



# The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



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## November 9, 2017

### Memorial Thoughts of Those We Lost, and REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS WHO DID SO MUCH

BILL HAEFLIGER'S YOUTH is a typical American experience, born in Rotary's home town of Evanston and raised in Ronald Reagan's Dixon, where he played cello in the school orchestra and enjoyed sports and sodas when not studying. Then came war. Bill was too young to serve at first, but by 1944 the US Army needed more soldiers in all three theaters where we were fighting. Bill went to officer training in Louisiana, then sent to join the 99<sup>th</sup> heading into Belgium and going "a bridge too far" when the Nazis cut off our forces. Bill tells us this meeting of the stresses faced in that crucial winter. Bill made it back to study mechanical engineering at Caltech, then to practice law – but his story of friends who didn't return, and of the desperate times into January 1945, give us pause to thank all our veterans from all our wars, but perhaps especially Bill's war, lest we ever forget.

'SARA S.' – LAST WEEK'S MYSTERY SPEAKER – turned out to be Sue Hobson, recently retired from a fascinating career as curator of literature at The Huntington, where she could dip into not only Jack London's papers but also marvelous acquisitions. Now she's not exactly retired – her latest project is editing the Korean War memoirs of longtime Los Angeles Times columnist Al Martinez, sifting through boxes donated by his family recently. Our program committee hopes to have Sue back at our lectern to tell us what she found among the articulate Timesman's papers.

ELECTION DAY TUESDAY! – last week's Rotoscope gave the wrong date, but at least the right day – for you to go to the consolidated polling stations around San Marino, or to mail your absentee ballot, or to drop off that ballot at a number of locations around the area, or even to go to voting machines this weekend. You've been sent all the information by the county registrar. You've heard from the seven volunteer candidates. You owe them your consideration – and your vote! Sure, it's a small-town election day with no other choices to make, but this is exactly what our speaker and so many others fought to preserve – your right to vote. Please do so.

THE CHRISTMAS BIKE PROJECT needs more members and helpers to come on three upcoming dates:

--NOVEMBER 18th, 8 a.m. until about noon with enough help, Assembly Day at the Pasadena City Schools' work yard up at Arroyo and Woodbury (really easy to reach: 210 west to the Arroyo off-ramp just before the Arroyo Seco bridge; north a block past the Highway atrol and right at the light on Woodbury). This is the big time unpacking and assembling the 300 bikes purchased from Huff by three Rotary clubs. We join Pasadena and Altadena clubs in buying and gifting the bikes to underprivileged kids, and it's a privilege to join with other Rotarians and younger helpers in assembling them.

--DECEMBER 11th, moving the bikes from the Woodbury assembly area to the Pasadena Salvation Army Tabernacle on Mentor at Walnut is the second date, a quick job but vital to have helpers loading and unloading the trucks, and

--DECEMBER 14th, the happy time of distributing the bikes to little, midsized, and young teen boys and girls, again at the Salvation Army parking area.

PLEASE COME HELP with bike assembly (the biggest job), bike moving (maybe muscular teens and twenty-somethings in your household will join you), and distributing bikes and helmets (the fun job) – come one day, or two, or all three if you can. We NEED hands-on helpers for this holiday project. Sign up at this week's meeting, or even easier on line at the club's web page.

OUR CLUB'S MINIGRANTS went to 19 fascinating projects proposed by teachers at all the local schools. and benefiting students from Kindergarten through high school. There were 46



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...our schools, and selecting students from kindergarten through high school. There were 20 proposals to consider, with most of the projects covering several STEM/STEAM/STEAMER areas, plus 11 in arts and writing, and one special need request. Our committee struggled to narrow them down to the 19 we could fund. Ten of the grants went to SMUSD schools, and nine among Felicitas and Perpetua, Southwestern, and Clairborne classes. The titles are intriguing: I'm ready to go back to school and learn of "Roszy Steam", and "Robot's Dream", and of "Making Music," or maybe hearing the "African Storybook" project. Some of the best will be presented to our club later this year.

NOTE WE'RE INVITING the 2018 Rose Queen with her court to join us next Thursday, the 16<sup>th</sup>. We've not heard if they're also joining a Huntington Gardens project with Mad Botanist Jim Folsom, or if other clubs will be coming to meet with us at noon, but we do know this lunch meeting is always popular, a fine time for you to bring guests. Just come early, both to find parking and to be fed!

OF COURSE WE DON'T MEET Thanksgiving Day, this year on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We're back to Community Church on the 30<sup>th</sup> to have our honorary member Mitch Lehman sing for his supper, or at least talk for the times we feed him. Then we don't meet on December 7<sup>th</sup> – see your invitation about our joint Christmas party with the San Marino Chinese Club, and its special fundraising fun.

WE'VE HEARD NO NEWS of other upcoming plans or activities coming out of our board meetings. We've seen no minutes of their discussions, but when we find out what's happening we'll so report to you. Meanwhile – please help out the Bike Project on one, two, or all three dates – and PLEASE VOTE before the polls close on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup>, then thank all seven good folk who have stepped out to serve on our city's council.

**November 9<sup>th</sup>: Neighbor and Veteran of the Battle of the Bulge**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>: Welcoming the 2018 Rose Queen and Court**

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Thanksgiving Day; no Rotary**