



# The Rotoscope

*of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club*



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April 18th

### Annual Art Contest

**Speaker:** Young Artists from San Marino Schools

**Subject:** Art Contest

April 18th

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### Kathy Fiscus Tragedy

**Speaker:** Bill Deverell

**Subject:** Kathy Fiscus Tragedy

May 2nd

### San Marino Rotary Club Luncheon Meeting

May 9th

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## The ROTOSCOPE of San Marino Rotary Club for April 18th, 2019

**The RYLA attendees from San Marino High School and Southwestern Academy visited** our club to share their experiences. Four of the fourteen winners of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award spoke at the Rotary meeting about the two-and-a-half-day leadership retreat. Each student (Ava Slocomb, Glover Talt, Calvin Yan, and Richelle Chow) spoke about how RYLA changed their perspective and taught the attendees to be selfless. With a little help from South Pasadena Rotary, our San Marino Club was able to expand the attendee list from ten to fourteen students, and has included high school sophomores and juniors. District 5300 and San Marino Rotarians go through the arduous task of interviewing over 30 candidates before selecting attendees. Students are chosen for variety of reasons including leadership potential, character, and an ability to work with others. For the past few years Rob Feilder has taken on the responsibility of organizing the RYLA interviews, applications, and completing the orientation. Additionally, Rob is always present at the RYLA drop off at 6:30 am to ensure that all of the selected students are safely on the bus to the leadership camp. Many Rotarians have been involved in a number of roles. Michael Driebe has lead plenary sessions, completed orientations for parents and students, and has interviewed and selected students. Molly Woodford, Gilda Moshir, Peter Corzo, Nicole Basseri, Isaac Hung, Tony Chou and many others have given of their time to support RYLA.

**April 18<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, will be our Art Contest Ceremony luncheon.** The location for the lunch will be at our normal meeting place-San Marino Community Church, Fellowship Hall 1750 Virginia Road San Marino, CA 91108. Grace Yang has arranged for the three judges to be in attendance. Mr. Alito Pernisco, Mr. Dice Tamaguchi, and Mrs. Sari Makki-Phillips will be present on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Mike Driebe has agreed to MC the event along with Grace. The Art Contest should prove to be exciting this year. Be sure to show come support your local San Marino student artists and attend the meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Rotarians from Western Australia visited San Marino Rotary** meeting this past week. The group is being hosted by Rotarians. The Rotarians from Australia are part of a vocational group and is focused on solving the problem of domestic and family abuse in Australia and all over the world. Their team leader, Rebecca Tolstoy spoke for a few moments about how prevalent domestic violence is in Australia and then showed a short video detailing how law enforcement, the Salvation Army, and other organizations are working to bring about change. The video depicted the case of a women named



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◆Madison◆ who represents all abused women. The bruises and marks on ◆Madison◆ last longer than those that can be seen; the internal and emotional toll that abuse has on women is long lasting. The support from organizations like Mrs. Tolstoy◆s, Path of Hope is helping to break the seemingly systemic problem with domestic and family violence. Mike Driebe should be thanked for coordinating the team visit. Bill and Mary Payne, Ave and Wil Bortz, and Isaac Hung◆s family should also be commended for opening their homes to host the visiting team.

**Dennis Kneier handed out the Motor Classic Tickets** to the members in attendance at the meeting this week. Gilda Moshir was excited to share that the Richard Sun, Kaili Chang and Leonard Therrien all purchased extra tickets for the Motor Classic, helping boost our bottom line and fundraising dollars. The Motor Classic is San Marino Rotary◆s annual fundraiser and everyone needs to be ready for the upcoming show- JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 3:00. Rob Feidler will once again help organize volunteer responsibilities.

**Two students of the month** from San Marino High School attended the meeting this week along with Principal Issaic Gates. Dr. Gates briefly introduced the students Aston Yong and Olivia Cameron. Both students were deserving of the honor of student of the month- one for February and the other for March. Aston is faced with a tough decision about where to attend school next year and mentioned Carnegie Mellon, Duke or Cornell as his options. While Olivia is undecided, she has various options. She has a passion for teaching and learning dance but is equally interested in science. Thank you to Denise Wadsworth for helping highlight the accomplishments of these young people.

**Isaac Hung and Greg Johansing** agreed to speak at Southwestern Academy. Isaac was on campus this past week, just before spring break to speak with Mrs. Michelle Russo◆s Life Skills class. Isaac addressed a group of 14 students who listened attentively and asked questions. Isaac spoke about his work and choosing a path for success. Great job Isaac! Next up will be Greg, who will meet with the same Life Skills class.

**Rotary Family on the Town** is set for May 2nd from 6-9:00. It will be hosted by Richard and Sean Lord at 1905 Lombardy Road, San Marino. RSVP by April 25<sup>th</sup>!

**April 25<sup>th</sup> program- William Deverell**, Professor of History at USC and Director of the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West. He will be speaking about Kathy Fiscus, the young San Marino girl who on April 8, 1949, fell down an old abandoned well located in the area of the San Marino High School athletic fields. Unfortunately, despite all efforts, Kathy could not be saved. The rescue attempt received nationwide attention in the US, as KTLA and their reporter Stan Chambers carried it live on radio and television. The event was reported on the scene for a 27◆ hour period. It is considered a watershed event in TV history, as it is recognized as the first live coverage of a breaking news story. In the spring of 2019, Professor Deverell will be releasing a book about the Kathy Fiscus story.

Professor Deverell is also the founding director of the Collections Convergence Initiative at the USC Libraries. He is a scholar of the 19th and



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20th century American West, writing on environmental, political, ethnic, and social history. He is at work on a project examining the history of Old Chinatown in Los Angeles and a book on the post-Civil War American West. The Institute on California and the West is about to launch a multi-year investigation of fire in the West across the last 1000 years.

Professor Deverell received his undergraduate degree in American Studies from Stanford and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American history from Princeton. He lives in Pasadena with his wife Jenny Watts, curator of photography at The Huntington, and their two children, Helen and John