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Program: *Marc Ang, AIB2B founder*

submitted by Jim Lehman



AIB2B QUALITY PROFESSIONALS IMPACTING COMMUNITIES

A private-sector-driven organization daring to be different, to innovate, to be action oriented, to stand for what's right, with a focused vision to impart rock-solid conservative Asian values to modern society.



Sarah Jo Antonucci introduced our speaker, Marc Ang, whose father was a Rotarian and was very involved in international projects, especially in the Philippines, their country of origin. Sarah Jo and Marc met at a Claremont Chamber event.

Marc (in the red shirt, above) started out as a behavior therapist for autistic children, and is a former member of the Claremont Chamber of Commerce (he has since moved to Tustin). He has branched out into the not-for-profit sector and in 2017 he founded a new initiative, [AIB2B](#) (Asian Industry Business to Business), which follows a Chamber model. Their mission: "To elevate the Asian American community through a fellowship of business leaders engaged in meaningful action." His motivation stemmed from reports that volunteerism and philanthropy among Asian Americans, and

especially the young, were declining, while disaffection and dissatisfaction with life were on the rise. Thinking back to his father's example, Marc figured that getting people involved in building community would be an effective recipe for turning both of those trends around. Like Rotary, his organization energizes people who seek missions other than making money.

AIB2B started with a second Wednesday of the month mixer and has grown to the point that the mixers don't even happen anymore, replaced now by a range of other events, education fairs, business expos, movie screenings, health information seminars, and the like. The mixers and succeeding events all are theme centered, featuring speakers on important issues like veterans'

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Watch It!

Here is the [link to the meeting recording for September 18](#)

featuring Mark Ang's talk.

Password: a!j9pAK& (The program starts at 56 minutes)

Next Zoom Meeting

[Zoom link to Meeting on Friday 9/25](#), which features Becky Margiotta of The Billions Institute talking about changes in non-profits.

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Rotary, The Zoom Meeting

submitted by Mike DeWees



The pre-meeting entertainment was LA Master Chorale conductor Grant Gershon and his wife Elissa Johnson performing Morten Lauridsen's "Sure On This Shining Night" from home! [Listen here](#). Grant is the son of guest Bill Gershon. Preliminary discussion of link confusion (incorrect Clarifier link and correct meeting link in one email, oh my!) led **President Buff** to reiterate that we use the same Zoom meeting link every week, so when you have it once you have it always. The meeting began with "Smile" sung as a duet with **Chris Hayes** and **Ron Coleman**. Despite the countdown, listeners pretty much only heard one at a time...thankfully Chris was dominant. Buff sent members off to Breakouts to discuss OOTT and happiness.

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WELCOME GUEST and Visiting Rotarian

Buff's friend Bill Gershon was a repeat attendee, along with PDG Randy Pote, of the Las Vegas WON Rotary Club.



The "Welcome" song was another duet, with Karen Sapio and Don Gould, with results similar to "Smile". Even so.....

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Peace Conference** is scheduled for October 24, 2020. It is titled *Peace Out Of Chaos – A Pandemic* and will be free via Zoom.

Eva Paniagua, daughter of club members **Ned and Chris-sie**, is starting an **Interact Club at Webb School** with friends. They have found a faculty advisor and Webb Graduate and IPP **Cameron Troxell** has consented to be the inaugural Club advisor.

Out On The Town (OOTT) is an all-member event **October 2-11**. We are all expected to reach out to family and friends to sell \$10 Passports that will come in a clear plastic bag containing a wine glass and brochure. (Available at Wheeler Steffen Sotheby's on Foothill) The idea is to help our Taste vendors, defined as eating, drinking and being merry whether at the venue or takeout. Watch for emails giving further directions. **Nona Tirre** announced that for anyone who doesn't want to order online you can order directly through Nona with a check. (more on p.3).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We were contacted by Lexi Vega, an Americorp VISTA Youth and Family Engagement Specialist who works with a nonprofit called [Hope Through Housing](#) in Montclair. Hope through Housing is looking for people to assist with its upcoming holiday events for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. They would love to have members of our Rotary Club assist with these events. For Thanksgiving, they will need volunteers to help build Thanksgiving food boxes. For Christmas, they are doing the angel tree project for kids. They need people to help receive donations and help with wrapping.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE DAY

John Howland offered profound thoughts on civic responsibility.



