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COVINA - Sunrise 7:15 am South Hills Country Club 2655 N. Citrus Ave., West Covina

RANCHO DEL CHINO - 7:15 am Papachinos Grill & Greens 14501 Ramona Ave., Chino

WALNUT VALLEY - 7:15 am The Diamond Bar Golf Club 22751 Golden Springs Dr., Diamond Bar

WEDNESDAY:

CHINO - 12:00 pm Chino Community Building

CLAREMONT - Sunrise 7:15 am St. Ambrose Episcopal Church 830 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont

SAN DIMAS - 12:00 pm Via Verde Country Club 1400 Avenida Entrada, San Dimas

UPLAND - 12:00 pm Landecena Community Center 1325 E. San Bernardino Rd., Upland

WEST COVINA - 12:15 pm South Hills Country Club 2655 S. Citrus Ave., West Covina

THURSDAY.

COVINA - 12:10 pm South Hills Country Club 2655 S. Citrus St., West Covina

LA VERNE - 7:30 am Univ. of La Verne President's Dining Room 1950 3rd St., La Verne

ONTARIO - 12:00 pm DoubleTree Hotel 222 N. Vineyard Ave., Ontario

FRIDAY

ARCADIA - 12:00 pm Embassy Suites 211 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia

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Charter President Fred W. Whyte brought a group of businessmen together for what was to become the Los Angeles County Fair Association which remains active today. Through the years, Rotarians have always been members of the Association, as well as serving on the board of directors.

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Jan 29th, 2019

### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Jan 29 - Diane Abraham - WesternU

### **FUTURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

**Feb** 5 - Dr. Lee - "How to Sail"

**Feb 12** - Students of the Month

Feb 19 - Pomona Unified School District

**Feb 26** - Pomona Police Chief Mike Olivieri

Mar 5 - Fairplex Learning Centers Tour

Mar 12 - Students of the Month

WEEK (Jan. 22, 2019)

### **GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS**

Barbara Evans joined Jeff Keating.

### PRESIDENT'S MOMENT

"The rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened."

~ John F. Kennedy

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Victor Caceres showed a video that debunks common myths about joining a Rotary club.
- **Jeff Keating** reminded us that we are all ambassadors for our Rotary club and should do all we can to share the great things we do in our community.

You never know who may be a potential member!

- Terri Long shared her Rotary moment and said hers is every fourth Tuesday when the club feeds the homeless. She said that not only does it feel good to help others, but it is also great to celebrate the friendship and camaraderie among club members established while participating in the activity together.
- Carol Wilt reminded the club about feeding the homeless at the new location at 1400 E. Mission between Reservoir and East End, on the south side.
- Jill Reiff announced the upcoming reception for new City Council members, hosted by the Pomona Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday at Mountain Meadows.
- **Jeff Vaniman** announced that Chris Eckeard, the son of former club member and friend **John Eckeard**, got married.
- Bernie Bernstein announced that the homeless have been having yard sales in his parking lot: shopping carts, kids' bikes and luggage. Since he is not receiving any proceeds, he is moving his office to Claremont and merging with another firm.
- Andrew Quinones told us that the 2019 homeless count would be taking place at Ganesha Park and encouraged volunteers to participate.
- **Jill Dolan** gave an update on the club roster: Still looking for latest document.

#### MEMBER RECOGNITION - GARY GEORGE

- Jim Dale, Larry Baca and Jeff Keating members of the "old white guys club" for wearing similar clothing.
- Clive Houston-Brown for leaving University of La Verne for a new job at Western University of Health Sciences. Congratulations!
- **Jill Reiff** \$10 for her phone ringing during the meeting
- **Darren** and **Carol** \$50 each for their fun and exciting cruise to the Caribbean.
- **Andrew** \$5 for not taking his hat off during the Pledge of Allegiance.

## PROGRAM - Wen Chen: Human Rights in China

Dr. Wen Chen was born in China during the Great Cultural Revolution. As victims of the horrific atrocity that killed two million intellectuals and destroyed traditional Chinese culture, Wen's parents had mixed feelings about her education.

Nevertheless, she eventually won a national prize at a science competition when she was 16, and was accepted into a top university for undergraduate study. In 1994, Wen came to the U.S. for graduate school and received a doctorate degree in biology at the California Institute of Technology in 2000, where she is currently a staff scientist. She became a U.S. citizen in 2014.

Because of her personal experience being brainwashed in China, she decided to become a voice for the voiceless. Since 2012, she has given more than 200 presentations to community organizations about Chinese culture, history, and human rights.

Dr. Chen spoke about the practice of *falun gong*, a meditation practice that has been banned in China by the Communist regime. Those who practice *falun gong* are the largest group under persecution in China, because, as Dr. Chen said, it is a challenge to statesponsored messages. Dr. Chen added that 500,000 people are imprisoned for practicing *falun gong*.

Dr. Chen also spoke to the problem of organ harvesting in China. According to Dr. Chen, 100,000 organ transplants are completed a year, with only 37 registered donors. It has been reported that the donors are mainly *falun gong* practitioners who are executed on demand as organs are needed. The donors are usually healthy and men under 40, Dr. Chen said.

Eight states have passed non-binding resolutions to raise awareness of organ harvesting; California is not one of them. For more information, visit, www.stoporganharvesting.org





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