

## **Events**

December 19th San Marino Rotary Club Luncheon Meeting - Rob Fee Speaker: Rob Fee Subject: Entertainment writer and Producer Rob Fee

December 19th Board of Directors Meeting

December 26th San Marino Rotary Club Luncheon Meeting - DARK Speaker: NO MEETING Subject: DARK

January 16th Board of Directors Meeting

## **Club Leaders**



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## The Rotoscope



of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club

The San Marino Rotary Rotoscope by Russ Osmonson, et all. For December 19, 2019

WE ARE DARK the next two weeks. Our next lunch meeting will be on January 9<sup>th</sup>. It s still a mystery to what the program will be. Keep an eye out at <u>https://sanmarinorotary.org/</u>.

IF YOU MISSED THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, I know you regret it. ASK those who were in attendance. Stephanie Duncan hosted once again. The event could not have been more inviting. We were greeted with champagne at the door, followed by time with friends, then dinner and a show. Assigned seating worked out well as each table seemed very content. I must add that whomever selected the seats did a terrific job. Our table was simply the best. The Brassards, Giles, Huanges, Kindler s, Sohles, and Osmonson s were all grouped together, and all of us had a terrific time. The wine might have contributed to pleasant evening. What definitely had an impact was the duo who sang Christmas standards. Stephanie Duncan went out of her way with all the planning. Dennis Kneier and Grace Huang were instrumental in the planning too, but Stephanie is the one to praise. She provided us with memories that we will share for a long time to come. Dennis Kneier thanked Stephanie and asked us to take a moment a look around. Look at the people you are with ad the surrounding.  $\mathbf{O}$  It was nice touch Dennis. We all need to realize how fortunate we are.

YOU MUST ATTEND THE MEETINGS. The speaker this week was nonother than Mr. Rob Fee. Who is Rob Fee you might ask. Well, Rob is a writer, comedian, marketer, counselor, entertainer, and all around nice fella. He is all these things and more. You missed his stand up or was that an act? Rob was personable, witty, and comfortable with the Rotary crowd. His looks belie his real age (38). He was dressed as casually as they come and that might have contributed to him seeming a bit younger than his age. His outlook was refreshing. Rob is a positive person, who believes in helping people. He counseled us with his deep voice, �Do whatever you want. Don �t wait! � Rob said that he never went to school for writing or marketing



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but because he followed his passion he is now working with likes of Disney, and Marvel. He segued from day time entertainment, working for the **Ellen DeGeneres Show** to writing scripts and doing standup. He had the number # comedy show in the U.S., albeit for two days. Rob seemed a genuine guy, and was happy to tell us how he met up with Ariana Basseri, and about her proposal to Rob on their first date. Hold your horses, said Teddy (Ariana so pop). Let see what this Rob is made of. Time will tell, but early indications are that Rob is candid and says what he thinks. Great connecting with you Rob. We hope to see you again.

A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY is likely going up in Lacy Park. Three 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl scouts presented their plan to Rotary today, outlining step by step the process for having a little free library available to San Marino citizens. The presentation was excellent and all three young ladies spoke clearly about the plans, and then asked for donations. We gladly handed over all our small and large bills. It was choreographed effort helped out by Mr. Richard Lord. He introduced the ladies and they knocked the presentation out the park said Rotarian. Peter Corzo. Well done!

12 SECONDS is all that it took the approve our President Elect Elect. Pierre Mainguy was nominated then the nominations were closed. Denise Wadsworth made the motion to close nominations during the Rotary Lunch. Someone seconded her motion as ALL was APPROVED! That was pretty slow, said Gene Orlowsky. It usually doesn t take that long. Let s see if the Senate tops the speed of the San Marino Rotary. They may not beat 12 seconds but they might come close. Best of luck to you Pierre. You are getting a Rotary Club that continues to make a difference.

**EAST MEETS WEST. NO, NOT THE BANK!** Annie Brassard invited us to the 2020 Lunar New Year Celebration Gala on Sunday, January 26, from 12-3:00 pm. It will be at the Almansor Court in Alhambra. Come enjoy a holiday buffet banquet with a well-known Keynote speaker (surprise). There will be cultural activities, games, prizes and performances. For tickets go to: www.emwpec.org. You can also talk with Scott Kwong, scott.kwong@vahoo.com

**THE BOARD MET.** Boy did we. Each December it seems like something interesting comes up at the board meetings. Greg Johansing handled the agenda deftly, as he always seems to do. Financials were approved, service projects were highlighted, and membership was discussed. Secretary, Paul Brassard took copious notes, detailing a Paul Harris honoree selection, membership selections, the speech contest (Jan 30), art contest (April 23), and RYLA (March). One note: membership **Ginny Hsiao** is doing a terrific job. Productive meeting. Cool heads prevailed.

**NOT MENTIONED** but important.. The Rotary Zone 25/26 World Peace Conference is Jan. 17 & Jan. 18, 2020 at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, CA. Join with 2500 leaders from business, healthcare, government, academia, NGO s faith-based organizations, and mediation services to learn techniques to solve problems faced daily.

Over 150 local and international experts will share solutions and provide blueprints and action plans through over 100 breakout sessions in 13 different tracks: Personal/Home; Education/Literacy; Community; Workplace; International; Peace Graduates; Human & Civil Rights; Diplomacy/War; Religion & Spirituality; Mainstream & Social Media. A



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Secretary <u>Isaac Hung</u> Assistant Governor House of Friendship similar to those we display at our Rotary International Conventions will be available for viewing both event days with our District s Art for Peace Winners including two from Huntington Middle School students proudly displayed.

Conference registration for the two-day event is \$339. The Interact Peace Conference registration fee is \$45 for the Saturday-only student event next-door at the Raddison Hotel.

Second Announcement: The Rotary International Convention is June 6-10, 2020, in sunny Honolulu, Hawaii. Join fellow Rotarians from all over the world as we grow in friendship and knowledge of The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International. Registration information is available at myrotary.org.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Heritage Square Museum - Dickensian Town Square Victorian Home Tours, Hot Chocolate, Mulled Wine, Craft Beer Screenings of Holiday Movies - 6 and 8 PM HOME ALONE - Dec 20; Muppet Christmas Carol - Dec 22 www.streetfoodcinema.com/schedule/yuletide/

L.A. Arboretum Moonlight Forest Lantern Art Festival Running through January 12th, 5:30PM to 10PM 1.2 mile walk through fabulous hand painted installations by artisans from China's Sichuan Province

Descanso Gardens Enchanted Forest of Light Running Through January 5th, 7PM - 10PM

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