TEDDY ROOSEVELT On being an American: "Much has been given to us, and much will rightfully be expected of us. We have duties to others and duties to ourselves; and we can't shirk neither. We have become a great nation, forced by the fact of its greatness into relations with other nations of the earth, and we must behave as be seen as a people with such responsibilities."

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT: "Let us never forget that the government is ourselves and not some alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and Congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country."

If civilization is to survive we must cultivate the science of human relationships – the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together in the same world at peace.

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of others who have much, but whether we provide enough for those who have less."

Did you know? FDR went to Warm Springs, Georgia to seek relief from infantile paralysis (polio) that had struck him in 1921. There he later founded the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis that became the March of Dimes. With generous gifts from the Rotary Club and other charities, this Foundation funded the research of Jonas Salk to find a vaccine for polio. The rest is history....

Rotary Club of New York Meeting Sep

24th at 9 am PT [on Zoom](#):

Going Viral on Purpose

Speaker will be Pete Winters, President and Founder of Viral Media Fundraising, who has worked on over a dozen campaigns that have gone viral.

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The Club's Board of Directors met on Tuesday, 9/15.

The Board approved a **Reserves Policy**. Our foundation reserves are funds that have been invested to even out bumps in the road, so we can still serve our community and meet mission of Rotary. Investments are guided by **Don Gould**. A committee of **Ron Coleman, Nona Tirre** and **Mike DeWees** recommended a policy because (1) we will likely need to draw on reserves in the next two years and (2) because we need to spend accumulated funds, while having a prudent reserve in the bank. The policy provides that we should spend, as needed, no more than \$24,000 or 12.5% of reserves in any year. The committee also made several recommendations, such as holding smaller fundraisers and encouraging members to give to the local foundation. You'll hear more about these.

The Board also approved a policy and procedure that makes clear how we handle **funding requests and donations**. This will diminish the variations in practices from year to year.

These policies will soon be posted to dacdb. Policies and Bylaws are linked from last page of the Clarifier weekly.

Breakout OOTT Talk (from p.2)

We had two Breakout topics: (1) Discuss Out On the Town and bring back questions and ideas, and (2) What makes you happy? OOTT apparently makes us happy!

In one breakout room with new corporate associate member **Greg Mossman** we learned that he was an attorney before becoming a CPA— a glutton for punishment! (Happy?)

Lyn Childress suggested to her group that members buy a bunch of Passports and give them out to people with or without a gift card with the glass and giveaways.

Chris Hayes suggested we link the Taste of Claremont website with the Out On The Town website.

If anybody needs a yard sign or posters contact **Bernadette Kendall**. They're at Wheeler Steffen on Foothill.

Bridget Healy has Interactors standing by to stuff gift bags.

The OOTT committee is recommending that every member be responsible for selling (or buying) 10 Passports at \$10 each.

Nona Tirre reminded people that this fundraiser is three parts: the Passport to take with you to our businesses; the Go Fund Me to gather donations to help pay for the ads that will drive traffic to local businesses, and the live silent auction. Do all three!!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/rotary-out-on-the-town>

EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

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Claremont Sunrise/Sunset Club Meeting Speaker: Dave Calkin, PhD, Supervisory Research Forester, US Forest Service Topic: Wildfire Management: A Wicked Problem. **5:30-6:30 TODAY! Weds, Sept. 23rd**. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87917462776>

Monday, September 28 @ 6:00 p.m. -- Make Membership Memorable - Jason Browne is an engaging speaker who will provide pointers for making our club membership experience memorable. This is a multi-district webinar for everyone. [Register here.](#)

Saturday, October 3 @ 9:00 a.m.-noon. -- Zone 26/27 Conference for Club and District Youth Leadership. For Club Interact Liaisons, and District RYLA/TLC Committee members and those interested in Youth Exchange. [Register here.](#)



Garbis Peace Institute

31st Annual Peace Conference

PEACE out of CHAOS – a Pandemic

Saturday, October 24, 2020 / 9:00 am—1:00 pm

VIRTUAL — Free via Zoom



Links to the meetings are also provided on DACdb and the District 5300 Calendar online before the events.

