



The Rotoscope



of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club

Events

August 15th

[Club Luncheon Meeting - JUSTIN MESA](#)

Speaker: Justin Mesa
Subject: San Marino High School Football Head Coach

August 22nd

[San Marino Rotary Club Luncheon Meeting - Mitch Lehman](#)

Speaker: Mitch Lehman
Subject: Mitch Lehman and the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics

August 29th

[Club Luncheon Meeting - ANDREA POTT](#)

Speaker: Andrea Pott, Prosecutor, DA's Office
Subject: What's A Nice Girl Like Me Doing Prosecuting Gangs

September 5th

[Club Luncheon Meeting: JAMES LAWSON](#)

Speaker: Jim Lawson
Subject: Ronald Regan Library Docent

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The San Marino Rotary Rotoscope for August 15th, 2019 By Russ Osmonson.

Next week we hear from famed football coach Justin Mesa.

<https://gowyo.com/coaches.aspx?rc=1248>

As listed on our Rotary Website: San Marino High School hired Justin Mesa as the new head football coach for the Titan Football team last April. Mesa, who has 18 years of coaching and administrative experience, also serves as a physical education teacher at San Marino High School.

Mesa begins working alongside Coach Mike Hobbie, who retired after eight highly successful years at SMHS, on May 1. Coach Hobbie said, "I'm excited! He was my top choice. Coach Mesa has been around some high-level programs and knows what it takes to do a good job. He's the guy who can keep our winning traditions going."

After accepting the position, Mesa said: "While I understand that replacing Coach Hobbie leaves big shoes to fill, I am excited about the opportunity to build on a program that exemplifies all the traits and characteristics of a high-level football organization. I look forward to continuing to develop a program that will make the entire community of San Marino proud."

Mesa, 36, comes to San Marino HS from the University of Wyoming, where he spent the last two years as the Director of Recruiting. Under his direction, the University enjoyed its highest-rated recruiting class among Mountain West Conference programs since 2011.

Before his time in Wyoming, Mesa served on the coaching staff at Dixie State University where he coached the wide receivers in 2016. Mesa also coordinated the field goal and the point-after-touchdown units on special teams for the Trailblazers. In the spring of 2017, he was promoted to passing game coordinator. He recruited southern and central California, as well as the state of Utah while at Dixie State.

Mesa served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Loyola High School in Los Angeles for three seasons from 2013-15. In 2015, the Loyola Cubs enjoyed their best record since 2005 at 9-3, advancing to the 2nd round of the playoffs in the Pac-5 division. In 2013, Mesa coached Nico Evans, who was named to the Pac-5 division all CIF football team.

Mesa spent six seasons serving in a variety of administrative and coaching roles at the University of Southern California from 2007-12. He originally was involved as a recruiting and operations assistant at USC in 2007. In 2008, Mesa assisted in coaching the Trojan wide receivers. The 2009 season saw Mesa being hired as a graduate assistant coach. He was elevated to an assistant quarterback coaching position in 2010. For two seasons from 2011-12, Mesa coached the USC tight ends.

Bob Houston shared local happenings: The Beach Boys said it right in Be True to Your School, when they sang:

When some loud braggart tries to put me down

And says his school is great

I tell him right away

Now what s the matter buddy?

Ain t you heard of my school?

It s number one in the state.

- The FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL seems earlier each year, and summer will soon be a distant memory as San Marino students are back to school as of August 14th, 2019.



