



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

December 2018

12/27 - DARK - HOLIDAY

January 2019

01/03 - DARK - HOLIDAY

01/10 - State of the City Address

01/17 - Board of Directors Meeting

- San Marino Rotary Club

JANUARY 10, 2019:

BACK TO WORK!

Club Leaders



Fang Fang Ho
President

IF PRESIDENT FANG has had her fill of satay and orchids and returns from her visit with friends and family in Singapore on time, and



Gregory F. Johansing
President-Elect, Programs
Chair

IF PRESIDENT-ELECT GREG has finished his celebrations after his narrow victory at last meeting's elections where he lost the popular vote but won just enough electoral votes, and



Denise Wadsworth
iPast President, Youth
Service Chair



Paul Brassard
Secretary

IF OUR 2020-2021 PRESIDENT AARON has distributed all those 250 gift bicycles and maybe taken a few good pictures of smiling children with their shiny new rides, and



Dennis B. Kneier
Treasurer

IF TREASURER DENNIS has dug his way out from under both snow and grandchildren up in Big Bare and gets down the hill to collect the last few late dues payments, and



N. Christian Datwyler
Webmaster



Lucille F. Norberg
Sergeant-at-Arms

IF SECRETARY PAUL has completed typing up the many pages of transcripts from those long election speeches at the Annual Meeting December 13th, and



Kenneth Veronda
Bulletin Editor



Steve Garrett
Social Media/Bulletin
Editor

IF GRACE WANG and her social committee has finished cleaning up the Duncan's beautiful home after our Christmas party December 14th, well, if all that comes about, then we meet



**J. Leland Mothershead
III**
Club Director



Calvin Lo
Club Director

JANUARY 10th AT COMMUNITY CHURCH: A report from the just-chosen San Marino MAYOR STEVEN HUANG reports on all the news about our city and our council's successes past and challenges ahead. Dr. Steve promises to take any and all questions from you, though he doesn't plan to answer them all.



Fary Yassamy
Club Director



Leonard Therrien
Club Director, Community
Service Chair



Shawn C. Chou
Club Director



John Donovan
Club Director



Gilda Moshir
Club Director, Membership
Chair



Rick Andrew Politte
Club Director



Aaron Gil
Club Director



**Lemaud Nash Lemaud
Nash**
Club Director



Shody Chow
International Service Chair



Ginny T. Hsiao
Membership Chair



William L. Payne
Public Image Chair



William H. Bortz
Rotary Foundation Chair



Linda Susan Wah
Vocational Service Chair

MAYOR HUANG will have city management around to help him out as needed. If you open our club's web page under "more information" about this week's program, it's all blank – but Mayor Steve promises he'll gather information from the city staff on all the important stuff such as Lacy toilets, Recreation changes, and some of the jucier items from the police blotter out of our weekly newspapers.

MAYOR STEVE IS HANDICAPPED in gathering gossip around town. His dental patients can't talk, with their mouths stuffed with cotton and tubes. We regret Steve isn't a beautician in one of San Marino's hair salons. There he could gather the real good stuff about the state of our city's condition and everything that should be done whatever the cost.

OUR OLD GREY MARE TALT really disappointed us by the end of his term. As reported in the media, our city has slipped to 36th place in the nation's most expensive real estate. And in L.A. County, San Marino is only #7, with Santa Monica's \$3.76 million homes beating even Beverly Hill's \$3.21M average prices. You can pick up a San Marino home for the average price of a measly \$2.10M. Must be Steve's fault. He leaves Lois Derry and all our real estate people struggling to get much commission from sales of these cheap homes in our town.

SERIOUSLY, WE THANK AND CHEER our San Marino Mayors, Council members, and residents giving their time to the various committees studying how to preserve and improve our community government. Many residents do not remember that our elected officials are unique in California. They receive NO compensations, per diem, meeting honorariums, or other compensation other than the satisfaction of contributing to keeping San Marino a fine place to live. I believe only one other incorporated town in this state does not pay for council and committee services. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen of the City Council and city committees.

MIKE KILLACKEY is another impressive community volunteer. He's not yet a Rotarian, but he has the service feeling already, offering his time among the seven campaigning for the three open places on the school board and falling a few votes short. Those attending our last meeting heard Mike's plea for help with donations to assist the thousands of Paradise residents displaced by the Camp Fire, often with just the clothes they were wearing as they fled west from the flames and sheltering now in and around Chico. Mike delivered a truckload of donations to the refugees a few days before Christmas, but invites more, particularly cash or good useable clothes, furnishings, housewares, whatever you can spare.

