



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



Events

July 16th

[Club Meeting: ROTARY PEACE FELLOW REPORT](#)

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[Club Meeting: Preserving The Roots of Chinese Americans in LA](#)

Club Leaders



[Aaron Gil](#)
President



[Jean-Pierre Claude Mainguy](#)
President-Elect



[Gregory F. Johansing](#)
iPast President



[Paul Brassard](#)
Secretary



[Dennis B. Kneier](#)
Treasurer



[Nora Patricia Hoyos](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Adam Y. Chang](#)
Club Director

[Shody Chow](#)
Club Director

The San Marino Rotary Rotoscope by Russ Osmonson, et all. For July 16, 2020

THE FORCE WAS WITH GREG JOHANSING and the amateur thespian group as we demoted our President. The demotion took place two weeks ago, and props and costumes were used. Mitch Lehman may have had the most elaborate outfit, but Steve Talt stole the show as Yoda. Steve's (Yoda's) presence could be heard saying, "The force is strong with you my young padawan."

President Greg had what could safely be described as a tumultuous year. Covid-19 impacted meetings but "Cool Hand Greg" smoothly adjusted to remote meetings with the help of his board. He was calm and cool the entire year. Fang Ho, and Gilda Moshir stepped up and helped the club and Greg make the transition to online physical distanced meetings. Aaron Gil will continue with Zoom as we meet each Thursday. The club has decided to continue to meet via Zoom through the 1st quarter of the year, then we will reassess.

AARON GIL WILL FOLLOW in Greg's footsteps and to allow San Marino Rotary to open opportunities. That's the motto, Rotary Opens Opportunities. Aaron will need our support in his efforts. But as Yoda said, "Do or do not. There is no try." We are all confident that Aaron will make this year a success. San Marino Rotary is a club that makes a difference in our community and around the world. Aaron will keep us all focused.

AARON OUTLINED three main goals for our club:

- More Visibility for Rotary within the San Marino Community through Local Service Projects
- Service Project(s).Collaborate with Local San Marino Service Clubs on LocalCommittees.
- More Involvement from Rotarians on Projects and

AARON REMINDED us of the SIX areas of focus, adding that Rotary has now included a seventh area of focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution.
- Disease prevention and treatment.
- Water and sanitation.
- Maternal and child health.
- Basic education and literacy.
- Economic and community development.
- SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT!

CLUB DUES will be decreased:

- Dues were \$120.00 but are now \$95.00
- The Meals were \$120.00 and are now \$0.00
- Paul Harris Luncheon \$15.00 \$15.00



- Charities Fundraising \$63.00 \$63.00
- Sustaining Membership \$100.00 *Rotary Foundation



[Michelle Branson Cox](#)
Club Director

Total was \$318.00 per quarter. Now it is \$273.00



[Rob Feidler](#)
Club Director



[Calvin Lo](#)
Club Director

SAN MARINO MOTOR CLASSIC 2021 NEWS- Since the San Marino Motor Classic is key to our charitable funding, we all need to prioritize funding for it, so let's start the new year with a focus on making up for the one lost to the virus. Responsibility for ticket sales has been shifted from Rotary to the Motor Classic itself. Stephanie Johnson, Nora Hoyos and Calvin Lo have agreed to join the Motor Classic Sales Committee. We would like to (need to) enlist other Rotary members to participate in this endeavor. If you are interested in participating on the Sales Committee for the Motor Classic, please contact Stephanie.

stephjohnson17@hotmail.com We are looking forward to a successful Motor Classic next June. More information about the Motor Classic and how Rotary members can help will be forthcoming soon.



[Gilda Moshir](#)
Club Director
Membership Chair

SAD NEWS- Warren Weber has passed away. Isaac Hung mentioned Warren's passing in his invocation at the club meeting and asked that we think of Mary Weber and her family at this time. Warren's biography will be added to a future rotoscope.



