



# The Rotoscope

*of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club*



## Events

### San Marino Rotary Club Rotoscope for July 17, 2020

July 23rd

**Club Meeting: OUR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

**Speaker:** Brenda Cressey, Foundation Trustee 2017-21  
**Subject:** The Rotary Foundation and Covid19

July 30th

**Club Meeting: ARROYO & FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY**

**Speaker:** Amanda Zellner, Ass. Professor of Biology, Occidental College  
**Subject:** Wildlife changes in the San Gabriel area

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**

## Club Leaders



**Aaron Gil**  
President



**Jean-Pierre Claude Mainguy**  
President-Elect



**Gregory F. Johansing**  
iPast President



**Paul Brassard**  
Secretary

**Dennis B. Kneier**  
Treasurer

By Russ Wayne Osmonson on Friday, July 17, 2020

THE 2020-21 ROTARY YEAR for President Aaron Gil got off to a smooth start. Aaron pointed out that San Marino Rotary is still the club that makes a difference. He also noted that July is transition month in rotary. As you know we have moved on from our ♦Cool Hand Greg, ♦ and we now have ♦Awe-inspiring Aaron♦ anchoring our club. Aaron arrived with little fanfare but with an air of assurance and confidence. Aaron led the club in four-way test, and invocation. His prayer is for each Rotarian to make a positive impact in their community and in the world.

33 PEOPLE WERE IN ATTENDANCE for the July 16th Zoom meeting. July and August are known for a notoriously low turnout for meetings; so don♦t take it personally Aaron. We should see an uptick soon in attendance, as our stellar programs will draw attention. This week we had speaker Florence Maher (more on her later), and guests: Karen Whisenhunt, Carla Barnum, Richelle Chow (more on her later too), Jessie Oriana and Chantelle Doerksen ♦zooming♦ with us at our Rotary meeting.

NEXT WEEK we will welcome Brenda Cressy, who joined Rotary in 1989 and is currently a proud member of the Rotary Club of Paso Robles, CA. USA in District 5240 and served as District Governor in 2001-02. She is retired as the CEO of Office Support Systems, a telecommunications business.

Brenda served in several key roles for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation over the years including serving as the first woman Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair in 2018-19 and will continue her four-year trustee term through 2021.

Most of Brenda♦s assignments have focused on successful Fund Development for The Rotary Foundation, specifically in the areas of Peace and Polio Eradication her passion and mission in Rotary.

However, she shares the importance of supporting the Annual Fund, Endowments and Major Gifts. She has witnessed several successful projects made possible by Rotary Clubs and Districts and enjoys seeing the full engagement of passionate Rotarians successfully implementing projects in each of the six Areas of Focus. Most recently she is inspired by the amazing projects currently being carried out around the globe addressing community needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Having participated in several Rotary humanitarian projects around the



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[Gilda Moshir](#)  
Club Director  
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[Lucille F. Norberg](#)  
Club Director



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Club Director



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



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



[Mary Lou Byrne](#)  
Assistant Governor

world, she is a proud Rotary Foundation Alumnus. Brenda has seen and experienced, first-hand, how our gifts to the Rotary Foundation greatly impact the lives of others and how these gifts will someday bring peace and understanding around the world.

She and her husband Dick are members of the prestigious Arch Klumph Society, Major Donors, members of the Paul Harris and the new Legacy Societies and have established the Brenda and Richard Cressey Endowment for Peace, supporting Peace Certificate Fellowships.

She is the recipient of the RI Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation s Citation for Meritorious Service, and the Rotary Foundations highest recognition, The Distinguished Service Award.

Brenda currently resides in Wells, ME., USA with her husband Richard, who is retired from a long career as a Vice President in manufacturing. They both enjoy spending good times with their three grandchildren and family. (Information provided by Bill Payne, and speaker invited by Steve Garret).

RICHELLE CHOW is a winner! She is one of the recipients of The Barth Scholarship this year. Richelle was an active student at Southwestern Academy, participating in robotics, RYLA, Interact (President), sports, and volunteering. She spent time working with non-profit, Girls on the Run working to make an impact on others lives. Richelle impacted Rotarians with her words as well. She participated in the Rotary speech contest and spoke up for women and fairness. Richelle is a strong, self-assured young person, who will major in child psychology at George Washington in D.C. this next fall. Richelle, who met with us via Zoom from Indonesia, plans to be on campus living in dorms at George Washington beginning this August. Richelle is motivated to learn to work with children in the United States, but then return to Indonesia to help stem the stigma of counseling that exists there. She has an exciting future and the Barth Scholarship will support her in helping others.

