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Program: Out of the Garden: Into the Wild Dr. Naomi Fragg

Submitted by Jim Lehman

Claremont Rotarian Sean Gallagher, a Trustee of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden (RSABG), introduced our speaker, Naomi Fraga, Ph.D., Director of Conservation Programs at RSABG. Dr. Fraga completed her undergraduate studies in Botany at Cal Poly Pomona and her Ph.D. in Botany at Claremont Graduate University. She currently oversees more than \$1 million in external funding and supervises several students in the CGU Botany Masters program. If you haven't heard of the Red Rock Canyon Monkey Flower, you haven't yet met Dr. Fraga—it's her research focus.

Established in 1927, the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden has a mission that stresses conservation: preservation of native plants and replenishment of threatened species. The Conservation Program Dr. Fraga oversees includes field research, lab research, restoration, seed conservation, and education. And what a location for such an undertaking! With the highest (Mt. Whitney) and lowest (Death Valley) elevations in the lower 48 states, and with climate zones that range from coastal to desert, California is a biodiversity hotspot, with some 6500 plant taxa, of which 35% are endemic. Conservation is a concern because that biodiversity includes some 2300 rare, threatened, or endangered species. Awareness of endangerment is not a new thing: in the early 20th century, urban sprawl in Los Angeles was already



bringing warnings about habitat destruction and the elimination of such phenomena as the spring wildflower bloom.

Fieldwork includes the basic task of surveying and cataloguing what actually exists in the wild, monitoring rare plant presence and persistence, and removal of invasive species, and often is done in conjunction with federal and state agencies. RSABG has partnerships of long standing with the federal Bureau of Land Management and with the San Bernardino National Forest and the Angeles National Forest. In the wake of the

2015 Lake Fire, which consumed over 31,000 acres, the conservation program conducted over 900 hours of survey documenting 29 rare plants and mapping 84 sites for non-native species. After the 2002 Copper Fire in the Angeles National Forest near Santa Clarita (20,000+ acres), the RSABG teams addressed a variety of invasive plants, pulling some by hand and using cut-stump herbicides for others. They also undertook planting of native species propagated in their nurseries. This year in the Cleveland National Forest following the Holy Fire (name derived from Holy Jim Canyon where it started), teams are removing invasives and planting native varieties as part of a conservation and restoration program. With the National Forest Foundation, RSABG has conducted a number of Chaparral restoration experiments. With Southern California Edison, they have completed propagation of native species for restoration, and with Pitzer College's Robert Redford Conservancy they have completed a propagation project

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Countdown to the
Taste of Claremont

23

DAYS

19

HOURS

19

MINS

23

SECS

April 27, 2019



ROTARY: THE MEETING

submitted by Lark Gerry

President **Ron Coleman** opened the meeting saying "Welcome to the Ro-tary Club of Claremont, land of trees, PHD's, and retirees!" **Randy Prout** led in song with *Smile* and *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* in honor of the 8 home run record set by the Dodgers on opening day.



WELCOME GUEST!

Greeter **Mary Jean Neault** invited **PP Roger House** to introduce his guest **Nelson Dodge**, Dean of the Los Angeles chapter of American Guild of Organists and president/owner of the Church Keyboard Center in Monrovia, a company that specializes in digital organ installations among many other things, including the addition of digital sounds to traditional instruments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From **John Howland**: Next week is the first week of April and the time to donate food, toiletries and personal items for local families in need. You can purchase items inexpensively at Dollar Tree, or write a check to Hope Partners, which will be used to purchase food on your behalf.

The 90 year Anniversary party will be August 17 at the RSABG.

Come to the Claremont Rotary Networking event Thursday, March 28 from 6-8pm, at the Packing House Wine Merchants!

In our thoughts

Doug McGoon, long time club member and our friend of 35 years, came down with the flu following his first chemotherapy treatment it landed him in the emergency room and a four day stay at the hospital. You may send notes, cards and letters to raise his spirits. Please mail them to: Doug McGoon at 721 W. 7th Street, Claremont.



Inspiration for the day

"Today I choose life. Every morning when I wake up I can choose joy, happiness, negativity, pain... To feel the freedom that comes from being able to continue to make mistakes and choices - today I choose to feel life, not to deny my humanity but embrace it."

Kevin Aucoin was an American make-up artist, photographer and author. 1962-2002

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Bernadette Kendall shared that a total of 37 Claremont High School (CHS) students were sent to RYLA camp, the largest group to date. Our club sponsored fourteen students; Upland Rotary Club could not obtain student participation from Upland High School, and so reached out to our club and sponsored five of our alternates; the Claremont Sunrise Rotary Club sponsored seventeen students. We are expecting a visit by 14 of the 37 CHS students at the April 12th meeting to share their RYLA camp experiences. We also anticipate a full report from **Lyn Childress** on her first participation as a RYLA Facilitator. Congratulations to all!



20th Annual Taste of Claremont Countdown

Bonita Ramos' miraculous Sponsorship committee has lined up 20 Premium Sponsors for the Taste! And **Marc Winter** and his merry band have collected 29 food vendors and 14 beverage vendors (with some overlap). **Cameron Troxell** has posters, flyers, postcards, and yard signs for the Taste of Claremont for your use and distribution. **Brett O'Connor** has TOC tickets for members to sell—invite family, friends, and colleagues. [Tickets are also available online.](#) **Anita Hughes** will be emailing everyone with a sign-up sheet to volunteer at the TOC. **Do it!!**



Sergeant Time!

With Nick Quackenbos

...Let the first person fined be **Ron Coleman**, just because!

