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CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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Claremont Rotary Year 90 | Week 46 | November 16, 2018

Program: State of the City, Claremont City Manager Tara Schultz

Submitted by Lark Gerry

Rotarian **Nick Quackenbos** introduced guest speaker, Tara Schultz, City Manager for City of Claremont, who introduced Bevin Handel, the City's Public Information Officer, who helped produce the presentation.

Since Tara started 10 months ago as Claremont City Manager, she reports that she has been amazed at the number of projects that the City has completed and the innovative programs and services the City provides to our community. The City staff are assisted by volunteers who dedicate their time to making their community better -- planting trees, patrolling the City, assisting with emergencies, and serving on various committees and commissions. This year several citizen advisory and ad hoc committees were added to advise the Council and staff. They augment a strong commission system — 5 commissions, 10 standing committees, and 9 ad hoc committees — that ensures projects and programs fit the character of Claremont.

Another reason Claremont continues to look and feel so special is because of deliberate planning by the City Council. The City Council, with input from the community, adopts a set of priorities that guide the work of staff. Each year, the Council holds a workshop to review and revise these Council Priorities. Projects within these priority areas come and go, but main principles remain the same. This year the Priority Workshop will change to focus on adopting a mission statement, vision statement, a core values list, and a priority project list. To help the Council develop the City mission statement, vision statement and Core Values list, staff launched the Claremont Core Values Campaign in July. The City asked the community to consider our core values. In addition, City managers met last week to identify action items for priorities for next year. After adoption by the City Council, this list of action items will be reported to the community and progress updates will be given every three months.

On November 6th, voters elected three new Council members. Jennifer Stark and Jed Leano were clear winners. As of November 16, there was only a 44 vote gap between Ed Reece and Zach Courser with 990 provisional and Vote-by-Mail ballots left to count. (Ed Reece won.) The three new Council Members replace Sam Pedroza, Opanyi Nasialli, and Joe Lyons. At the January 29, 2019 workshop, the new Council will discuss the Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Core Values and adopt the Priority Project list.



Financial Stability - City Adopts 2018-19 Budget

The cost of doing City business is increasing and reflects changes in regulations, requirements, and economic shifts. Last January, City staff were asked to develop their department budgets keeping in mind that the City is facing a structural deficit growing from approximately \$1 million in 2019-20 to \$1.8 million in 2021-22. Staff cut expenses and identified revenue opportunities to close the \$1.4 to \$3.4 million dollar shortfall. The City Council typically adopts a two-year budget, however, due to increases in general liability insurance, services and supplies, landscape maintenance contracts, PERS retirement, and the Golden State Water settlement, staff presented a one-year budget, and in June, the City Council unanimously approved a balanced one-year budget of \$48,774,178 which includes operating expenses, capital improvements, and debt service.

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Rotary, The Meeting *Submitted by Mike DeWees*

After a romp on the floor, **President Ron Coleman** rang the bell to start the meeting at 12:13. The club anthem, "Smile" was led by **Karen Sapio**. Following the Pledge led by **Anita Boling**, Karen led America the Beautiful. Ron showed an RI video of Rotary helping those in need.



Inspiration of the Day — Thanksgiving *Don Gould*

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough. ~*Oprah Winfrey*

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings. ~*William Arthur Ward*



Welcome Guests *Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo*

Ron Coleman introduced guest, Anakaren Aguilar from the California Bank and Trust; **Randy Prout** introduced visiting Kiwanian Greg Shapton, representing CLASP; **John Tulac** introduced his daughter Shawn Clancy and granddaughter Mary. Shawn's husband Dan was lost while parking the car.



Announcements

Inland Valley Hope Partners Adopt A Family - *John Howland*. Gifts for three families of clothing, household items, and toys for the children. Please wrap each gift for your "adopted" family and include a gift tag or label identifying which family member is to receive the gift and the family number on each tag. Bring gifts to our holiday party or **no later than our next meeting on December 7th**.

Paradise Rotary Fire Relief Fund: **President Ron** shared the story about **Cameron Troxell's** sister's loss, and that the Paradise Rotary Foundation has established a gofundme page to support the Paradise Fire recovery effort. Please click on the link here to learn more: <https://www.gofundme.com/paradisestrong-fire-relief>.

Winter Wonderland Celebration - *Jim Marchant*. The Holiday party will be at Pomona College's Frank Hall at 260 E. Bonita Avenue on Friday, November 30th at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00. Bring your check to the event or send it to PO Box 357.

\$20 - Member prepaid

\$35 - Non Prepaid and Guests \$15 - Children 13-17

\$5 - Children 7-12 Free for Children 6 and Under

RSVP by Monday, November 26th. marchantcyb@gmail.com

Bill's Bikes For Kids - **Tom Shelley** picked up the bikes with **Jim Lehman**. The build is at 8am on 8th at Tom's house, 622 Purdue Drive; the giveaway is on Saturday the 15th. Both count as (makeup) meetings. Thanks to **Karen Sapio** for use of the Presbyterian Church on Mountain. For info about donating, contact tshelley47@gmail.com

Upcoming events

November 30 Holiday Party, Frank Hall (counts as a meeting)

December 7 is our annual meeting to elect officers and the last meeting of 2018.

