



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



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River Program Dries Up

LINDA SHINES LIGHT ON ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

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OUR PLANNED PROGRAM FOR THIS WEEK isn't ready for us yet, so good but not-so-old Linda Wah, our area Trustee with the Pasadena Community College District and busy volunteer with several other fine causes, is bringing us two representatives from a group formed eleven years ago by local city leaders. If you're as I am, we're ignorant about the work of this San Gabriel Valley "Economic Partnership" program, with a mission of making it easier to do business in the San Gabriel Valley. We'll learn much more about the cause and results this Rotary meeting.

LINDA'S TWO SPEAKERS ON THURSDAY tell us the mission of the multi-city consortium, and of their programs to bring Educational institutions to partner with local industries, helping find trained workers and adequate locations together to grow local business successes. A special emphasis is on outreach to the Chinese business community, how-to advice for newcomers as large as major manufacturers or distributors down to small retail stores and services.

NEWS OF THE L.A. RIVER restoration projects will flow to us soon enough, we hope. It's not only an astounding volunteer clean-up program, but also a complicated plan – or maybe several overlapping plans making for even more complications – under development. Southwestern Interact Club members became excited about helping two years ago, when they were asked by L.A. River volunteers to come wallow in the mud along sections of the still-unchannelled river portions needing helping hands to tear out reed, pick up tons of trash, remove all sorts of junk that was rolling in the river, and make the stream pleasant again for kayaking, horseback riding, even swimming and fishing.

INTERACTORS HAVE COAXED CLASSMATES to take the Gold Line to Union Station – a great place to visit for a few minutes, especially with the newest PST art exhibits and music – then get assigned some nearby yards of river bank to clean up. They're given t-shirts at cleanup, but the kids return by Gold Line after a Saturday's work pretty much a muddy mess. Over the 26 months, Southwestern students have given more than 900 hours of river cleanup. Now comes a major problem for you, which I hope a speaker will help us with soon: cities along the river, particularly Glendale and Burbank, are capturing rain and flood control water, processing it clean enough to drink but still considered 'grey water,' and putting most of the result back into the L.A. River. Pasadena and L.A. County's Altadena and Eaton Canyon areas thirst for more water, and have dug an west-to-each ditch some ten miles from the Glendale processing plant to cross Pasadena and water golf courses, Caltech, Eaton Canyon, local parks, and I believe part into the Huntington gardens (but we need Jim Folsom to confirm that.)



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WATER FIGHTS OUT HERE IN THE DRY Southwestern country, once the “Great American Desert,” are nothing new, and this is a muddy one. Should the reclaimed grey water go to the L.A. River for fish and plant development on its way to the sea? Should the grey water be siphoned off to local heavy-users and soak down into the dry aqua structures? That was to be this week’s Rotary topic, and maybe it will be discussed soon for the daily media is distracted by other disasters and hasn’t talked about it verymuch.

GRACE YANG ACCEPTED THANKS for her work with the recent “Night on the Town,” but wants to share our appreciation with some extra helpers. Michelle Cox, co-chair, handled the difficult chores of getting our gang to say ‘yes’ or ‘sorry’ – seemingly a simple task for Michelle, but we make it so very difficult by refusing to R, even after the SVP part.

Grace nods thanks to the bar man, Scott Kwong, and to the registrar, Aaron Gil, who turned into cleanup workers once the party-goers went home. Grace also ordered husband Frank Antonides into cleanup duties, though he had no way to avoid such.

GRACE SAYS A FAVORITE PROJECT of hers is to “make it beautiful.” The three local restaurants helped with the San Marina Courtyard setup and service, but Grace was the one who “made it beautiful”. Our master of social presentations, expert in making things beautiful, Lucille Norberg went table-to-table to make sure it was perfect. And it was.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE CHAIR WILL BORTZ announced a conflict requires a change of date for this March’s annual Paul Harris Fellow recognition luncheon, moved from the Ides of March – probably a good idea anyway – to Thursday, March 22nd. Seems a long way off, but note it now in your new 2018 calendar and save 11:30-3:30 for our Huntington gathering and tribute to one or two new Paul Harris Fellows.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE. ITS CHAIR is WILL BORTZ.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE. ITS CHAIR is DEBORAH HERBERT.

DIFFERENT COMMITTEES. I GET IT.

OK, LET ME STRAIGHTEN MYSELF OUT. We’ve an active and rich “Charities Committee”. It oversees our nonprofit division “S.M. Rotary Charities”. It fattens up from our hard work with the Motor Classic and with other gifts. It holds endowments and recommends disbursements to our Board. Debbie Herbert heads this. She hosts lovely evening meetings at the beautiful Monte Vista Grove home, and occasionally at other sites.

AND WE’VE AN ACTIVE “FOUNDATION COMMITTEE’. It oversees our contributions to Rotary International’s “The Rotary Foundation” in Evanston. It fattens up from our individual annual sustaining contributions of at least \$100 per member, from special volunteer projects, and from proceeds of matching funds and their annual luncheon. It holds annual contributions and recommends funding projects to our Board. Will Bortz heads this. He holds meetings near-dawn in the more industrial Thurner House at Lacy park, and occasionally at other sites.

FOR MANY YEARS I WAS UNDER STRICT ORDERS by a former member never, never, ever refer to “Foundation” any more, as when our club was questioned by those IRS “helpers” we legally split into two organizations of which we’re all members, the “Club” to feed and house us through our dues that are not tax-deductible, and the “Charities” to gather and disburse tax-deductible items. Now I must relearn the terms, tough for us older dogs. But you’re smarter than I am, and already know the difference between committees, right?

THEN THERE’S ANOTHER MONEY-COMMITTEE that’s just ended its busy season: our MINI-GRANTS people that gathered 52 fascinating proposals from teachers at our seven local schools. They’d gone around school-to-school to encourage teachers to create imaginative units that needed funding, and the pitch worked: many more proposals, and almost all very

creative and imaginative, which was the original idea in our club's grant program. The committee caused problems for itself by encouraging more good ideas, which our volunteers under chair Gilda Moser than had to read, compare, discuss, review, and make that funding decision. Done. Done well. Done to next season, thanks to Gilda and her committee. Teachers received their grants, and will report back to us in the spring on their varied and imaginative projects. Gilda's plan is for select projects to be explained and demonstrated at a springtime program.

NOTE ABOVE THAT ALL OUR FUNDING GROUPS then recommend to the board. Every member is welcome to attend those club board meetings and join in considering the grants and other projects. We've not seen minutes from the last few board meetings, so we guess all is fairly quiet and routine. As any news comes to us, we'll pass it along to those who read this far down the sheet.

October 16: San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

October 26: Los Angeles River Project