



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



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July 06

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July 6, 2017

After the Glorious 4th Parade ...

... GOING TO WORK IN A NEW ROTARY YEAR

MIKE DRIEBE CONDUCTED our tribute to and demotion of president Gilda with a delightful program. Mike has been wearing high fashion summer poplin suits recently, shaming all the rest of us with his elegant sartorial taste, but chose a crisp black suit with white shirt to escort Gilda out of office last week. He looked straight from Cabot's or Forest Lawn rather than his usual G.Q. cover modeling. And Gilda came with her "new husband" of 22 years, our first time seeing them smiling together. If you were unfortunately absent last meeting, you missed some good fun:

--STEVE GARRETT sent a video from the remote Pacific island where Gilda had sent him to exile for Steve's joke-telling. From his distant refuge, with Avalon Harbor behind him, Steve began to tell some of the inappropriate jokes that Gilda forbade him to share. Regrettably the video transmission was cut.

--STEVE TALT gave an erudite lecture on the source of the "Power of Juan" that Gilda frequently quotes. Steve searched for the Juan who may have written the phrase, but we have no Juan in the club or all Rotary. Steve mused that he may have misunderstood the name, that it might be "Won" as in wonton soup. At this point Mike interrupted to suggest Steve do what most lawyers do, search out the source on line before he pontificated further. With his chargeable hours mounting up, he found and read the poem.

--ISAAC HUNG presented Gilda with binders-full of lengthy reports that Gilda has been demanding from the board, and sometimes from sub-boards, commissions, and lower-class ordinary members. Isaac's reports all disappeared once Gilda was out of office, so they wouldn't bother the next administration.

--PETER CORZO had prepared a PowerPoint presentation on what Gilda was actually carrying and doing as she trudged 5½ miles east on Colorado Blvd. New Year's morning, then climbed up the Sierra Madre grade to the end of her Parade. Steve had inspected the suitcase Gilda lugged, but unfortunately Peter's computer skills are limited, and he was unable to get his PowerPoint to flow properly. Perhaps a better computer tech nerd can help Peter next time he tries a Rotary performance.

--LOIS MATTHEWS blessed us with one of her occasional pomes, searching out rhymes for "Gilda" without success. Lois' plays on words are always fun.

--RUSS OSMONSON batted clean-up, with a series of baby-to-teen-to-glamor queen life pictures of our beautiful outgoing president, ending up with her current appearance as the star of her own movie. With thanks to Southwestern's Media Arts skills, Russ presented the true Gilda in busy costume: our Wonder Woman.

OH, WE SHOULDN'T FORGET that a new president was also installed, but that went so quickly we never caught her name.



J. Leland Mothershead III
Club Director



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Club Director



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Club Director, Community Service Chair



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Club Director



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International Service Chair



Steve Garrett
Public Image Chair



William L. Payne
Public Image Chair



Tony Chou
Vocational Service Chair, Youth Service Chair

THIS WEEK'S MEETING gives us the opportunity to share with that new president the excitement of a Rotary International Convention. She joined thousands of Rotarians from six continents, gathered in Atlanta to share their pride in Rotary service with reports on the nearing-the-end of Polio, on water and housing accomplishments in developing nations, on scholars seeking peaceful mediation through specialized studies, on many individual club hands-on contributions to make local communities better.

PRESIDENT DENISE WAS ESPECIALLY thrilled to hear Bill Gates' tribute to PolioPlus, and to see the immense scope of Rotary's gift to a healthier world. She visited exhibits of local club projects, from extensive programs in getting homeless off big-city streets to small-town parks, children's reading assistance, aid after local disasters, and all the myriad of Rotary service. She'll tell it all this Thursday.

YOU MIGHT HAVE SEEN Isaac and Russ scurrying off quickly after last week's Wonder Woman show. They were headed to Southwestern's girls' dorms, to help load used but sturdy oiled-pine desks, wardrobes, lounge furnishings, and beds into a U-Haul that headed south at dawn Friday to a Rotary project on the Marine base at Camp Pendleton. Isaac had heard at a Rotary conference about the main service project of San Clemente Rotarians, who found so many young and low-paid Marines and their families who needed help with furnishings for their housing. After Basic training, Marines stationed at the large base you've passed many times along I-5 toward San Diego need help. They are low-paid, but allowed to marry and to rent family units on base – often without furnishings. Rotary runs a warehouse on the northern edge of Pendleton, offering very inexpensive but useable home furniture and kitchen supplies to these Marines.

