



The Rotoscope



of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club

Events

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

September 12th

Club Luncheon Meeting - TIM

SLOAN

Speaker: Tim Sloan

Subject: My Career in Banking

September 19th

San Marino Rotary Club

Luncheon Meeting - Dr Erika

Endrijonas

Speaker: Dr Erika Endrijonas

Subject: New PCC President Dr Erika Endrijonas

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The San Marino Rotary Rotoscope for August 29th, 2019

By Russ Osmonson.

Will Bortz shared some very sad news ♦ **Mr. John Harris has passed away.** A celebration of John's life will take place on 9/13/19 at 11:00 am at the San Marino Community Church. John was one of our best, a true gentleman and a member of our San Marino Rotary Club for over 42 years. For many years he was in charge of being sure we were a 100% RI sustaining club. John's daughter, Suzi Hoover shared that the services will be followed by a reception with lunch at the church. **Family** will attend Dad's burial with mom at the SG Cemetery August 30th.



Charlie Rasmussen expressed concern for Pine Trees in San Marino.

Apparently the **Boring Beetles** have attacked a few trees, most noticeably the one on Chaucer and Huntington Blvd. Charlie explained that he submitted the verbal report simply to make Rotarians aware of the problem, and in deference to Rotarians and to the city officials, he thanked all for listening to his concerns. Charlie specifically thanked Steve Talt for his friendship.

To his surprise Dennis Kneier was greeted with applause. As he introduced ♦ Little ♦ Paul Elieff, who is fixture in the community, Dennis added in a sardonic tone ♦ This is the only applause I ♦ ll ever get from this group. ♦ He went on to add ♦ All of you who consider yourself a friend to Mitch Lehman, whether you think you are #1 or #2000, you are behind Paul. ♦

Mitch Lehman, seven time award winner, two time Pulitzer Prize nominee, and Editor of the San Marino Tribune from 24 years addressed the club. He first pointed out to the club that the ♦ Boring Beetle is actually Steve Talt ♦ s nickname. ♦



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Mitch spoke from his heart and expressed his sadness about his mother passing away very recently. He noted that his mother was proud of him and especially so when he was named Paul Harris Fellow.

Mitch's talk covered several topics but revolved around the 1936 Olympics in Germany, Oak Trees, Jesse Owens and Cornelius Johnson, and Mitch's good relationship with his stepfather Mr. Ed McVeigh.

Mitch, who grew up in Ohio lost his father when Mitch was only five. Sometime after his father passing away, Mitch's stepfather Ed McVeigh came into the picture. It seems like Ed, who Mitch later learned was a 16 time state champion in Track and Field (running, had a significant impact on Mitch. Ed taught Mitch running techniques, and young Mitch discovered that his stepfather had raced and beaten Jesse Owen in preprimary races in High School. Mitch showed a portion of a documentary from the 1936 Olympics, highlighting Owens and Johnson's achievements, and awards. Mitch noted that each Gold Medal Winner stood on the platform, had their country flag raised, and was presented with a laurel wreath and an Oak Tree. The Oak Tree's were taken home by the winners and several were planted. Today many of them still exist. Cornelius Johnson planted his Oak Tree in Korea Town, where it still stands today. Mitch would like to see more of the Oak Tree's that were originally given to the Olympic Gold Medalists. 143 Oak Trees were awarded, and only 19 of them have been located. Perhaps we will see some of these important Oak Trees at the Huntington Library and Gardens one day.

James Nash has room at his table. James will attend the Fire Department Foundation Gala on Sept 20th and wants Rotarians to join him. He has chairs available at his table and tickets for the event. Reach out to James if you are interested in supporting our Fire Department.

Cambodia update- JP Mainguy's son Pierre updated our club. The aquaponics program that San Marino Rotary is helping sponsor in Cambodia seems good investment. Filtration systems have allowed for growth of plans and fish life. Fish tanks that were only 713 gallon now have capacity for 5, 283 gallons, permitting villages to stock and sell more seafood products. This is really impacting communities and helping better people's lives.

Shy little Ariana Basseri pushed herself to the microphone today. She announced that the Persian 4 Cure event (3rd Annual Garden Party) will take place on Sept 14th. The event will be in Beverly Hills: info@persians4cure.org. Please reach out the Basseri family should you want to attend this event or donate resources.

Come hear our speaker, Andrea Pott next week. She is a prosecutor in the DA's Office. Her topic: *What's A Nice Girl like Me Doing Prosecuting Gangs?* She may begin early so arrive by noon.