Rotary International Resources

View the recording of the RI Webinar on Designing an Inclusive Plan for Your Organization. Panelists included an interactor, a Rotaractor a past DG and energetic MC, "Bowtie" (modeling diverse perspectives!)

<https://vimeo.com/channels/rotarymembership/459172728>

Register now for the second webinar in the series, "The Power of Connection with Diverse Communities."

Nov 12, 2020 1:00 PM PT

The October edition of **Rotary Magazine** is coming to your mailbox. On Page 7 is a tribute to **Sylvia Whitlock**. Read the accompanying article on the PACE Piyali School for Girls in India, which we support.

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health, human trafficking, etc. They work with local churches, one of them Christ the King Lutheran Church in Walnut, where they hold many of their events, including an upcoming “Block Party” on October 17—all are welcome! Social distancing and masks will be the order of the



day. Although many of their participants identify as Christian, they are ecumenical in their undertakings and welcome all faith traditions as well as the unchurched. Their activities include celebrating the cultural heritage and traditions of Asian Americans.

BIB2B sponsors numerous community service initiatives, partnering with other companies and organizations. City of Hope provided a doctor to talk about what we did and didn't know about COVID 19 in the early days of the outbreak here in California. La Brea Bakery provides free bread for the hungry that AIB2B distributes to about 1,000 people. Other projects and events include monthly beach clean-up in Seal Beach (every 3rd Saturday, 9am-noon, starting at 1st Street Pier); elder care, elder abuse prevention, elder scam prevention programming; N-95 mask give-aways; Hope Through Housing; supplies for first responders; and a children's business fair, giving kids useful vocational training and experience..

In response to a question about partnering with other organizations, Marc emphasized the importance of the Board, which acts as a screening agent to vet prospective partner organizations and verify their bona fides. He used the expression, the “onion approach,” in which the core of the onion is the Board, and successive layers of affiliation are built from that core.

Marc Ang and BIB2B are a dynamic duo, deeply engaged in their community, doing impressive work. They're clearly Rotarians by another name! And they have fun (with Marc's dog Pugsley ever present. *THANKS, MARC!*

FINE TIME WITH SUSIE ILSLEY



Before she could be fined, **President Buff** volunteered to pay for the confusion that arose from initially sending the wrong link to the September 11 Clarifier.

Mary Segawa was fined in absentia for her tremendous Craft Talk last week.

Susie announced she was going to fine everyone \$10 this week since we aren't paying for lunch and we need the funds.

Jerry Tambe sought housing for a student at Casa Colina that was arranged by **Bernadette Kendall**, but the residency at Casa Colina was cancelled in current conditions.

Brett O'Connor was thanked for his work but since **Jim Elsasser** has volunteered to pay his fines, he lucked out (Brett donated anyway).

Jim Lehman was on the phone and computer and was in two breakout rooms and was upset for being fined for spreading his cheer to two breakout rooms.

Arman Ariane had a party for his 60th birthday, Susie wasn't invited, but **Jerry Tambe** showed up...the party started with scotch and switched to wine. Buff suggested \$1 for every year (that's \$60 bucks to the Pig, Arman!)

In addition to **Arman, Bridget Healy, Steve Schenck, Dennis Smith, Bobby Hyde, Barbara Troxell, Mary Segawa and Gail Sparks** were fined for their September birthdays (**Steve, Bobby, Mary and Gail** were apparently off celebrating.).

