

Rotary

Club of San Marino



Events

ROTOSCOPE for September 15, 2022

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[San Marino Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Dr. Julia Bradsher -

President/CEO HMRI

Subject: Huntington Medical Research Institute

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[Lucille Norberg - A Celebration of Life](#)

Speaker: A Community Event to Celebrate Lucille Norberg

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Speaker: Craft Talks - Ellen Batzel and Edwin Ng

Subject: Getting To Know Our Members Better

Another Great Program on September 8th

Water, or the lack thereof, was on everybody's mind last week as we braved scorching temperatures and passed yellow lawns in San Marino (of all places, heaven forbid) to attend a timely program offering answers to the state's recurring water crisis. The presentation by Mr. Luis Cetine of the Metropolitan Water District did not disappoint. I knew it would be a good program when John Morris showed up and vouched for Mr. Cetina. John, who is also an emissary from the City Club, is considered "water royalty" in these parts. Not only has he served for decades on the governing boards for local water districts, but his grandfather was a close associate of Mulholland. There is even a dam in the San Gabriel Mountains named for the Morris family. With such a compelling program, I was surprised that local newshound Mitch Lehman was not on hand to report on it. Alas, he has many bases to cover in San Marino. I'm guessing the Garden Club inducted a new member. Although I cannot cover the presentation like Mitch would, allow me to provide a brief recap.

From 125 years of good records, we know that multiyear droughts are normal in California and that they are trending worse. There is considerable water in northern California that could be sent to the aqueduct system but is currently lost to the ocean. For over 65 years there has been a plan to build a new reservoir and a conveyance system to get this water across the Sacramento River and into the system. This would answer our water needs and would be the most cost-effective solution, but is opposed by environmental groups claiming it will harm the fish. Other proposed solutions, such as desalination and recycling, are much more expensive. Desalination is difficult because the California coastline property is very expensive and highly regulated. The desalination process also requires a lot of electricity.

In other words, we're stuck. So keep conserving water.

For the second week in a row, record temperatures did not keep people away from our meetings. I give credit to our president who, after many years living in Arizona, is unfazed by the heat and exudes an air of unflinching coolness. I've heard he is rated for up to 112 degrees, which will come in handy should the Motor Classic face a heat wave in the future. Some of the men, unable to match Rob's natural immunity to heat, resorted to wearing short pants as part of the "heatwave casual" fashion trend for the summer. Even the city's vice mayor and UC-Berkeley grad bared (or beared) his legs to beat the heat. And yet, members continue to venture back. Woodie, our favorite regular "guest" from Taipei returned after a 3-year absence due to pandemic travel restrictions. Young father and newly-minted council candidate Tony Chou was also in the house after a long absence. Next week's cooler temperatures should coax even more people to come back. And as usual, an outstanding program will be waiting for them.

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September 15th Program: Dr. Julie E. Bradsher Huntington Medical Research Institutes

Dr. Julia E. Bradsher, President and CEO of Huntington Medical Research Institutes, will talk about the organization's efforts to be a leader in generating advances in biomedical treatments.

Dr. Bradsher has been in her position for four years and brings extensive experience as a successful scientist and strategic leader. Before joining HMRI in 2018, Bradsher was President and CEO of the International Food Protection and Training Institute.

Bradsher's advanced degrees include a PhD in medical sociology from the University of Miami, a MS in gerontology from Baylor University, a BS in psychology from Millsaps College, and an MBA from Suffolk University.

September 22nd Program

The San Marino Rotary Club will honor and celebrate the life and service of Rotarian Lucille Norberg who embraced our club and lived and practiced the Rotarian motto of "Service above Self."

someday questions will be answered. Cures will be found. Lives will be changed.

Future District Governor Mike Driebe Getting Ready to Rock

Although I haven't received any emails from "the FDG" I know our own Michael Driebe is busy preparing to be district governor for the 2024-2025 Rotary year. This is a huge volunteer commitment since you must visit so many different clubs and Rotary events over a huge territory stretching all the way to Las Vegas. And the district does not provide any chips. Not that Mike needs any chips or much preparation for that matter as he has been very active in Rotary for over two decades and has many other leadership qualifications. He served as president of our club in 2015-2016 and the Pomona club in 2002-2003. Mike served as President of the Pomona Jaycees, Secretary of the California Junior Chamber of Commerce, President of Fairplex Friends, and was a member of the Board of the Pomona Valley YMCE and the Pomona Economic Development Corp. Since 2009, he has been President of the Methodist Hospital Foundation in Arcadia or whatever the hospital is now called. Don't worry, Mike promised me that our club's name will not be changed to the USC-Rotary Club of San Marino. Let's all thank Mike for stepping up to be governor. He is following in the footsteps of Lee Mothershead and Steve Garrett who served in years past from our club.

SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2022

In lieu of our regular meeting at the church, we will be at the elegant Huntington Library ballroom for the annual Foundation Luncheon where we will present the Paul Harris Fellow Award. The honoree is John Quinn, who is the long-time president of the Old Mill Foundation. This presentation was supposed to take place back in 2020 but was postponed by the pandemic. The keynote speaker will be Larissa Phillips, a San Marino Titan who was our Global Grant scholar to the London School of Economics in 2017-2018. Aaron Gil and Bill Payne are co-chairs for this event, which is always one of the highlights of the year for our club. You will be receiving printed invitations in the mail with instructions for inviting guests.



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