware-of-all-happenings Governor's Representative. Yes, Isaac says, our club is continuing with Jim Folsom's special program at The Huntington for Pasadena-area elementary classes on a fun-filled but educational field trip this Thursday. Yes, Isaac says, usual format as in all recent years, and our experienced members who've helped regularly have already been told to come. But my message is for younger, newer Rotarians who can get away this Thursday morning for an absolutely delightful time welcoming the kids to Jim's Botanic Center courtyard at The Huntington. Isaac thinks to come about 8:30 and help set up. The kids are given materials to build miniature "Rose Floats" out of boxes and crepe paper, and the Rotarians assist. Then Jim appears as a "Mad Scientist," teaching about intellectual methodology and curiosity without the children knowing they're being taught (for us observers, it's grand to watch Master Teacher Jim get across his messages while charming the students). Then "real princesses" appear with a "real Queen" – again, the children's faces glow in awe of Rose Court royalty. Thus I urge our newer Rotarians to come see what a great hands-on program our club, with Jim as leader, has developed.

AROUND NOON JIM INCONTRO'S TROOPS get to escort the 2018 Rose Court across town to our lunch meeting at Community Church. I've not been able to find out if other clubs will be joining us, but as I wrote last week you should come by noon at the latest should you want a place to park, food to eat, and a chance to meet this year's Tournament Royalty. (Hear that, John Donovan? – straggle in late as you usually do, and your lunch may be left-over cookie crumbs and melted-iced tea.)

NEXT THURSDAY IS THANKSGIVING, with no meeting of course but with the urgent need for all of us to respond yes or no – we hope "yes", you'll come to our "Party of the Season," joining the Chinese Club of San Marino in a "Holiday Party for a Cause". Thursday, December 7th, 6-9 p.m., our annual Christmas Party will be fresh and different: at San Marino Center (our former Woman's Clubhouse meeting place), drinks, dinner, desserts, raffles, a photo booth, caroling – and the First Annual Ugly Sweater Competition.

OUR HOLIDAY PARTY with our Chinese Club friends has a "cause" of supporting the Spring Rise Against Hunger, packaging some 25,000 meals to provide foods to needy somewhere in this hungry world. Thus the "Ugly Sweater" contest, the raffles, and the evening dinner needs your support and promises you a delightful time. Your RSVP is really needed - \$75 per person includes a \$35 tax-deductible donation to fight hunger in the world (and if you can't come, at least help out with your share of the "Rise" campaign). Checks or credit card approval go to Michelle Cox at Villa Esperanza, or to any of our Social Committee and chair Grace at this week's luncheon.

DIG OUT THAT AWFUL SWEATER that your aunt thrust on you years ago, or the colorful one you bought before you developed fashion taste. Get in the contest, and you just might win December 7th.



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JOHN HARRIS IS RECUPERATING remarkably well, reports Lois Derry, considering two fractured hips to repair. Daughter Suzie has John down near her at Hermosa Beach, and he's been up walking the halls of Sunshine Home (1837 PCH, if you want to write or visit) and even getting out a bit. Suzie has rigged up a ring-through phone from John's regular home number right to his bedside: 626-287-6332. Try it and say "hi" to John! I did. A very long ring, or a computer-voice request for a code number, means John is unable to answer. There's no voicemail, but simply try again another time until he answers and wants to hear all the hometown news he's missing. We talked yesterday, and of course he was particularly concerned to know if we're going to reach 100% participation in Rotary Foundation support. Yes, Will Bortz and crew are heading toward just that, John – and you'll do your \$100+ share, won't you, reader?

TITAN FOOTBALL WAS ANOTHER BIT OF NEWS that John was interested in hearing. All of us become Titan Football fans when they head into playoffs, as they're doing again this season. Just like supporting the Dodgers through all seven games, even if uninterested in regular-season baseball, we want to support hometown high school championships. On Friday the 10th, in the first round of the Division 6 CIF playoffs, the Titans smothered Summit High of Fontana, 62-49, with San Marino ahead every quarter. This Friday the 17th is the next step: against Bishop Diego High of Santa Barbara. Go Titans!

SPORTS BACK HOME will receive a big boost as the Barth Athletic Complex at Huntington Middle School moves toward completion. Right now it's a big mud hole – well, no mud yet until the rains – but ahead of schedule, and helped a bit with our club's donation of \$50,000 last week, voted by our board a few weeks ago. Meanwhile Treasurer Kneier lists out other fine causes our "Charities" non-profit has been helping: Friends in Deed, the Mini-Grants at all local schools to boost creative teaching units, La Casa and the White Adobe, and now the Bike Project. Can you help with that?

AARON GIL SAYS he appreciates some of our members signing up with bike assembly, moving, and distribution, but more help is needed and time is short. Remember our club is joining with Pasadena and Altadena Rotarians in buying 300 bikes and helmets to present underprivileged boys and girls next month:

BIKE ASSEMBLY DAY – really, done in one morning if enough Rotarians come to help, is next Saturday, November 8th, eight to noon at the PUSD yards on Woodbury. Easy to reach by 210 West to the Arroyo off-ramp, right a block up the hill to Woodbury, right again to 740 (the large Pasadena Schools work area on your right). Altadena Rotarians are fixing breakfast for you, then all help unpack the new bikes bought from Huffy – 300 of them, with our club buying one hundred.

BIKE MOVING DAY – a few hours on December 11th, noon to 4 p.m., loading the bikes at the PUSD yards and trucking them to unload at the Salvation Army Tabernacle at Walnut and Mentor, near Lake and Colorado, and the fun time ...

BIKE PRESENTATIONS to the pre-selected families, preschoolers through middle and high school boys and girls, at the Salvation Army on December 14th.

COME HELP WITH THE BIKES – assembly, moving, and/or presentations – you're needed. You can easily register on line at our club web page, or email Aaron if you've any questions: agil73@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAN MARINO, on having seven able volunteers step forward to serve on our unpaid City Council. Voters could only seat three, but the other four deserve hearty thanks for their willingness to serve, as we know they each will do with many good causes.

JOE LEWIS WAS ANOTHER VOLUNTEER who served our club and community for

many years with wisdom and humor. Joe sat on the city council and school board, with schools and city funding programs, with Community Church growth and strengthening, and as a faithful Rotarian, board member, and president. Right at his side was Anne, back when women couldn't join but could support Rotary as Anne did regularly. Even when Joe was crippled by MS, Anne would drive him to our meetings, set up his wheel chair, bring him to enjoy his friends, and take him back to their Claremont retirement home, for the last time just a few days before Joe passed. Every year since, Anne remembers Rotary with a contribution to our club's programs, in memory of Joe's determination – and smile. If you remember Anne and Joe, smile back with your memories. If you come to Rotary after Joe's time, be aware of a fine couple.

THE CHINESE CLUB'S Mid-Autumn Festival left the usual black-tie and gowns outfits in the closet this year and turned out for a masquerade, with photos in the papers to prove it. John Incontro was a plump and muscular Popeye. Darlene Osmonson wore a mystery mask, while her partner wore only his usual face. Denise Wadsworth had a flowery hat, as did our new city manager Marcella Marlowe. A row of Rotarians looked like a Row of Rotarians, with one knockout redhead in many of the pictures, costumed as Lucille Norberg. Great fun, and a great fund-raiser for several local causes.

November 16th: Welcoming the 2018 Rose Queen and Court

November 23rd: Thanksgiving Day; no Rotary

November 30th – Mitch Lehman tells of inspiring youth in town

December 7th – Evening Christmas Party with Chinese Club “On the Town”