Saturday, December 8 Bike Assembly, Bill's Bikes for Kids (serves as a makeup)

Saturday, December 15 Bill's Bikes for Kids (counts as a meeting)

Friday, January 4, 2019 First meeting of the new year!



A Moment of Silence

We took a moment to reflect about the many people who lost their lives and property during the recent fires, including **Cameron Troxell's** sister Keira, who lost her Paradise home, barn and guest house



Dec. 7 Annual Meeting and Club Election

Dec. 7th is the Annual Meeting when we elect two new members to the Board of Directors (effective July 1) and a President for 2021-22. Bring your voting caps.

Thanks from CLASP

Greg Shapton gave thanks for our \$2,000 donation to the Claremont After School Program (CLASP) which has been serving the community for 25 years, providing homework help across 5 different sites for kids who need help in reading, math, spelling. A recent anniversary celebration at Garner house was attended by **Jim Elsasser, MJ Neault, Jim Lehman, and Tom Shelley.**



Fine Master, John Tulac

Pic of john

Zoe TeBeau was fined for a battle over a piece of art at a recent estate sale. Two guys were both holding on to claim the piece. **John Tulac** was there with his daughter and helped break it up. Neither got it. (Hard to split a painting)



Ian Standley was fined for a boast. On May 5th at Vandenberg Air Force base he watched a rocket launch carrying a seismograph he helped design. He's bragging now because JPL gives it only a 40% chance of landing on the surface of Mars. (See p. 5)

Tom Shelley was fined for fishing trip to Mex. He went back for his passport and then his electric car ran out of juice...



Rich Laughton got into a motorcycle accident and/or was helping out at the Economy shop and fell on his head. He got a heck of a shiner.



Roger House is looking to match any donation up to \$1,000 for the pipe organ scholarship program. Please contact him to donate.



Sporting fines for: Cal Bear fans still in shock from last week; USC and UCLA fans, in anticipation of someone's loss at the game on Saturday. (USC took that honor)



Nick Quackenbos should have been fined for giving greeter **Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo** a hard time about delaying introduction of his guests from the City.



President Ron's Joke Quarantine

Why do a pilgrims' pants always fall down? *They wear their belt buckles on their hats.*

What is the best dance for Thanksgiving? *Turkey Trot*

What's the difference between good lawyer and a great lawyer? *A good lawyer knows the law. A great lawyer knows the judge!*

Program, continued

Economic Development

Tara acknowledged that creating opportunities for our business community to grow and thrive is essential to our long term fiscal health. This past year we have added a few new businesses and now have three car dealerships: John Elway's Claremont Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Claremont Toyota, and Claremont Hyundai.

The City is moving forward on the Village South Plan. The City received a Metro Grant to create a transit oriented development concept. Sargent Towne Planning consultants held several community meetings and met with property owners to listen to suggestions and concerns for the development. The City Council approved the guiding principles for the specific plan and the City's consultant is finalizing the draft. The plan will encourage a mix of uses and enhanced pedestrian amenities. Once the draft plan is complete, public meetings will be held for input on the EIR process over the next 12 months.

With all the exciting changes and additions to the Village, including the Pomona College Art Museum which comes online in fall 2019, we are experiencing more issues with parking downtown. The City is working to develop a parking management plan to address the parking congestion during peak times in the Village.

Public Safety

Homelessness is one of our region's biggest challenges. Officers and City staff have received training on mental health and make regular contact with homeless individuals in the community. The City's Human Services Department and Police Department work together to identify homeless and at-risk individuals and assess appropriate services. Individuals are then matched with available services and regional agencies to get them the help they need. Our Police Department launched an education campaign, "A Hand Up, Not A Hand Out," aimed at educating our residents to avoid handouts in favor of participating in a long term solution in cooperation between the business community, residents, and the Police Department.

Tara reminded us that the biggest public safety issue we are facing is the condition of the existing police station. Following the failure of two bond measures, the Mayor created a Citizen's Advisory Committee to look at options for the future of the station. We know that the station is seismically deficient, and staff have been directed to develop and issue an RFP for immediate safety improvements.

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Program, continued

Improvements of \$5M are needed to make the current police station seismically safe. However, this will not address the station's lack of space and modernization for the current and future needs of the department.

Quality of Life

Maintaining public safety is a core function of any City, but maintaining quality of life for our residents is also a priority for the Council -- the intangibles that make living in Claremont special: our parks, special events, arts and culture. Our Human Services Department does an outstanding job of organizing community organizations and businesses. Partners enable the City to produce these events: the Chamber of Commerce, Village Marketing Group, and the service organizations like the Claremont Rotary Noon and Sunrise Clubs, and the Kiwanis Club.

Trees

City staff have been creative in utilizing grants and volunteers to fill shortfalls in funding. One program that uses this approach is our reforestation program. Claremont's trees are highly valued and a big part of the character of this City. Years of fluctuating weather conditions have taken a toll on our urban forest. To tackle this problem, the City and Sustainable Claremont, created an education and outreach program that trains volunteers on tree care. As part of this program, City staff and Sustainable Claremont have organized planned community planting days in which volunteers plant trees in City parks and medians. Two hundred trees were planted in just two days this October! Cal Fire and LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis, awarded grants to the City to plant additional trees in the southern section of town and develop an Urban Forest Management Plan for the future of our trees.



