



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



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The ROTOSCOPE of San Marino Rotary Club for May 2nd, 2019

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On April 8, 1949, Kathy Fiscus, her older sister and two cousins were running through an open field in San Marino, not far from the Fiscus house. Kathy, a 3-year old, fell into an uncapped well nearly 90 feet down. William **Bill** Deverell born and raised in California and a graduate from [Stanford University](#) and from [Princeton \(MA\)](#), who stayed on to complete a **PhD** in History at Princeton described the ordeal and failed effort to rescue Kathy. Dr. Deverell explained that over the three days from April 8th to April 10th many ideas were contemplated about how to save Kathy. Using a vacuum, filling the hole up with water or sand, sending a Santa Anita jockey down the narrow well hole, using a circus performer or famous bellboy actor who were both small were considered. Excavating around the narrow well hole was attempted with clam shell diggers that ran parallel to the narrow well. Though the **United States Naval Construction Battalions (CBs)**, better known as the **Seabees** argued for a better and safer idea. The **CBs** idea was adopted but too late.

Dr. Deverell explained that Fiscus tragedy, which he terms as **micro history** was a watershed moment in 1949. It captivated the attention of the nation and attracted over 10, 000 visitors to the site where Kathy Fiscus fell. The location of the well, which has been in dispute, is where part of the end zone of the San Marino Football field touches the first lane of the running track. The hole that Kathy fell into was 14 inches in diameter. Of note: Stan Chambers was on the scene and gave the first ever live broadcast on April 8th, 1949. Fiscus laws were adopted about well safety after the tragic event. Dr. Deverell commented that he knew that the talk at Rotary would not be uplifting for our members or visitors but he felt compelled to tell the local San Marino history.

The 2019 Community Grants Committee Members (*Michelle Cox- Chairperson, Barbara Bice, Jean Brodhead, Wayne Carter, Lois Derry, Aaron Gil, Roberta Gundersen, Dan Maljanian, and Chuck Miller*) had a tough job. They had to narrow the field of 24 applicants down to 16 fortunate recipients/nonprofits. San Marino Rotary provided funding for educational and community programs to assist credible agencies and institutions serving children, youth and the elderly and provided funding for projects that will improve the quality of life for people in the greater San Marino community.

The amount of money dispersed by the Community Grants Committee was determined by the Charities Board and final grant approval rested with the Charities

Board of Directors Executive Committee.



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Barbara Bice and Roberta Gundersen, organized as always helped deliver the good news to the nonprofit recipients:

Villa Esperanza Services, Ability First, South Pasadena/San Marino YMCA, The Huntington Library- Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, Beacon Housing, Cancer Support Community Pasadena, Convalescent Aid Society, The Crowell Public Library, East Meets West, Friends of Foster Children, LA County-USC Medical Center Auxiliary, Mending Kids, Our Saviour Food Pantry, Pasadena Ronald McDonald House, and San Marino Grad Night.

Total dollars available for awards = \$17,628

Total number of grants awarded = 16

Total number of grant requests submitted = 24

Total amount of funds requested = \$44,063

Grant guidelines limit the dollar amount of funds that can be requested by an organization to \$2,000

The range of funds dispersed ranged from \$500 to \$2,000

The annual San Marino Fire Department pancake breakfast is almost here. The event will take place at Lacy Park from 8:00am-noon on May 18th. Vendors will show up between 7:00-7:30 to set up their table. Vendor row is free of charge and is designed to promote local businesses. We will provide table and chairs. Vendors are encouraged to bring easy ups, banners and promotional giveaways. Please feel free to send me any questions regarding the event. I will need to know as soon as possible if you are interested in having a vendor table. Please provide me with your company name, how many people will be at your table.

Fang Ho is asking from help from Committee members and chairs. She needs articles for District newsletter. Please write some articles about the great work you do and Fang will submit under your name. Let's showcase our good projects and share with the District 5300 and lead by EXAMPLE! **The District Assembly and Conference in Anaheim** is coming soon. San Marino Rotarians should attend.

