



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

October 2017

10/05 - Luncheon Meeting:
DEMOCRACY AND THE
LIBERAL ARTS
10/12 - Dinner: ROTARY ON THE
TOWN
10/13 - Board of Directors Meeting
- San Marino Rotary Club

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OCTOBER 5, 2017

Occidental's President Jonathan Veitch:

LIBERAL ARTS IN OUR DEMOCRACY

EIGHT YEARS AS PRESIDENT at neighboring Occidental College has given Stanford historian Jonathan Veitch time to bring the liberal arts college community together after some years of turmoil. Oxy has emerged from some troubles strong and proud, Veitch's leadership drawing impressive support from both the educational community and donors. Only five miles west from San Marino, Oxy's revitalized faculty and fresh programs are bringing national acclaim, with resulting increase in admissions applications and institutional respect. And president Veitch wants to tell us why the liberal arts featured throughout Oxy's campus is of vital importance to a stronger future for our country.

THREE EARLIER OXY PRESIDENTS have spoken to our club in the 1990s and early 2000s. All were gone within a year of their visiting us. One showed us a then-new slide show of her plans for Oxy's future. She was fired the week after coming to San Marino. We trust that president Veitch is secure after eight years and national praise, so that standing on San Marino Rotary's podium is not like being on the cover of Sports Illustrated and then losing.

A RELAXING EVENING WITH good friends and your choices of good foods, right downtown San Marino, is Grace Yang and our social committee's promise for our Night on the Town next Thursday, October 12th, in San Marino Courtyard a block west of City Hall. But goodness gracious heavens to Betsy, your simple cooperation is vital to this party even more than most: your RSVP AND YOUR CHOICE OF MEALS if you're coming is important for each of the three restaurants waiting to serve us. And quite a few of you – maybe YOU, out there – haven't responded past the deadline. If you are NOT coming, tell them so they won't bug you further. But if you ARE coming – and we hope you'll be there – they need to know your choice of meals. Too late to trust the US Postal Service – if you're coming and haven't responded yet, please either

--call Michelle at 626-449-2919, x128, and leave word of your menu selections, or

--bring your RSVP to Grace at Thursday's meeting, where she'll have a table for your convenience.

WHATEVER, PLEASE RESPOND NOW about next week's dinner! Our club is getting pretty lazy about that simple courtesy, so don't wait any longer if you're coming – or at least say 'no'. Michelle has her phone lines waiting for you, and Grace will be waiting at the door.

LAST SATURDAY NIGHT BROUGHT a wild and happy tableful of celebrants for a festive dinner downtown San Marino. After a day of trooping up and down a few steep streets, the joyful group was dining with new San Marino friends over heaping platefuls of succulent pasta, risotto, polenta, and never-stopping pitchers of rich Sammarinese red wines. I could hear



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them from my office, with the help of Mayor Riccarda's cell phone, and I talked with several of our exchange travelers in San Marino for the change of government. Of course, they were in that other San Marino, the real one, the capital city and our twinned city of San Marino of the Republic of San Marino. All accounted for, all delighted with a smooth flight to Florence, a bus trip across Italy to Rimini, and a climb up Mt. Titano to be greeted at the Grand Hotel by the mayor of San Marino of San Marino.

THOSE CALIFORNIA SAMMARINESE at the every-six-month change of government of the Republic of San Marino will be back in a week to tell us more of the ceremonies they witnessed and the fresh fellowship they felt from the municipal government and the national leaders of the world's oldest republic – San Marino. They'd witnessed the installation of the two Captains General who are executives of the Republic until next April, for the first time two women. Both must agree to any legislative or executive activities; neither can leave the Republic without the other, for six months. (Maybe we should consider that system for the US? – two presidents for six months, neither able to do or even say anything without the other's approval, no texting either, then they're out for another pair. Sounds pretty good right now).

OUR TRAVELING REPRESENTATIVES head back to Florence Sunday, for a few days touring Tuscany, including a trip to Pisa where the campinele (you may know it as the Leaning Tower) was once draped with a red-on-white "BEAT CAL" banner that landed the two main perpetrators a night in the Pisa jail. I hope they get to tour this penitential landmark, and that our Oxy speaker remembers something of the stunt.

SURELY NONE OF US is a better example of Rotarian "Service above Self" than our member and friend Matthew Lin. But many of our group may not know or even remember Matt, though he's paid his dues faithfully but shown up for meetings seldom. That's because Dr. Matt is off so often giving to others, sharing both his professional orthopedic skills and his personal charm and grace in areas of great need. Eleven years ago Matt joined our club. He was scaling back his substantial medical and management responsibilities, wanting to share his knowledge and fortune with his community, both his hometown community and the world community of people in need. Matt volunteered on the San Marino City Council, taking his turn as mayor to lead meetings with a calm but firm geniality that eased tensions on several occasions. Many times when the earth might shake or the oceans flood, Matt is off to repair broken bones and rebuild hands and limbs – not just volunteering his surgery, but at the same time gently instructing the local surgeons on special skills and techniques.

MATT DESERVES YEARS TO RELAX with his charming spouse Joy and his growing family of talented grandchildren, enjoying the beautiful home and gardens on Oak Grove that they have generously loaned as a 'showcase' for various good causes. But Matt can't quite sit still. This weekend he and Joy flew back home (commercially, not by government jet) from Washington. This Monday he's off for Hawaii. Why? He has accepted the enormous challenge of helping improve minority health throughout our country. Matt was named deputy assistant secretary for minority health and director of minority health in the Department of Health and Human Services. He and Joy have leased a home in the District, with hope of tackling the great problems and finding some solutions to high infant mortality among African-American mothers, to the addictions and uncorrected health problems of the underprivileged, to our Native American (I like the Canadian term of "First Citizen" better) problems of alcoholism, obesity, addictions.

LAST WEEK MATT WAS IN Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the capital of the Cherokee Nation, meeting with tribal leaders from across the country, learning that the #1 cause of death among Native American youth is suicide. He has helped distribute fifteen million dollars of Federal funds to several community agencies, a tiny amount compared to defense spending, but a vital tool to local efforts. He's home for a few days, then in Hawaii to the Asian Pacific Islander/Hawaii Natives Healthcare Summit. The challenges are enormous. Matt shakes his head with a smile, and jumps into the efforts to correct whatever he can.

Services for our good friend and member

ROBERT D. REDFORD

will be Saturday, October 14th, 1:00 p.m.

at San Marino Community Church

October 5th: Oxy's President Veitch, back at Community Church at noon

October 12th: Dark at noon – On the Town at San Marino Courtyard, 6-9 p.m.

October 19th: Return to lunch at Community Church to hear of bicycling across
U.S.