City Manager's Weekly Update

Weekly 11-21-18

Thanksgiving is a special day to count our blessings and all the things that we are grateful for. I am especially thankful for our wonderful community volunteers, residents, City staff, service organizations, and businesses that make Claremont an outstanding community! On behalf of the City of Claremont, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

-Tara Schultz, City Manager

Transportation

Tara reported that in the next few years, we will see several transportation projects under construction. The Foothill Boulevard Project, which began October 29, 2018, will be conducted in four phases over the next 18 months to keep lanes open in each direction. The project includes general road improvements, protected bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, bio-swales and storm water catchment, and sustainable landscaping. New iconic entry monuments, signage, and bus stops will be added to reflect the roadway's Route 66 past. Over half of the \$16 million project is being funded through grants awarded the City. The rest comes from funds the City received from Cal Trans and restricted roadway improvement funds from the State. No General Fund money will be used for the project.

Another major transportation project is the Foothill Gold Line. Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority is now proposing a two phased approach to building the Gold Line Extension from Glendora to Montclair. The second phase from La Verne to Montclair is not funded; the four project bids came in millions over the available funding. The Board increased the total project budget by \$570 million to cover the construction of the line from Glendora to Montclair, bringing the total project cost to \$2.1 billion. Should additional funding be secured, the line will be extended through Claremont and on to Montclair.

For over 15 years, the City of Claremont has worked to bring the line to Claremont. Our community has supported the construction of the line and contributes to the funding of the line through our sales tax dollars. The City is shocked and disappointed that construction of the Claremont Gold Line station is uncertain, but the City's commitment remains strong.

Conclusion This was a lot of information to absorb in a short time. More information on all these projects and programs can be found on the [City website](#), on the City's social media pages, in the [City Letter](#), and in the [City Manager's Weekly Update](#), published each Thursday.





District 5300

Rotary moments galore, starting Friday afternoon, January 4. On Saturday a District 5300 group will paint the exterior of a school for the deaf in Mexicali. Supplies will be provided. We will have lunch with students and parents at the school. On Saturday night we will be guests at a dinner/dance, dress semi-dressy (sports coat, no tie ok for men), and then return home on Sunday. Contact President Ron for details.



Welcome back, Pat Hauducoeur! (with Marla Lefler)

TLC Coming Up

Lark Gerry announced the Teen Leadership Camp (TLC), coming up November 30th - December 2nd. This year our club has sponsored 14 students, 7 girls and 7 boys, from El Roble Intermediate School to attend TLC at Camp Cedar Crest, in Running Springs, CA.



INSIGHT LANDED!

Rotarian **Ian Standley** is a proud space engineer as reflected on his Facebook posts during the leadup to the 11/26 landing of Insight on Mars. JPL has great [videos online](#) if you're a closet geek! Hooray for exploration!



Ian Standley

Getting a little tense here the cruise stage just separated and the lander is transmitting to the Cub Sats - just orientated for landing

on Mon Like Reply More



Ian Standley

November 26 at 11:10 AM · 35

At JPL - 40 minutes to InSight lands on Mars - we hopefully know it has landed 8 minutes later.



Ian Standley

Ok so it landed no rocks and we have pictures and now the difficult part starts ... we will know on Thursday if our sensor is working but it won't be on the surface till after Christmas - Seismometry is really slow



LOST AND FOUND
Yours? Tell Buff



President Ron's signature thank you to speaker Tara Schultz!



Doug McGoon's fall shoes — great look on a fall carpet.

In order from stoic to smily, Rich Laughton, Jim Lehman, Arman Ariane and Don Gould.



Randy Prout's wife Rhonda dropped in for a spousal chat. What did you forget, Randy?





UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Nov. 30	6 pm Holiday Party at Frank Hall (Dark at noon)
Dec. 7	Annual meeting; Education in Sudan, Jok Nihal
Dec. 8	Bike Build, 8 am
Dec. 15	Bill's Bikes for Kids
Jan. 4	First meeting of 2019!



Ron Coleman
Claremont Rotary
President
2018-2019



BE THE INSPIRATION

Photo of the Week:



Simulated image of Insight Mars landing
JPL NASA photo



What sound does a
space turkey make?

Hubble Hubble
Hubble



Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!



Oink!

Website

Information about the club and back editions of this newsletter are always available on DACdb and www.claremontRotary.org

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December Birthdays

Andrew Bentson 12/1
Lucinda McDade 12/3
Adnan Aswad 12/6
Perry Hillberg 12/7
Daniel Forrester 12/8
Nick Quackenbos 12/12
Paul Steffen 12/13
Ron Coleman 12/14



Notes by Mike DeWees (meeting), Lark Gerry (program); photos by Buff Wright
The Claremont Rotary Club meets at the Claremont DoubleTree on Foothill at 12:10pm

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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