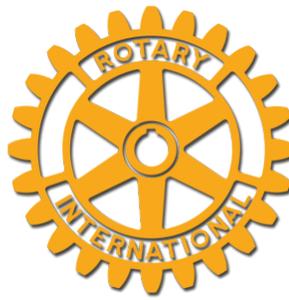


Rotary

Club of San Marino



Events

September 8th

[San Marino Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Luis Cetina -
Metropolitan Water
District of Southern
California

Subject: Water
Resources and Policies

September 15th

[San Marino Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Dr. Julia
Bradsher -

President/CEO HMRI

Subject: Huntington
Medical Research
Institute

September 22nd

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

Speaker: A Community
Event to Celebrate
Lucille Norberg

September 29th

[San Marino Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Craft Talks -
Ellen Batzel and Edward
Ng

Subject: Getting To
Know Our Members
Better

Club Leaders



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Rotoscope for September 8, 2022

Is it Rob or is it the food?

In recent meetings we have seen members we don't see often, including Bob Almanza, Dennis Magridichian and City Council-candidate Calvin Lo. Two weeks ago, Tony Galaviz from Merry Plumbers came by in time to be awarded a Blue Badge that he had earned over the past two years. And then there are the many "guests of the club" at our meetings. Those are guests who are considering membership. Fred Sohl invited his neighbor Grant. John Donovan invited a new dad. Shody Chow invited a new member of the San Gabriel Country Club. Gilda has invited a host of new friends from her business network. What is causing this flurry of activity? Many think it's Rob and his magnetic personality that is bringing people back. He has been acting extra confident lately, in light of the super success of the most recent Motor Class in which he is always very heavily involved. On the other hand, it could be the wonderful meals being served. Where else can you get a complete meal—gourmet salad, starch, meat entree, vegetable, dessert and beverage—for \$20--or FREE if the guest is a prospective member. Whatever the case, let's keep' em coming. The meetings are more fun when the room is filled.

Membership – Where do we stand?

According to membership chair Gilda Moshir, we currently have 98 members, which is down from 2016 when we had 116. Some of the losses were due to Covid. Arlene Romero and Jack Lau both left due to their bank branches shutting down. Jonathan Duong, member since 2017, relocated to Nevada. Devlin Chung, financial advisor with Edward Jones in San Marino, stepped down because of increased personal responsibilities for a growing family, but still plays golf with some club members and will return when circumstances allow it. Some members left for health reasons, including Stu Cyphered and Fred Sears. Others left for business opportunities outside the area. Grace Yang left in December 2021 to go with her husband to Disney Japan. It's rumored that one member shaved his head, became a monk and joined the Kiwanis. Nicholas Stonnington left to go to Cornell for his MBA. And we grieved the passing of long-time members Ken Veronda and Lucille Norberg, among others.

These losses, however unfortunate, are part of the normal attrition of any Rotary Club, accentuated by the challenges of Covid restrictions. But NOW is the time to restore the membership level, using each member's innate networking skills, the lure of delicious food and, of course, President Rob's magnetic personality, aka "the Rob Effect." And don't worry, he is not leaving to work for the LIV tour.

This coming week –September 8th--is the perfect opportunity to invite a guest. The program could not be timelier as everyone is very concerned about water shortages.



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September 8th Program – Not to Be Missed -- Bring Guests

Our speaker, Luis Cetine, will discuss **Water Policy Planning and Objectives for the Metropolitan Water District**. Mr. Cetine is the Principal Regional Affairs Representative for the MWD, and brings 35 years of experience with the MWD in engineering, legislation, media and real property and water resources to our club as he speaks about the outlook for water sources and needs for the coming year. In other words, he knows where the water is and where it isn't. In addition to his many years of experience, Mr. Cetine is a graduate of Cal Poly Pomona with a BS in civil engineering. Much thanks to Chris Norgaard for bringing us this timely program.

Much Deserved Recognition for our own Mitch Lehman

Congratulations to fellow member Mitch Lehman being chosen as a recipient of the Golden Quill Award, presented by the California School Boards Association for outstanding education journalism. Mitch was also recognized by our local school board and presented with a Certificate of Excellence. This is not the first time that Mitch has been recognized for his journalism. He has received at least two Pulitzer Prize nominations and in 2016 he won five awards in the California Newspaper Publisher Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

We are blessed to have such a gifted and hardworking journalist writing stories for our hometown newspaper which, as a result of his tireless editorial and reporting efforts, is one of the finest small-town papers you will find anywhere. His coverage of the city is comprehensive and human-interest stories as well. He also covers our Rotary meetings. When we have a noteworthy program, like we did with the recent Jaime Herrera program, Mitch will author a lengthy article for the Tribune. I always enjoy reading his article even if I was at the meeting. He will invariably highlight key points and nuances that I might have missed. Let me conclude by saying that if the California School Boards Association can honor Mitch for outstanding education journalism, our Rotary District 5300 should honor Mitch for his outstanding Rotary journalism. Are you listening Mike, Isaac and Gilda?



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