Zoe TeBeau volunteered to pay \$10 for plugging an estate sale she was handling in Upland.

Susie Ilsley should be fined for a misuse of golf terms and pay a fine for all who attended the member mixer! Just kidding...no fine, we want more participation at the mixers. Thank you!

Betty Sheldon, no fine, just a thank you for helping the city with the new improved bus stop shelter designs. Her name is actually on the plaque at the old historic bus depot.

John Tulac and **Harry Sparrow** were fined for lack of contribution and drinking Nick's wine at the Sergeants meeting!

Arman Ariane, congratulations on your son's acceptance to Pitzer College. No fine...you won't be able to afford it.

*Collect all you can,
do not tidy up, fill up,
kind words from friends.*

Doug McGoon
Haiku published 3/22/2019 Claremont Courier

Ron's Joke Quarantine

How excited was the gardener about spring? *So excited he wet his plants.*

What kind of socks does a gardener wear? *Garden hose.*

What do you call a girl with a frog on her head? *Lily!*

What's the difference between baseball and politics? *In baseball you're out if you're caught stealing.*

Why was the baseball player a bad sport? *He stole third base and then went home!*

My dog Minton ate all my shuttlecocks. *Bad Minton.*

Do you know why cannibals don't eat clowns? *They taste funny.*

Pipe Organ Scholarship



Roger House thanked our club and **Dr. Jim Elsasser** for all of the help provided for the Pipe Organ Scholarship program as it would not

have been possible without him and our club's support. Members of the audition committee in addition to **Roger** and **Jim** were **Dr. Frankie Nobert**, **Dr. Tom Mueller**, **Lawrence Strohm** and **Phil Smith** of the LA Chapter. Many thanks to **Dr. Timothy Howard** of Pasadena Presbyterian Church who generously donated its facilities again for the auditions, to **Nelson** and the LA Chapter's Board of Directors for all of their support and to **Manuel Rosales**, the Chapter's editor of the publication, for his many contributions.

Social Networking Meeting @ Packing House Wines

On March 27, 21 Rotarians, family and friends met to talk about their work, enjoy each other's company and excellent food and wines at Packing House Wines, another favorite and perennial vendor at the Taste of Claremont. (Did I mention excellent food and wines?)



From Garden to Wild, continued



to complete restoration after a construction project.

In order to plant for restoration, you need to have plants ready for planting. RSABG grows some 30,000 plants a year for restoration, and another 30,000 for its retail operations. These

plant propagation operations implement best management practices, in conjunction with the California Native Plant Society and the Phytophthora Working Group, including steaming pots and soil, bleaching all surfaces, converting to working stations that are metal or plastic, and testing plant effluent for pathogens. The end result — plants that are hardier and bring fewer introduced contaminants with them into their new location.

Now, plant propagation requires seeds to start the plants, and RSABG is a major player in seed conservation: it houses the largest seed bank for California plants and is part of a seed conservation consortium including the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, the UC Botanical Garden, the USDA, the Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank, and the Kew Millennium Seed Bank. Of these participants, RSABG is the most important, with 63% of total accessions that exceed 2,000 taxa. It might be called the Noah's Ark of plants. These institutions, along with a number of others, are all members of California Plant Rescue, a collaborative of botanical institutions working to conserve the wild plant species of California and the California Floristic Province through field work and long-term seed bank collections.

The final link in the chain of RSABG conservation programs is education, including internships, graduate education, and outreach. Dr. Fraga focused particularly on internships, which were central to her own start in botany back in 2001 when she was a Cal Poly undergrad and got an RSABG internship. The internship program is targeted at underserved populations and first generation college students, and includes area community colleges. It seems to be achieving its diversity goals: over 50% of participants are underserved and some 70% are female. She hopes that for them, like her, it will be an eye-opening exposure. This was her first exposure to hiking, camping, and outdoor work in nature and transformed her from wide-eyed neophyte to committed professional. Perhaps in this class of interns is her eventual successor as Director of Conservation Programs at RSABG! (But not too soon!)



District 5300 Events

District 5300 District Assembly and Conference, May 3-4 in Anaheim.

It's so close by....you should consider attending. Learn more about Rotary Leadership at the Assembly on Friday. On Saturday, included in Conference programming are the final rounds of the 4-Way Test Speech and Stover Music Competitions, speakers who inspire, and good fun and fellowship.

You can sign up for these events by going into DACdb or [clicking this link](#). It's easy!



Celebrating Suzanne's birthday ... a month away.



President Ron closed the meeting with a bang of the bell



Ron Coleman

Claremont Rotary
President

2018-2019



BE THE INSPIRATION

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

April 5	The Mission of Forever Kids
April 12	When Ophelia Says Jump
April 19 & 26	Dark for Easter and Taste of Claremont (Apr. 27th)
April 27 eve	A TASTE OF CLAREMONT!

Photo of the Week



Lady Banks Rose

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.



OINK!



Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!

**Sergeants' committee
gathers before each
meeting at 11:30 AM in
the Orchard Lounge at
the DoubleTree Hotel
and anyone
with information to
share is welcome!!**

Clarifier Committee

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April-May Birthdays

Pete Robertson 4-21
Suzanne Christian 4-28
Sylvia Whitlock 4-28
Lyn Childress 5-16
Bill McAllister 5-18
Frank Bedoya 5-19
Chris Shaner 5-20
Bob Hauducoeur 5-26 John Regan 5-31



Notes: Lark Gerry (meeting), Jim Lehman (program). Photos: Steve Schenck
The Claremont Rotary Club meets at the Claremont DoubleTree on Foothill at 12:10pm