



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

October 2017

10/12 - Dinner: ROTARY ON THE TOWN
 10/13 - Board of Directors Meeting - San Marino Rotary Club
 10/19 - Luncheon Meeting: CROSSING AMERICA BY BICYCLE
 10/26 - Luncheon Meeting: PASADENA ART CENTER E-FORMULA COMPETITION

OCTOBER 12, 2017

SO WHERE DOES ROTARY MEET THIS NOON?
 (NOWHERE, remember, as it's ...)

Club Leaders



Denise Wadsworth
 Youth Service Chair, President



Fang Fang Ho
 President-Elect



Gilda Moshir
 Past President



Paul Brassard
 Secretary



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William H. Bortz
 Club Director, Rotary Foundation Chair



Deborah A. Herbert
 Club Director



J. Leland Mothershead III
 Club Director



Fary Yassamy
 Club Director

A NIGHT ON THE TOWN AT SAN MARINO COURTYARD

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

2100 Block of Huntington Drive, South Side

COME CLOSE TO SIX this Thursday evening, as the "Fellowship Hour" lasts only thirty minutes, but the good time lasts all evening as Rotarians and guests gather again to enjoy a choice of fresh seafood, Chinese-American, or all-American cooking from our three good neighborhood restaurants around the courtyard at 2100 Huntington on the south side – with some good dessert choices too, outdoors on what promises to be a balmy mid-October night.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHOICES for restaurant, appetizer, entrée, beverage, and dessert – or if you're as well-organized as is Grace and Her Girls on the Social Committee, remember the copy of what you sent them with your RSVP (you DID RSVP, didn't you?) – or if you're totally lost, depend on our hard-working Socs to have your personal menu ready. It's a lot of work getting this special event organized, set-up – and of course cleaned up afterward, and we send a special thank-you to them beforehand and especially afterward.

OUR PERIPATETIC CLUB (that means we move around a lot, John) will be back at Community Church at noon to hear about Steve Gilmore's bicycling across these great states.

BUT WEDNESDAY THE 11TH, before our Big Night on the Town, our "Charities" Board will be meeting at the Historical Society's museum at Lacy Park, 7:30 in the morning (with pastries provided). Chair Will Bortz encourages every member to come see what our non-profit part of the club is planning to do with the funds we have raised through "Motor Classic" and other fund-raising. Will says the meeting will be over in less than an hour

SPEAKING OF OUR 'CHARITIES', its faithful treasurer Dennis Kneier closed September's books with over \$755,000 on hand, though that includes \$503,000 in the endowment for the Bill Steele Mini-Grants. The main "Charities" expense last month was our \$3570 share of the Christmas Bike Project.

DO YOU KNOW OUR BIKE PROJECT? Many of us didn't know that we participated before along with Pasadena Rotary and Altadena Rotary. With the help of the Salvation Army, some needy families with pre-teen kids were identified. In 2015, Pasadena and San Marino



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Club Director, Community Service Chair



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Public Image Chair



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ROTARIES WORKED WITH THE SALVATION ARMY IN PASADENA TO BUY 120 BIKES OF ALL SIZES, ASSEMBLE them, then distribute all the bikes to the children before the holidays. Last year, the program was expanded to 200 bikes, assembled by members of the club and delivered for distribution at the Salvation Army Temple at Walnut and Mentor. The total project cost estimate to do it again in 2017 is \$11,200.

SAN MARINO CHARITIES PLANS to purchase 100 bikes this year, boys' and girls' models from 12" through 24". The bikes are brand-new, sold at a special price, but brought to Pasadena "KD", knocked-down for Rotary volunteers to gather and assemble one Saturday, with the help of some Interact members and our Rotary teenagers. Those who help then join in a special treat, coming a few weeks later to the Salvation Army parking lot and watching the joy as the bikes are fitted to each recipient.

WILL BORTZ WILL BE REPORTING MORE about this year's bike project as it develops before the holidays. Len Therrien adds this note:

In addition to the Agendas, Minutes and Financial reports for Charities posted on the Club website, a new link has been added for 'Charities Document Database'. The purpose of the Charities Document Database is to archive documents related to the policies and procedures of Charities so that an history of sorts is available to members. You may access the Database by going to the website, click on the 'Resources' tab at the top right, then select 'Member Area' from the list of links on the left side. Enter the password (if you don't know it contact Chris Datwyler (nchrisd @ gmail.com)).

And as Len notes: "Don't fall asleep reading!"

LAST WEEK WE HEARD FROM Battersea Park, London, Rotary on the arrival of Larissa Phillips, to study at the London School of Economics. A few days later, Larissa sent a link to her travel blog, where her first installment describing the arrival in London Town is already posted. Larissa is a professional writer, and her blog promises to be worth our scanning occasionally, both for her travel adventures and for her perspectives on Brexit, May, and all Brit happenings. Take a look and bookmark: larissainlondon.weebly.html

THE AIR FRANCE PLANE bringing home our city's representatives to the change of government in the Republic of San Marino faced some problems as they prepared to board our mayor and the team, including several of the dozens – I've lost track of the number – of candidates for next month's councilmanic election. Their short but intense tour in northern Italy, their visits to Adriatic and Aegean beaches, to Florence and Rimini and Pisa and Venice with a half-hour or so touring each city, had a few hitches but overall was smooth. Our Innocents Abroad did want to charter a bus to travel around Venice, while the Italian guides tried to explain it's too wet to drive buses in Venice. And the pasta, the risotto, the polenta, the chewy breads dipped in green olive oil, the rich desserts and wines, well ... the extra weight added to each of the group, the extra suitcases of souvenirs ... Air France is trying to calculate the additional fuel to bring them back this Monday. Some candidates may be feeling jet-lagged the next evening as they talk at the City Club's voter forum (SMHS, Nehrer auditorium, 7 p.m. Tuesday the 10th, remember). We're sure to be hearing for the next several weeks far more than we might want to hear of the sister-city visit.

A NASTY RUMOR WAS BUZZING around our town last week. I heard in two places that our city was subsidizing the group visiting our sister city of San Marino. Nonsense. Each traveler paid for the flights, hotels, ground transportation, meals, guides – voluntarily. I hope I was able to squelch that "false news" at one barber shop at least. We welcome back the Titan Travelers, thank them all for going, thank Debbie Priester for mothering their travels, and look forward to hearing all about it soon.

MATT LIN WAS IN HAWAII in his new capacity of Director of Minority Health in the Department of Health and Human Services. There was a joint conference of health care workers across our country's territories in the Pacific, as well as in the State of Hawaii, describing critical problems in the Polynesian communities. Just as on the Mainland, or maybe a bit worse, destitute indigenous turn to opiates, alcohol, other drugs, and just plain overeating. So often this leads to damaged teens and young adults, to child obesity and teen crimes, to diabetes and other obesity-related diseases, and suicides. Matt does not need to

spend his time on these matters, far removed from his beautiful home in San Marino and his children and grandchildren. Matt has built a successful medical team, invested in properties in the area, practiced his orthopedic skills for more than enough years to be comfortably retired. He certainly doesn't need to be renting a home in Washington, flying to remote pockets of poverty, and practicing both medical and leadership skills. The title on the door isn't very important, as Federal government titles go. Why is he doing this, for heaven's sake? Could it be that he's imbued with that "service above self" spirit of a true Rotarian?

October 12th: No lunch – "Night on Town" at San Marino Courtyard

October 17th: Back at Community Church for Steve Gilmore's report on
"Biking Across America"