



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

July 30th

Club Meeting: ARROYO & FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY

Speaker: Amanda Zellner, Ass. Professor of Biology, Occidental College

Subject: Documenting Wildlife changes in the Arroyo Foothills

August 6th

Club Meeting: Preserving The Roots of Chinese Americans in LA

Speaker: Dr. Gay Yuen

Subject: Chinese-American Museum - Preserving the Roots of Chinese Americans in Los Angeles

August 13th

Club Meeting: New Members Craft Talks

August 20th

Club Meeting: Searching for Exoplanets

Speaker: Robert Zellem

Subject: Robert Zellem, scientist at JPL will show in pictures how some of these alien worlds were discovered and how citizen science projects using amateur equipment can also contribute to this effort.

Club Leaders



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Rotoscope for the Rotary Club of San Marino, July 30, 2020

ALL THE ROTARY NEWS THAT IS FIT TO SHARE:

WITH HIS SECOND WEEK BEHIND HIM NOW, President Aaron Gil continues to impress. You cannot say enough about our Rotary president. He is gracious, modest and inviting. He coordinated this weeks meeting with the ease and grace of an experienced Rotarian, while welcoming guests, our speaker and reintroducing us to one of new rotary members.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR, Greg Jones visited this week. He will return in October to our San Marino Rotary for his official visit to our club. Greg said, "I wanted to give new club presidents an opportunity to get their feet under them." Rotary is about providing opportunities. New member, Judith Liu attended the meeting as well and gave a brief introduction. When she is not busy being mom and teacher to her kids, she is busy in the Insurance industry. She is excited and happy to be able to see Rotarians on Zoom. Will her excitement wane when she sees us in person? Hope not.

MOST IMPORTANT- our speaker was on time, and in great spirits up in her "tree house" of sorts. Brenda Cressey visited from her the second story of her home, which offers a nearly pandemic view, surrounded by trees. Brenda is a Rotary Foundation expert and was an excellent speaker and full of positive ways that we can support the Foundation. Brenda was a breath of fresh air and gave the club background and knowledge that can be used to provide great opportunities for those in need. Bill Payne stepped in to introduce Brenda to the club as Steve Garret was unavailable.

JOSEPH CHANG, President of San Marino School Board, expressed concern. "We must be cautious when we are around others during this pandemic. We must be careful." Joseph mentioned Lacy Park specifically as an area of concern. Chief John Incontro stepped in and calmly asked that we all continue to wear masks, socially distance and wash our hands repeatedly. John welcomes those who follow these commonsense approaches to use facilities in the city.

JOHN JONES CELEBRATED a birthday on July 23. Yes it was his birthday that he celebrated. He didn't tell us the number, but Dennis Kneier and Aaron Gil said that John is one of our most active members. Whatever his age, it seems like the years have not slowed him down.

DENISE WADSWORTH asks us to pitch in at the FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER. When? August 2nd, from 9:00 am until 11:00 am at the San Marino Scout House, located at 1196 St. Albans Road. BSA Scout Troops 351 B & G will help in the effort, and San Marino rotary will help sponsor. (denise.wadsworthslp@gmail.com)

MEMBERSHIP IS EASY to build so says Gilda. "It is actually easier to invite a potential member to lunch meetings now, as there is no cost." Gilda dubbed us all ambassadors and encouraged us to invite people to our weekly Zoom meetings. Her hope is to take our current number from 107 up to 117 by the end of Aaron's year. I thought we were shooting for plus ONE, but TEN is a much loftier goal. "Surveys will be sent out," said Gilda asking how Rotary can help the city and connect to projects. If you aren't too shy you might be asked to share your Rotary moment at an upcoming meeting. Also, social events will continue through Zoom. Gilda talked about ways we might learn from each other; I see a cooking lesson in our future from Stephanie Johnson. "I'm available for a wine tasting on Zoom! Anyone interested?"

NEXT WEEK Amanda Zellner, Ass. Professor of Biology, Occidental College will discuss Wildlife changes in the Arroyo Foothills. The mission of the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy is to conserve, protect and steward natural open space to combat climate change and support the wildlife habitats. Professor Amanda Zellner will be presenting her research in collaboration with the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy on assessing landscape connectivity for Southern California terrestrial mammals. Using both motion-triggered camera traps and the power of community science, she is leading a team of researchers in an effort to observe how animals such as mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes, and more use and move between green spaces in the greater Los Angeles area. This research will help inform planning for habitat conservation and restoration of wildlife corridors in Los Angeles and will also be used in a multi-city study across North America to study the effects of urbanization on wildlife. Linda Wah will be program chair for the day.

MORE FROM GILDA:



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I'm excited to be at the HELM of the membership wheel - I want to give HUGE thanks to Ginny Hsiao who STEERED our ship last year - and did a fantastic job at bringing Rotarians together in small groups to enjoy each other's company. Those days are a memory now as we respond to measures to socially distance and stay safe and keep our communities safe.

With our virtual setting, it is EVEN more important to stay connected, so we are thankful to Past President Greg and our new President Aaron who have and are leading the way for us to connect on our weekly schedule every Thursday.

We want to hear from you - there will be a survey we will send out in the next 2 weeks that will ask you how YOU can remain involved and for us to consider "THINKING OUT OF THE BOX" so that we can continue the foundation on which ROTARY was built - camaraderie, fellowship, service, community, engagement and leadership.

We will also be asking for our community to help us help them - we want to ask our City, Fire Department, Police Department, School District, Residents and Businesses how can we best support them in these trying times. If you are a member of any of these entities and are aware of any need please share them with us so that we may prioritize them.

We also plan to formalize the smaller gatherings of Rotarians in the zoom format - look out for cooking classes, art classes, book clubs and more ...we are open to your ideas on possible gathering ideas (virtually)

Our goal this year is to grow our current membership of 107 to 117. You can help us by inviting guests to our zoom format. It is so much easier and so much more affordable to do so. The \$15 lunch fee is now FREE to you the host and to the club. And your guests do not have to travel far to zoom with us - so take advantage of the virtual format and let's GROW ROTARY - GROW SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB - THE CLUB THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

It's also time to take out your polished ROTARY MOMENT TIME - We will ask you impromptu at one of our zoom meetings what YOUR ROTARY MOMENT has been and why YOU ARE A ROTARIAN.

Thank you - Membership Squad - Gilda, Ginny, Fang, Isaac, Molly, Evi, Arlene, Grace, Edwin

EACH WEEK a Rotarian can share REASONS THEY LOVE ROTARY.

MIKE DRIEBE SHARED. Mike wrote: ♦During more than 26 years as a member of this movement, my passion for Rotary has only grown. I have made wonderful friendships that I hope will last a lifetime, I have seen families and communities transformed by our work, have travelled abroad and felt the amazing spirit of Rotarians despite the extreme poverty and hardship their communities face. I have learned first-hand about the power of a small group of people to change the world for the better, and I want our members and those who haven't become Rotarians yet to experience all this and so much more! There isn't another organization quite like ours, and I'm proud of who we are and what we do.♦