MEANWHILE SOUTHWESTERN OVER THREE YEARS has refurnished the boarding school's boys' and girls' dorms with beds, desks, and closets providing more storage and study space. Two years ago, one boys' dorm full of good but used furniture headed somewhere south. Last year's second dorm discards found no takers, and several school workers had to spend a week breaking it all up and hauling it to the Glendale landfill, crying at the loss of useable stuff. So what could be done with the 2017 girls' dorm remodel?

ISAAC PROVIDED THE ANSWER: our loyal Marines can use it all. Southwestern's crew reached the base before noon Friday, unloaded everything into San Clemente Rotary's warehouse, and a number of young families will be helped. We also learned that the San Clemente Rotarians are around to help widows – and occasionally a few widowers recently – left on base with their spouses killed in our continuing combat or in training. As Isaac points out with pride, we're joining through Rotary to help our military personnel in need.

BUT WHATEVER HAPPENED TO 2015 FURNITURE DONATIONS?

THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING FURNITURE

THE MYSTERY BEGINS back at Isaac's home for the May 2015 "Family Night on the Town". Four presidents from four Tijuana Rotary clubs joined us, talking about our club's donations for the youth soccer club and field. When Southwestern's first dorm was to be emptied, we wrote each club to ask if it could be used. Yes, definitely, for a home for destitute elderly the T. J. clubs were building near the border. They said they'd send a truck up to fetch the furnishings "soon". Sounds good; just let us know in advance.

THE FURNITURE SAT COVERED on an outdoor basketball court for several weeks, with no further word from the Tijuana clubs. They'd changed presidents, and the new boards had no knowledge of the plans. The key president of the bigger club had left his management of a German bank in Tijuana, on rotation to another international position. Emails to each of the four clubs brought no response.

ONE VERY HOT NOONTIME late in August a 60-foot tractor-trailer truck pulled up on Monterey Road. A single driver had come for the furniture in a surprise appearance. He was tired from the drive, and went sound asleep in his hot cab. Southwestern rustled up every available muscle to load the truck with all the furnishings, and off he went, never to be heard from – for just under two years. Messages to the clubs brought no answer. Various rumors came back, that the Mexican Customs authorities wouldn't accept the boys' dorm furniture without a bribe or two. That the Mexican agricultural inspectors wanted fumigation. That the home for the "ancianos" wasn't finished. So what happened to all the donations?

SHODY CHOW AND OUR FOUNDATION COMMITTEE solved the mystery through an email from one of the four Tijuana clubs, a short note and three dark pictures coming to us two years and one week after the dorm furniture was stacked and waiting, 22 months since it disappeared with that surprise truck and sleepy driver:

Hi Shody,

The furniture where donated to the same school we are planing to build the sport

field.
Best wishes Franz

Primeria Angela Peralte
Real de San Francisco
Tijuana Baja California Sector 7 Zone 6

THE PICTURES ARE SO DARK it's hard to figure out, but it looks as if the desks are lunch tables under a shade cover, and the wardrobes are lockers for student sports and school supplies. So another international project comes to a successful conclusion, if a couple of years late in knowing.

NEXT TIME YOU ARE IN Sector 7, Zone 6, Tijuana, please stop by the primary school and let us know how it looks.

DAN DOWNER was a Rotarian for only a few years in our club, but Mary Lou and Dan and their five children were active and delightful participants in many community events. You might recall his dry and quick wit, his professional film skills added to local productions, and of course his impersonations of F.D.R.'s Fireside talks and especially fray Junip ero Serra. Dan and Mary Lou settled in San Marino more than 60 years ago. Dan was a Scoutmaster, city Recreation Commission member, and a strong leader with Community Church. His drumming and Dixieland skills entertained his La Mirada neighbors as well as City Club productions. He met every Rotary four-way test throughout his life, and was concerned that a few other Rotarian friends forgot them. We lost his membership, but not his community involvement. Now after 92 years of an honest and dedicated family, professional, and community life, we've lost Dan too.

July 6th: Message from the Throne

July 13: Reports from each of our Avenues of Service

July 20th: We meet at St. Edmond's to celebrate Denise and Richard's Wedding