HOLIDAY PARTY THANKS

GRACE YANG assembled a strong team to present our outstanding holiday night on the town at the beautiful Spanish Revival home of Jan and

Stephanie Duncan on a clear last-week-of-fall December night.

GRACE SENDS BIG THANKS from all who attended to the Duncan's for offering their decorated home and tented gardens for a splendid party.

OTHER BIG THANKS GO OUT ..

TO DENNIS and LIZ KNEIER for helping set up the bar, publicizing our party, and working with Jan and Stephanie to let Rotary use the lovely setting;

TO PRESIDENT FANG for providing the harpist music;

TO MICHELLE COX for taking the responses, SCOTT KWONG for his bartender duties as always, SHAWN and LUYI CHOU for handling the registration desk, to the HUNG FAMILY – ISAAC, MYRON, JOSEPH, and ASHLYN – for the big cleanup work, and from Grace to her patient husband FRANK ANTONIDES for circulating around to help in so many places.

GRACE ANNOUNCES THE NEXT PARTY will be on FEBRUARY 23rd - celebrating Chinese New Year Lantern Festival in partnership with the San Marino Chinese Club, to be held at San Marino Center where the mayor himself, Steven Huang, will be the bartender.

ELECTION RESULTS WITH BALLOT COUNT ALMOST CERTIFIED

THE ANNUAL MEETING STRETCHED OUT to run several seconds over a minute, as president Fang allowed so many protests about Greg, but Fang herself was elected a past president by acclamation. And our leader-to-be for 2020-2021, if you missed his gracious if long acceptance speech, is Aaron Gil.

OTHER OFFICERS for the next Rotary year are familiar faces: Paul Brassard continues as our secretary, Dennis Kneier will be treasurer again as no one else is willing to do all that work, and once again Lucille Norberg will be the tough top Sergeant-at-Arms maintaining order among our rowdy membership.

REMEMBER WE ALL PLEDGE “Every Member, Every Year” support of The Rotary Foundation. A minimum of one hundred dollars from each of us makes us a 100% club once again. We're not yet there, and if you've not gotten around to funding your pledge please contribute now by mail or to chair Will Bortz at this next meeting.

SWITCHING FROM CANDY CANES to a historical program for her second graders at Felicitas and Perpetua school, Mini-Grant recipient Missy O'Neill invites all Rotarians to come see how the kids are learning from our contributions. History Night will be January 31st. There will also be a Poetry Night on February 28th, and the student theater production on May

16th.

BAXTON CHEN, our club's student of November from SMHS, earned his Eagle Scout by building a peace garden at Huntington Middle School. Baxton is the Interact vice president, a CSF scholar, AP student, and Youth Ambassador for the district's peace program. Baxton's special interest is in archery, where he is an expert. Now Baxton has heard of his next challenge, as he's been accepted to Harvard College's class of 2023.

JASON CHAU writes that he has really enjoyed Rotary membership and service the past two years, but that health issues he and his wife are both facing force him to resign from our club at this time. We hope all goes well for the Chau's, and Jason may be able to resume soon.

THE BIG CHILI CHALLENGE COMING JANUARY 24th

BOB HOUSTON has been talking it up, but he's frustrated you haven't ponied up. He has a few non-Rotarians joining another Chili Cookoff meeting, but no Rotarians – yet. C'mon, get your pot simmering. There's a pot of cash in it too, money already donated to go to the charity of the choice of each winning entry. Name a charity, name your chili, and join the fun. Bob has some special plans for the meeting, and needs your registration soon.

PLEASE PRINT OUT THE FORM BELOW, or simply write out the information, and send it by email or by old-fashioned USPS postal mail this week, while you're inspired:

YOUR NAME:

YOUR CHILI'S FUN NAME:

THE CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE:

YOUR EMAIL or PHONE:

MAIL TO BOB HOUSTON, 2511 Huntington Drive, San Marino 91108

or

EMAIL TO: Robert.h@harveyandparmelee.com

January 10, 2019:

Mayor Steve reports how he views our city

January 17:

No program is posted yet, but Fang has her song-and-dance ready

January 24:

Another Great Chili Cookoff – if you'll volunteer to fix a pot