Bill Payne shares: the Cal State LA Rotaract Charter was issued by RI on July 25 with seven local Rotary Clubs each pledging \$500 seed money and a representative to attend their meetings on a rotating basis. These Clubs are Alhambra, San Marino, Monterey Park, East Los Angeles, Montebello, San Gabriel, and SGV New Gen.



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They have a campus advisor, Dr. Santor Nishizaki from the College of Business & Economics and are working on finalizing their IRS paperwork as well as on completing the last of the Cal State LA University stipulations in order to be recognized as a student organization.

Their 20 members are planning to **man** a booth during the two-day back to school quad recruiting opportunity in mid-August, signing up for shifts each would work. And, they will be visiting all of the other clubs on campus to talk about joining/banding together for service projects. They also plan to visit each of their sponsoring Rotary Clubs, to thanks us for what we've done so far to help them get to this point.

So that they will look-and-feel *official*, Alhambra has ordered from Russell Hampton membership kits and lapel pins; and the Rotaract Club is to make a decision as to the kind of badges they prefer. San Marino has ordered their gavel, inscribed with the date of chartering. SGV New Gen has ordered their pop-up banner, inscribed with names of the sponsor clubs.

Edgar Garcia-Mora, Alhambra's president and Cal State LA grad, will continue to coordinate and partner with every sponsoring club contact to ensure that the New Retractors feel the full support of District 5300.

PDG Steve Garrett should be pleased that through his efforts 25 years ago to help in establishing the Rotaract Club there, it has been re-chartered and seems to have a great deal of enthusiasm and early interest/head of steam.

Chris Datwyler shared a link about two outstanding parents, who not surprisingly are connected to San Mario Rotary. Paul and Annie Brassard were named as National Parents of the Year. <https://sanmarinotribune.com/san-marinos-brassards-are-named-top-parents>.

Jim Lawson will be introduced to our club by Mr. Bill Payne on September 5th, 2019. Mr. Lawson will talk about the Ronald Reagan Library and his vast experience as a docent.

Upon retirement from the technology business Jim became a docent at the Reagan Library in 2008 and is now the Docent museum coordinator.

He hails from Baltimore and graduated from University of Delaware in 1959 with a BChE degree (similar to member Bill Payne, but in 1960).

Jim served in the U S Army Chemical Corp, teaching basic training in chemical, biological, and nuclear warfare, promoted from 2nd then to 1st lieutenant.

He was next hired by BTL /Western Electric, making silicon wafers, and then spent the next 4 years at Sperry Rand Corp, before being transferred to Univac in Minneapolis, working to manufacture computer hybrid circuits. Jim transferred to Sperry Flight Systems to be engineering manager making circuits with the Space Shuttle and Orbit division.

Next, he became engineering vice president at ITT making hybrid circuits for the telecom industry in Florida, and when that plant shut down, transferred to ITT Gilifillan in Los Angeles engineering radar systems for the Navy. Jim

became the engineering vice president of San Fernando Electric, and after they closed their doors, was hired by Teledyne Microelectronics, Raytheon, National Semi CTS Microelectronics, Scrantom Engineering , and CMAC, all doing sales in the western US. His last assignment was finally as a sales representative for Microelectronics from 2003 to 2017.

In retirement, Jim spends a lot of time at the gym and has run over 107 full and half marathons! He is married and has lived in Thousand Oaks since 1981, and enjoys his gardens, pool, and genealogy.

NEWS and EVENTS:

- **Come meet Bryan Hawthorn, an estate attorney living and practicing in Pasadena. He may be an official San Marino Rotarian by next week He is sponsored by Russ Osmonson. Also meet Mrs. Iris Yang, a resident of San Marino with kids in our public schools. Iris is an insurance agent with New York Life and is being sponsored by Dr. Steven Huang.**
- **San Marino High School Varsity Football Schedule Northview (Covina) Friday, August 30th, 7PM**
- **Picnicking Starts at 5:30PM Charter Oak (Covina) Friday, August 23rd, 7PM**
- **Huntington Library Summer Concert-MUSE/IQUE Orchestra, BAND/TOGETHER, the miracle of humans moving in concert Saturday, August 24th, 8 - 9:30 PM**
- **Anderson and Roe & American Ballet Theater by Elton John, starring Michael Cavanaugh at LA Arboretum, Saturday, August 24th, 7:30 PM**