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Program: Gamble House, Tom Volz

Submitted by Anne Scott-Putney



Tom Shelly introduced our guest speaker to talk about the Gamble House in Pasadena. Tom Volz is a retired project manager and engineer from Parsons, and has been a docent at the Gamble House in Pasadena since 2009. He is a member of the Gamble House Speakers' Bureau.

Charles Greene and Henry Greene designed and built the

home, having come to CA in 1894 after studying architecture at MIT. Gamble House was built for and funded by David B. and Mary Gamble. Both were very involved in the design of the house. The style is Craftsman Bungalow, including bold timberwork, broad overhanging eaves, expansive porches, sleeping porches, natural landscaping; and beautiful and purposeful interior elements. House is 6,000 square feet not including the three sleeping porches.



The Greene and Greene Gamble House, Pasadena

Tom highlighted features inside the Gamble House:

- The house was constructed in 10 months using 20 workmen on any given day. Woodwork was constructed onsite.
- Remarkable for its time, the house was wired for electricity and had bathrooms for each bedroom.
- The front door embeds "art glass" trees and is very iconic and unique. (Art Glass is distinct from stained glass.) The door also provides cross ventilation to back door for health reasons. (See photos below)
- All the furniture was designed for the house by or for the Greens, carrying through design elements from the windows to chairs and headboards and the like. Inlay details in the wood use materials such as abalone and ebony in patterns with Asian influence.
- The dining table was custom designed for Green and Greene for the house by the Hall brothers of Pasadena. It has five leaves, with a cabinet all their own.
- The kitchen floor has a type of linoleum tile recently put in over the maple overlayment that was exposed for many years, to restore the original look. Sugar pine is on all countertops.
- The stairway exaggerates each joint, highlighting the exceptional, functional design and craftsmanship.

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Front Door of the Gamble House, outside and in.

ROTARY, THE MEETING *submitted by Chris Shaner*

Randy Prout was our song leader, with his choice today, the National Anthem! (it might have been about baseball)

Anne Scott-Putney was our Pledge leader.

WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

Dennis Bowers joined **Lark Gerry**; **Tom Shelly** brought Ron and Deb Hench and speaker Tom Volz; **Jim Marchant** brought guest Zachary Courser, a professor at CMC who is running for City Council; and **Karen Sapio** brought Philippe Schicker, our former exchange student from Germany.

We were also visited by the CHS Interact club officers (see p. 3)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Ron acknowledged all our past Presidents, asking them to stand to be recognized., and encouraged all members to VOTE!!!

Anita Hughes is home recovering from knee surgery; she would welcome rides around town

Pat Hauducœur is still recovering from her surgery, so please check with her to see if she needs anything.

Tom Shelley talked about Bill's Bikes for Kids, which will provide up to 29 20-25" bikes. The price is a little bit higher this year at \$125 per bike, helmet and lock. Donations are welcome! Dec 8th will be the day we build the bikes, and Dec 15th is the "meeting" when the bikes will be given out.

President Ron showed us a Rotary International film about Polio in Celebration of World Polio Day. Thirty years after RI began the campaign, Polio is almost eradicated; the incidence has dropped by 99.9%. Please consider donating: to the Pig; by quarter with your bill; on-line to Rotary International; or any way you can afford.

Upcoming events

Bridget Healy noted the new play at Claremont High School, Right Before I Go, which deals with the difficult issues of suicide. The play shows on November 2 and 3 at 7:00 pm. **Dr. Elsasser** has a part!

Saturday, Nov. 3. Hope Partners' 50th Anniversary Gala at Kellogg West on Cal Poly-Pomona Campus.

The next Networking Social meeting will be at Nuno's on Wednesday, **Nov 7**. Bring a prospective Rotary member and enjoy!

Nov 30th is our annual Club Holiday Party, to be held at Pomona College's Frank Hall. Mark your calendars! Details to follow.

Inspiration For the Day *Marla Lefler*

Let me learn to pause, If only for this day

Let me find peace on this day.

Let me enter into a quiet world this day.

On this day, abide (Episcopal Church)

There are so many beautiful reasons to be happy!



The Rotary Leadership Institute,

Parts 1, 2 and 3 will be offered in conjunction with District 5330 in Palm Desert at CSU-San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus on November 10. This is a very good training, useful both for

learning about leadership in Rotary and about leadership in general. You can register for the sessions on the Leadership Institute website by Wednesday, November 7, if possible. Let Buff Wright know if you are attending so that the Club can pay your \$30 registration fee. Attendance is limited so register asap.



