



The Rotoscope

of the San Marino, California, Rotary Club



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Events

May 30th

[WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE POOR IN AMERICA](#)

Speaker: Jeff Goodman

Subject: Poverty and Welfare

June 6th

[SALUTE TO THE ACADEMY APPOINTEES](#)

Speaker: Austin Kim, USMA Class of 2000

Subject: The Do's and Don'ts of Academy Life, my time at West Point and in Military Service, and what an Academy degree can mean.

June 13th

[San Marino Rotary Club Luncheon Meeting](#)

Speaker: TBD

June 13th

[Board of Directors Meeting - San Marino Rotary Club](#)

June 20th

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Speaker: TBD

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The ROTOSCOPE of San Marino Rotary Club for May 30, 2019, written by Russ Osmonson

If you were unable to attend the lunch meeting you missed a *Bob Hope* like performance/wit from former Mayor, Steve Talt. He introduced the speaker for the day, saying that he first met him on the street when Steve was arrested for selling lemonade as a kid. John Incontro appreciated the humor and was happy to be introduced by another *follically* challenged person. Chief John Incontro then spoke about some of the good and bad times from his 40 year career doing police work

John Incontro began working as a police officer in 1979 in the city of Glendale, and two years later started working for the City of Los Angeles. He said that he has loved his career and all that he has learned. John talked about tumultuous years and events surrounding Rodney King, the subsequent riots, and the Consent Decree for L.A.P.D.

The Rodney King beating, on March 3, 1991, was a pivotal event in the Los Angeles Police Department history, which triggered reforms. Taser usage was still in a learning infancy then. John Incontro was part of an administrative team that reviewed Taser research, so officers would have access to the needed equipment.

John stated that after the Rodney King event, and the riots, the L.A.P.D. followed a seven year Consent Decree. A Consent Decree is intended to promote police integrity within the Department and prevent conduct that deprives individuals of their rights, privileges, or immunities.

John talked about changes in L.A.P.D., noting Chief Bill Bratton instituted a *sense of urgency* and accountability in the department. That sense of urgency and accountability has followed John Incontro throughout his career. John promotes things he's learned such as active communication, transparency, honesty, efficiency, and a belief in diversity. To this day John believes that **police work is a calling**. John comes from a family that has tradition of police service since 1918. John's son is now in his second year in the department in the Hollywood division and will soon move to the Rampart division.

As for John, he says he is happy in San Marino. To some degree that can likely be attributed to the fact that San Marino is a safe community and doesn't provide, what John termed *Adam 12 Days*. He stated that *San Marino* cares about family values, people and education.



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There wasn't any time for questions; John filled the time and left with a rousing round of applause. Thank you Chief for the stories and insights.

News and Notes from the Rotary BOARD:

After completing the documentation for the donation, a ceremony took place on May 15 2019, when we the Agro School received the tractor and other farm elements. Around 300 people attended the meeting held in the island, including Education authorities, islanders, Rotarians from our club and the District, special guests, press coverage on live.

The school prepares a show in celebration also for its 20th anniversary and after that a plaque in testimony of the donation was discovered, including the names of all the clubs and districts contributing to the grant. The tractor was symbolically started resulting in a flood of emotions from all the people.

Media coverage has been very successful with high penetration in local and regional public according to first measurement.

Examples:

<http://www.campana360web.com/sitio/entrega-del-tractor-y-elementos-de-labranza-a-la-escuela-eesa-n-1-en-isla-talavera/>

<https://03489citynoticias.com.ar/nota/23331/rotary-club-campana-donacion-de-un-tractor-y-elementos-de-labranza-para-la-escuela-de-ensenanza-agraria-no-1-isla-talavera>

At the recent District Conference, our club won Gold Awards in all 8 categories, including Club Service, Vocational, Community Service, International Service, Youth/New Generations Service, Membership Development, Rotary Foundation, and Public Image.

Next year's District Conference will be in Pasadena on May 1-2 so we should have exceptional attendance and participation from our membership.

Chris Datwyler has updated the website. Please go to the site and be sure to thank Chris for all his work.

Grace Yang is continuing as social committee chair and has recruited Evi Darmali to help as well as Nora Hoyos. Grace also wants to be part of the membership committee. The social committee is working on a Las Vegas trip.

Next year, in order to increase attendance at the District Conference in Pasadena, we will not have the Spring ROT but instead have a club event at the D. Conference.

Ginny Hsiao will be the next chair of the membership committee. Other members will be Gilda and Fang Fang (focusing on new members), along with Molly Woodford (craft talks) Arlene Romero (front desk), Grace and Evi as Ambassador Chairs and Isaac, who will help with retention.

The Membership Committee is requesting a budget of \$1000 to cover expenses for Ambassadors and new member outreach events.



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Mr. John Jones quite rightly reminds us to think about the Foundation giving. To achieve our goals of \$30,000 and 100% member participation, we need participation from the 30+ members who have not yet donated. If we achieve the two goals the club will be a current sustaining club for 2018/2019.

May 30th Program: Jeff **Goodman** will speak about the topic of Poverty and Welfare and explain what it means to be poor in America.

Jeff spoke to us about a year ago, and always brings a well-researched and a current affairs topic that stimulates interest and debate.

Jeff earned his MBA at the University of Virginia and BA in philosophy at Vanderbilt University.

He spent almost two decades in the field of corporate finance, including 10 years with Security Pacific Corporation. For many years, Jeff taught a course at UCLA in strategic planning for nonprofit organizations. He wrote the textbook for this course, which has had 16 editions.

??????Jeff has helped many nonprofit organizations combat homelessness, child abuse, gang violence, and other social problems that plague our cities. For the past few years, he has been working on the third edition of his current book on these issues, entitled *Poverty, Welfare, Child Abuse, and the Juvenile Delinquent Syndrome*.

As a volunteer, Jeff has served as chairman of the Pasadena Breakfast Forum, chairman of the board of directors of Goodwill Industries of Southern California, and as vice chairman and treasurer of the board of Children's Bureau of Southern California. He currently serves on the board of Boys Republic, a 200-acre farm in Chino Hills that serves as a residential alternative to Juvenile Hall for boys convicted of crimes.

Jeff is a long-time member of the Los Angeles Rotary Club. He is also a member of the Economic Round Table in Los Angeles, The Twilight Club in Pasadena, and the San Marino City Club.

Goodman and his wife Deborah reside in San Marino, and says he is "a pretty good" tennis player! He is a somewhat regular at the Lacy Park courts, a part of a Tuesday-Thursday mid-morning group, and likes to take professional lessons feeling "one just cannot learn enough".