International Project News-The aquaponics project with Community First in Cambodia, which our club is supporting has been selected by incoming governor Lu Ann Arredondo as the district 5300 project of the year and illustrates how Rotary "connects the world". The Community First team is building a complete aquaponics system for demonstration at the Assembly/Conference. **A good number of important International Projects** are being discussed at the board level:

- Argentine farm equipment was purchased.
- BCDC Uganda project. One \$60K project was deemed too costly so we will support some smaller, related projects, such as rain water collection.
- Spanish books for Tijuana school were delivered but waiting for time to go and present the books to the elementary school.
- Cambodia visit to aquaponics project was completed. An aquaponics demo unit will now be built in Isaac's home that can be used to demo this technology elsewhere.
- Reverse Grant: John Jones working with Family First in Pasadena, a non-profit



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that help ♦s single parent families. Project cost is \$35-40K. We will be host club and look for int ♦l donor clubs from Hong Kong and Taiwan to support. It ♦s a community project but the funding is international. Our district and RI will match the money coming from overseas. It ♦s a new process for us.

- Coconut Plantation approved for \$1K for language school to train kids in Cambodia for work in the tourism industry.

Interact will do a Rise Against Hunger project on May 10, from 4-6 pm at the high school, funded by \$500 from Fang Fang and \$1,000 from Interact budget and from the club, for a total of \$2700 raised. Still need \$800 more.

Four prospective members are in various stages of becoming members: Tommy Tang, Kristy Ho, Jonathan Hsieh, and Vicky Chang. The most recent report listed current membership at 115, which represents a net gain of six members so far this Rotary year.

ROTSOPE WORTHY:

- **Ask Shody and Fang Fang Ho about Vegas!** They attended the Foundation Gala along in Las Vegas this year.
- **Grace Yang sent out an email** saying today is last call to RSVP to our May 2, 2019 party in Richard Lord's home.
- **Chris Datwyler** is updating the website. <https://sanmarinorotary.org/>

You may be interested in attending the Town Hall Meeting on April 29th 6:00-7:30 PM- Hill-Harbrison House, 1841 Alhambra Road, San Marino, Ca 91108.

In 2018, the 710 Tunnel Project, which aimed to link the 710 to 210 freeways, was defeated. In the absence of the ♦tunnel♦, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) proposed directing traffic flow to surface streets in nearby communities. In the State Route 710 Study, Alternative Analysis Report, published in December 2012, Metro proposed multiple alternatives to the 710 tunnel, one of which included using Huntington Drive. Metro is offering the city of San Marino \$32 million to pursue the Huntington Drive route presented as a ♦five-part♦ proposal.

Potential Impact on San Marino Residents: If Huntington Drive is chosen as the alternate road to the 710 extension, it will dramatically increase traffic by a whopping 64% on some of our residential streets. The traffic speed on Huntington Drive will also increase by 16%, to about 55 mph. These changes will have serious adverse environmental and safety consequences. This will irreversibly compromising the quality of life of our residents.

Bill Payne reports that The Rotaract Organizing Committee had its second meeting last Saturday at Denise Wadsworth ♦s clubhouse/office/classroom at HMS. Representing our SM Club were President Fong Ho, Denise Wadsworth, Isaac Hung, James Nash and Bill Payne, plus Linda Wong (Alhambra) and Hilda Terriquez (former CSULA past-president).

Edgar Garcia-Mora (Alhambra) and Isaac are working to secure a campus advisor, possibly a professor in Tye Jackson ♦s College of Business and Economics department. You recall Dr. J was our speaker last February 28 ♦ and called for more

◆real-world◆ interaction with business and leadership opportunities for his students.

Rotarians can help the process along by supplying names (and contact information) for students they know that are currently at Cal State. The Committee has identified 6 students so far, 4 from SMHS and 2 from Monrovia High. It is hoped that some will be identified with former Interact affiliations◆to provide possible initial leadership. A recruitment booth is being planned on Campus in late August.

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.

May 9th Program - **Bill Steele Mini Grants Projects.**