Give to Rotary while you shop! Visit Rotary Global Rewards or

download the "Rotary Global Rewards" app for offers that give a portion of your purchase to Rotary, from movie tickets to travel to food to insurance! Check it out.

Ron's Joke Quarantine

What do Vampires never order? *Stake sandwich*

CHS Interact Report

Bridget Healy called up the Claremont High School Interact officers, pointing out that Stella Long was crowned the Homecoming queen this year. Nine officers, including: Faris Banihani, Stella Long, Andrea Chen, Peyton Whitney, OK Joo Yoo, Cailin Lorek, Joshua Sanchez, Isabelle Winnick, Amanda Gale, Lily Nguyen, introduced themselves, their college of choice (for seniors), and their favorite Interact activity. Also introduced was David Sawhill, the new Interact Faculty Advisor, who stated that his father and father-in-law were both Past Presidents of Rotary.

The Interactors talked about their favorite Interact activities, including experience at Mt. San Antonio Gardens Camp where they swam and watched birds, and Scare Away Hunger, giving thanks to Paul Steffen for the use of the Sotheby's Wheeler Steffen Realty office building for the event again. They enjoyed the summer retreat at "Mama" Bridget Healy's home at the end of summer to pass along the leadership mantle and plan involvement with Shoes that Fit. Their first meeting this year had over 100 people in attendance.

Once a month they have a Mingle and Munch at Garner House, and they are planting trees again—they have planted about 20 so far.



Sergeant Jerry Tambe



Anna Torres and Perry Hillberg's phones rang repeatedly last week. Feed the pig!

Marla Lefler announced free donut decorating on 10/31 at Grizzly's Biscuits and Donuts on Bonita in the Village.

Bob Siliciano graduated from Princeton in 1947, and is planning a trip for a reunion.

Jim Marchant's daughter is playing basketball at Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

Bonita Ramos' daughter graduated in May from Azusa Pacific. In unrelated news, she commented that her husband enjoys tequila.

Chris Shaner fell and cracked a rib in Corpus Christi, Texas — entanglement with a chair.

Dennis Bowers and **Lark Gerry** have been on lots of road trips lately. The pig is hungry.

Tom Shelley had no Rotary pin at a recent meeting, but was still allowed to introduce our guest speaker (right).

To wrap up with fine-able material, **President Ron** posed: Why does a Vampire read the Wall Street Journal? *It has good circulation.*



Perry and Anna don't look chastened... Consider, Is it good for all concerned?



What's the appropriate caption for this picture of Nick Quackenbos? It's a good one!



Gamble House, Cont'd

- The living room has a trussed ceiling of natural wood over the fireplace.
- Fireplace detail includes mosaic of climbing rose undulating across the tile. The climbing rose is from the Gamble family crest.
- The first floor guest room is themed in silver, including climbing rose theme inlays, on the mirror, writing desk, beds, and chests. In the early 1920's twin beds were popular, including in the master bedroom.
- The Gambles' Aunt Julia lived there too and wicker furniture was designed just for her. She made a special request for a Franklin stove instead of a fireplace, and a dining room chair and stool that accounted for her small stature.
- The attic was originally set up for storage, but has conference tables for training docents or may be used by public groups.
- Other rooms include David Gamble's den with a magnificent brick woodburning fireplace. Other fireplaces had special ceramic stones that held heat generated by gas.
- Outdoors, the Greenes made extensive use of natural elements: stone pathways, stone walls, etc.

Tom noted that various In-depth special tours and regular tours of the house are available. [Visit!](#) (Your editor and Bernadette Kendall did so on Tuesday — sort of a makeup, and took pictures.)

See more pictures on the [Gamble House website](#) and others dedicated to the Craftsman style. This home is a beautiful work of art!

The current exhibit through Sunday, Nov. 4 is "Shiguchi, the Hidden Art of Japanese Joinery" (see the example below left)



SAVE THE DATE!

TASTE OF CLAREMONT, April 27, 2019





UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Nov. 2	LA Philharmonic Music Mobile, Sue Keavney
Nov. 9	North Korea, Asia and US Relationships, Tom Le
Nov. 16	State of the City Update, Tara Schultz
Nov 23	Dark for Thanksgiving



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Photo of the Week:



North Marin County



What is Dracula's favorite fruit?

What?

A Nectarine!

OINK!



Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!



Sergeants committee meets every Friday at 11:30 AM in the Orchard Lounge at the DoubleTree Hotel and anyone with information to share is welcome!!

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Next Birthdays

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Jim Marchant 11/22
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Notes by Anne Scott-Putney (program), Chris Shaner (meeting); photos by Steve Schenck
The Claremont Rotary Club meets at the Claremont DoubleTree on Foothill at 12:10pm