

San Marino Rotary Rotoscope August 1, 2024



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ROTOSCOPE President's Corner August 1, 2024 Written by Paul Brassard

July 25 Meeting Recap: BUILDING THE SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Last week $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{T}^M$ s program, created by Bill Payne, recounted a major project of our club back in the 1990s when, with the help of Steve Asher and others, our club built a sand volleyball court at the high school. The project included a special fundraiser and a lot of sweat equity by our members and from skilled individuals in the community that our club mobilized. In the early $1990\hat{a} \in \mathbb{T}^M$ s, beach volleyball was just taking off as an international sport and Titan graduate Steve Ascher was at ground zero, and it led to an exciting career for him in sports licensing.



August 1, DARK, NO MEETING

August 8th Program: Lora Hall, "Caring For Trees in Southern California'

Lora Hall is a horticulturalist and certified arborist currently working as the Urban Forester for the City of San Marino. Lora spent many years in residential landscaping before becoming an arborist and specializing in trees and woody plants. She is a board member for Hollywood Orchard, a local non-profit organization, and serves on the professional development committee for the Urban and Community Forestry Society to advance the profession nationwide. Thanks to Linda Wah for arranging this program.

MOTOR CLASSIC: ALL..HANDS..ON..DECK!

Speaking of "hands on†projects, now is the time to contact Rob Feidler to confirm your volunteer duties and time slot at the annual Motor Classic on Sunday August 25. This is our club's primary fundraiser. The money raised goes to support our many charities (and not for our meals and club



expenses, which are billed quarterly to each member). Every member is expected to participate. As in recent years, Rob Feidler and Maurice Saldebar will be coordinating the volunteer positions for Sunday August 25th! Most of you have volunteered in the past so you can have the same position, if requested.

Shifts available for Sunday August 25th:

5:30am-9am (setting up, putting out signage, bringing cars into Lacy Park)

9am-Noon (Greet Visitors, will call, etc..)

Noon-3:30pm (Greet Visitors, Assist in Thanking Cars as they exit park, etc..)

11am-3pm (Awards Team assisting at Stage)

Please email with your availability for Sunday August 25th.

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THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

When you receive your quarterly billing, you will notice that the total amount has increased by \$35, representing an increase of 11.48%. The amazing thing is that this is the first increase in the 10 years or so that Dennis Kneier has been our treasurer. This year, Dennis recalculated the budget 6 times to keep the increase low in the face of mounting costs. District dues assessment per member increased by 19.4%, Rotary Int'I dues increased 9.4%, meal costs (our biggest expense) are up 13.6% and our venue costs are up by 23%. Dennis may have set a Guinness Book of Records for the world's sharpest pencil. His financial acumen is part of the "Magic of Rotary†and a blessing to our club. Unfortunately, there is no one like him in Washington D.C. or Sacramento. You can pay your quarterly bill knowing you are getting the best possible value.

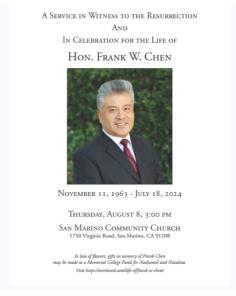


ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

President-elect Ginny Hsiao announced the new Associate Member program. Developed during Barbara's year and approved by the club's Board, this program allows spouses and children to have an "associate†membership for a cost of only \$300/year. There are no other dues for the year, although meals are paid for separately for any meetings attended. The purpose is to get family members more involved with Rotary. The program is sure to be a success as 6 people were signed up during the meeting, netting the club \$1800.

PASSING OF A FRIEND OF ROTARY, Frank Chen

Our community has felt the loss of another community leader in the prime of life. Although not a member of Rotary, the Honorable Frank W. Chen was a past president of City Club and his wife, Chun-yen, is a frequent guest at our club. A memorial service will be held at Community Church at 3 pm on August 8.



AUGUST PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES â€" Invite a Friend

AUG 8 LORA HALL, "Caring for Trees in Southern Californiaâ€ AUG 15 TWO CRAFT TALKS Dr. Lena Richter and Hunter Chang AUG 22 VIN CHEE, "My Migration to the US and Being a Magicianâ€

AUG 24 Motor Classic Gala â€" Lacy Park, evening, Tickets \$300 AUG 25 Motor Classic Lacy Park â€" Daytime --All Rotarians Volunteer

AUG 29 DARK at the Church. Evening TAT at Gaucho Grill, Pasadena