FLORENCE MAHER (last name pronounced like Bill Maher) is a winner too! Florence was our speaker and is a Rotary Peace Fellow living and studying in Tokyo, Japan. Florence, who was awake at 4:00 am to speak with us from Japan, provided a rich amount of information about her background, experiences in Japan, and future aspirations. Bill Payne s introduction, though comprehensive, could not fully encapsulate Florence. Florence s biography can be seen in last weeks rotoscope and at the San Marino Rotary Homepage. In the future Florence hopes that her work as a Foreign Service Officer for the Department of the State, coupled with her strong communication and language abilities (speaks several languages) will help her with her vision for sustainable peace. She wants to build networks of peace builders and community leaders, who are dedicated to preventing and resolving conflicts around the globe.

FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER will be the epicenter for the food drive planned on 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. In 2020 over 675,000 meals have been served! Denise Wadsworth can answer any questions about the food drive. (denise.wadsworthslp@gmail.com).

DENNIS KNEIER DEDICATED his recent treasurer's report to the fond memories of: John Harris, Gene Dryden, Leland Mothershed, and Warren Weber. The report is distributed to 47 members, the Board and others who in the past requested monthly reports. As Dennis says, "We have a policy of full transparency in regard to the Club's finances." If anyone wants to be added to the list and receive the reports please contact Dennis Kneier.

ANDREW KINDLER's COIN'S netted a cool \$18,490. Each of the palladium coins, worth \$1,900, were exchanged by Dennis Kneier for cold hard cash. Those funds have been directed for international projects at Andrew's behest.

BILL PAYNE PROVIDES this update:

### ROTARY CLUB OF SAN MARINO

Since 1939, Rotary in San Marino has grown to a membership of 108, comprised of your local business and professional persons and neighbors. From our new leadership to our newest members, Service Above Self continues to be all that we do. And, with our share of the proceeds of the annual San Marino Motor Classic, two Club Foundations, Rotary is able to help fund worthy community goals and projects. Grants forms are available on our website: [sanmarinorotary.org](http://sanmarinorotary.org) Check us out.

### ROTARY PROJECT FUNDING:

In fiscal year 2019-20, the Rotary Club of San Marino distributed \$ 235,222 to these 78 separate tax-exempt organizations and/or teachers.

SCHOOL SUPPORT : \$ 87,869

SCHOOLS: \$36,500

Barth Scholarship (3)  
SMHS Basketball Boosters  
SMHS Football Boosters  
SMHS Grad Night  
SMHS Memory Garden  
SMUSD, Barth Center at HMS

TEACHER MINI-GRANTS: \$ 36,621, 41 Teachers / 34 Grants (up to \$ 1,000 per teacher)

Carver (7)  
Huntington Middle School (1)  
San Marino High School (7)  
SMUSD (1)  
Southwestern Academy (6)  
St. Felicitas and Perpetua (15)  
Valentine (4)

STUDENT / ROTARY COMPETITIONS: \$14,748

Art Contest  
Business Plan Contest  
Cal State LA Rotaract Club  
4-Way Speech Contest  
HMS Interact Club  
Prospect Park School Books  
SMHS Interact Club  
Southwestern Interact Club  
Stover Music Competition  
Teen Leadership Camp, 10 attendees  
Youth Leadership Awards, 10 attendees  
Rotary Readers

CITY OF SAN MARINO: \$28,800

Lacy Park Arbor Project  
Clock/Mural Maintenance  
Crowell Public Library

ROTARY PROGRAMS: \$ 59,795

Altadena Rotary Food Bags/Covid 19  
District 5300 Face Mask Project  
Pasadena Bike Project  
Peace Conference  
Polio Plus  
Rose Parade Float  
Rotary International Fund

OUTSIDE CHARITIES: \$ 16,870

Ability First  
Beat the Streets  
La Casa Community Center

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS: \$10,400

Cambodia, Aqua-phonics  
Mexico, Tijuana School Restoration

GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS: \$31,050

Anna Enger, Masters♦, Sciences Po, Paris\*

MISCELLANEOUS: \$ 438

\* Total of RI, District 5300 and RCoSM contributions.