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- HUNTINGTON 101- Randy Shulman - Huntington Library and Gardens Wednesdays 8/14th and 8/21st, 5:30 - 7:30- An Inside Look at the Huntington and Its History BOTH NIGHTS SOLD OUT!!
- Magical Music at the Old Mill: JAZZ!! Mark Hatch & Group 5 Saturday, August 17, 7PM (music starts 8PM) 5 Veteran Jazz Musicians will put On a Great Show Tickets www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4204699 or email oldmill1816@gmail.com
- Thurner House Docent Led Tour - Lacy Park Sunday August 18th, 12 - 3PM Learn About the History of San Marino *Docents John Morris and John Ryan Present Fascinating San Marino Stories, Photos, Models and Maps*

Dennis Wadsworth reminds us that The Peace Conference will be held at 2200 E Holt Blvd, Ontario, CA 91761. Huntington Middle School's ASB is collecting the funds for a bus for 52 students and advisors (approximately \$1200 or \$25pp for bus) to drive out together to the upcoming Zone 25/26 Interact Peace Conference. Event registration (\$45) is online and includes two forms that must be completed in advance.

This is an amazing value for an intro to Rotary and one many of our TLC and RYLA alumni would enjoy. - Meal Packing: 10,000 meals! - Mediators Beyond Borders 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check-In : 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. - Interactive Sessions-Rotary Life.

Important: NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION. Must pre-register! All liability waivers must be filled out prior to event and brought to event ? Or student will not be admitted Register at www.peaceconference2020.org

Three Thank You letters for the club and President Greg Johansing:

Mr. Rick Politte (San Marino Rotarian) took time to write a good old fashioned letter to the club, thanking the Rotary for all of the support for the YMCA expressing his deep appreciation for the commitment to ensuring a brighter future for YMCA members.

The San Marino School PTSA thanked the Rotary for the donation that helped create a memorable and magical grad night celebration. Grad Night Chairs: Donna Balbin, Helen Spitzer, and Jennifer Giles want Rotarians to know that our help was greatly appreciated.

Student, Elizabeth Klusman sent a hand-written thank you note, which is a rarity these days. She was honored as Student of the Month in May of 2019. She said, "Rotary has been a part of my life since I was an infant." She went on to say that she was a RYLA attendee and expressed that as she moves into her adult life the skills she learned at RYLA will serve her well.

The Barth Athletic Complex is a site to see. Those in attendance this week really got a treat, as Rotarians were able to get a glimpse at the new facilities. The gymnasium, which is set up to accommodate over 800 spectators, is equipped with bleachers that are moved electronically to make space for volley ball and basketball games. There's so much to see. There's a separate 2,000 square foot multi-purpose space, likely to be used for wrestling and maybe even yoga. There are also two new classrooms set up with white-boards, and electronics, and space for large classes. Additionally, there are eight new water fountains available outside and inside for students to fill up bottles or drink from. There's a new locker room for boys and girls, and coaches offices too. Air conditioning, new lighting, heat, fans, and all tons of time and materials went into the creation of the Barth Athletic Complex. Denise Wadsworth referred to it as the new BAC. She added "What a great contribution this complex will be to Huntington Middle school. The Barth family should be thanked for their generous contribution, that truly brought this project to fruition. Additional funds were donated by Calvin Lo and Arron Weiss, and of course by the San Marino Rotary.

Beat the Street was a recipient of \$5,000 gift from San Marino Rotary. Beat the Streets impact students lives. Many our San Marino Rotarians are connected in some way to wrestling, either having participated or supported the sport and the Beat the Streets program. Andy Barth, Fred Suhl, Emanuele Bayle, and a number of San Marino residents and Or trains are connected to beat eh Streets.

\$25,000 from or The Motor Classic is fundraiser was awarded to new Superintendent Jeff Wilson from San Marin schools. Jeff thanked the Rotary from the commitment to the schools and the youth, ensuring those in attendance hat the dues will go towards worthwhile projects. Addionaly Jeff Wiliness said that his application to join Rotary will be in tuned into our membership committee soon.

We have potential new members expected to join the club. Brian Hathorn, attorney working in Pasadena, and a graduate from University of Tennessee and Cal Tech has completed his application. Two other applications are pending, so membership numbers are moving in the right direction. We are excited that the membership committee, ambassadors, and other Rotarians are working to add more than plus one.



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