Susie fined each member with an induction anniversary this month —\$10: **Frank Bedoya** (7 years), **Corina Christiansen** (4 years), **Mike DeWees** (6 years), **Pat Hauducoeur** (31 years), **Roger House** (18 years), **Anita Hughes** (19 years), **Frank Hungerford** (49 years); **Lucinda McDade** (5 years), **M.J. Neault** (5 years), **Bonita Ramos** (12 years), **Zoe TeBeau** (13 years).

Don Gould held up \$10 and is trying to figure out how to send it electronically. Good luck Don.

[Pay Your Fine here Anytime](#) or wait for an email from the sergeant with a very anxious pig!



Closing Notes

The meeting wrapped up early at 1:15 but of course **Ron Colman** had a joke to delay the inevitable. "Why couldn't the string quartet find their composer?" Because he was Haydn... And if you don't like musical puns, you have my symphony.

Don Gould's daughter is busy but doing well at law school.

Jim Marchant said his daughter's college is testing the waste water in the dorms to detect COVID illness.

Anita Boling has a daughter graduating from Colby College in Maine.

Sylvia Whitlock spoke at the Arcadia meeting, which is why she was late. Everyone in their club is safe from fire.

Cameron Troxell is surviving his zoom teaching and is learning to randomize numbers to do different tests for his classes to ensure test security.

John Tulac is back from a smoky trip to Boise and said teaching at Cal Poly Pomona on Zoom is difficult.

MORE OOTT notes: Sept 28 is the first day for pickup of complete package for OOTT passport packages at Wheeler Steffen.

Sarah Jo Antonucci shared that if you want to advertise in the Courier special OOTT edition, call Mary Rose at the Courier soon! 909-238-8917 50% of the ad cost goes to our club.

Several people lingered after the meeting, proving that zoom can be a good way to visit with friends!

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, join a global community built around a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

Why join a Rotary Fellowship?

Excerpt from article posted on [June 1, 2020 by rotaryservice](#)
By Lisa Cook, RI Rotary Service and Engagement Staff

Former member Dan Kentner was a member of a skiing group. He loved it! You don't have to make a lifetime commitment....just try it and let us know about your experience.

Currently, 91 fellowships unite Rotarians in friendship and expand opportunities to enjoy their favorite recreational activities, sports, and professions. These groups range from cycling to skiing, Latin culture to jazz, doctors to photographers, and even wine-tasting to beer. [View the complete list of Rotary Fellowships.](#) [Video for more info.](#)

1) Connect with like-minded Rotary members and make friends around the world

They allow you to meet people within the Rotary network that you already have something in common with, making it easier to make new friends around the world. You can exchange ideas with like-minded members, and learn new ways to serve through Rotary.

2) Implement service projects

Rotary members are committed to service so naturally they find new ways to serve through Fellowships. Many fellowships take on service projects leveraging their networks and resources. For example, [Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide \(BREW\)](#) donates 25 percent of their membership dues and any money they raise through fundraisers to the [Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group](#), which apply the funds to service projects that provide clean water. The [International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians](#) partners with organizations to [train Rotary members as adaptive guides](#) to support and promote the participation in snow sports for those with a disability.

3) Recruit non-member friends to Rotary

A recent policy change allows anyone to join a Rotary Fellowship, including non-members! Invite friends who share a similar hobby or interest to join a Fellowship with you. This is a great opportunity to introduce them to Rotary.

For example, Felix Heintz, Chair & Founder of the [Rotarian Metalhead Fellowship](#) would always take his Fellowship's flag with him to metal events where he would start talking about the Rotarian Metalhead Fellowship and Rotary in general to people he met. Some had heard of Rotary before, some hadn't, but many were interested in joining the group. The Fellowship welcomed these members who had never been involved with Rotary before, and continue to attract new members while introducing them to Rotary.

Learn more about the activities Fellowships take on in the [Rotary Fellowships Annual Report](#).