[Lucille F. Norberg](#)
Club Director

ANDREW KINDLER made a heartfelt donation. He presented Dennis Kneier with a \$20,000 gift to Rotary to be used for international projects. Andrew's gift was stunning and unique. The \$20,000 came in the form of Canada Palladium Maple Leaf coins. Dennis announced that he will convert the coins and use the funds to help with rotary projects. Thank you Andrew!



[Russ Wayne Osmonson](#)
Club Director

ISAAC HUNG shared that July is a big month for his family. Myron & Ashlyn just had a baby boy on Tuesday, July 7th. They are all doing well. Joey is getting married this Saturday in a small wedding ceremony. Both Myron and Joey are our club members although we don't see them much. Big life-changing events are happening!



[William L. Payne](#)
Public Image Chair

GROCERIES FOR SENIORS was a huge success! Isaac Hung and other Rotarians helped the elderly in Pasadena filled shelves with needed supplies. Thank you Isaac for taking the initiative.



[John E. Jones](#)
Rotary Foundation
Chair

MAURICE SALDEBAR spoke about GRAD NIGHT. 2020 Grad Night for San Marino High is scheduled to take place on July 3, 2021. The theme is Finding Nemo. Maurice said that the seniors from this year's class will be encouraged to swim home for the grad night celebration. Rotary volunteers will be needed.



[Mary Lou Byrne](#)
Assistant Governor

THE BARTH SCHOLARSHIP winners for this year were announced. Richelle Chow from Southwestern Academy, and Ethan Wang from San Marino High will use the scholarship funds to help support their education. Richelle is headed to George Washington and Ethan will attend Johns Hopkins. Gilda Moshir and her committee helped winnow the applicant pool down from eight deserving students to these final two. We expect great success from all applicants.

ETHAN WANG has set up an SMS application so that concerned citizens can receive updates and alerts about COVID-19. If you are interested in receiving text alerts you can opt in at 888 414 5539 with your zip code.

NEXT WEEK we will hear from speaker Florence Maher, who is our Rotary Peace Fellow.

As all of you certainly know by now, our Rotary Club has been most successful in recruiting Ambassadorial / Global Grant scholars. But there is another Rotary International scholarship, which has been available called the Peace Fellowship. Our speaker next week, is our District's second of these.

A Peace Scholar is generally a two -year obligation, offers a choice of one of six peace universities, and the scholarship has a value of about \$75,000.

Our speaker travels the path less traveled, one that is not so easy or familiar, but most challenging and very different.

She just finished a Master's degree in Peace Studies at the Rotary Peace Center in Tokyo, Japan. Due to international travel disruptions, she is still in Japan, where the local time is 4am!

Florence was born and raised in Oregon. Her parents relocated to Las Vegas, in 2004, where she worked and attended the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). She decided to finish college on the east coast and transferred to Howard University, a traditional Black college, where she graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor's degree in economics and political science.

In 2011, she joined the U.S. Foreign Service and represented the American people overseas in Mexico, Italy, Honduras, and Washington, DC.

In Mexico, she interviewed over 30,000 people for nonimmigrant visas to visit the United States. Most of these travelers went to shop and visit family in Texas. As a result, she now has broad secondhand knowledge of all the major outlet malls in southern Texas!

In Italy, she supported international cooperation between the U.S. and Italy on sanctions against Iran, preventing terrorist financing of ISIS, and nonproliferation of dual use technology. Dual use means a technology, which has both peaceful and military uses.

In Honduras, she traveled across the country as part of an electoral violence prevention mission.

While working at the U.S. Department of State in her final assignment as a conflict and stabilization officer, she became interested in the root causes of conflict. This inspired her to pursue graduate education in peace studies.

In 2017, with the support of the Las Vegas Rotary Club, she applied and was selected for the Rotary Peace Fellowship. She arrived in Japan in August 2018. Our speaker will give us an overview of her two years of study and professional development. (background and bio contributed by Bill Payne)
