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CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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Program: Craft Talks—Sean Gallagher & Anne Scott-Putney

Submitted by Harry Sparrow

We had two excellent Craft Talks at this meeting by RSABG corporate members Sean Gallagher and Anne Scott-Putney. Anne's presentation was a bittersweet one. She informed us that while this is a very late talk since she has been in the club almost 3 years, this was also her last meeting, as she is moving to Cape Cod. We will surely miss her.

Sean Gallagher

Sean put a slide up and the screen and then shared not something about himself, but about one of his daughters, Katherine. Just before he walked to the front of the room, he had heard from her that she had just landed in Seoul South Korea as she is travelling to her Peace Corps assignment in Thailand. He is an appropriately proud dad.



Katherine has a sister, Margaret, who Sean is equally proud of. She is a Teach for America (TFA) elementary school teacher in New Orleans. TFA is a non-profit organization that places college graduates from top universities in low-income urban and rural communities. The sisters are a reflection of their parents, Sean and Laura Mulroy.

Sean is from Stockton. That said, he has a long and distinguished academic and professional association with Claremont. He attended Claremont Men's College (Now Claremont McKenna College), which apparently became co-ed while he was there, because he was a member of the first co-ed graduating class. He received a BA in Biology.

Anne Scott Putney

Anne is leaving her current position as Chief Advancement Officer at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens for the role of President & CEO at Heritage Museums & Gardens. Heritage Museums & Gardens is the largest public garden in Southern New England, located on 100 acres of magnificent grounds and trails on the banks of Shawme Pond in Historic Sandwich, MA. Heritage celebrates American culture and inspires people of all ages to explore, discover and learn together. Excellence in horticulture, garden design, outdoor discovery and the exhibition of great collections are Heritage's hallmarks. While there is this clear professional opportunity, the move is being inspired by personal reasons. This will bring Anne closer to her mother who needs Anne's assistance and it will also place her closer to one of her two sons.



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Taste of Claremont!**

106

DAYS

18

HOURS

17

MINS

3

SECS

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Rotary, The Meeting Happy New Year To All!

Submitted by Lark Gerry

Cameron Troxell Pres-Elect, welcomed and called to order the first meeting of 2019 since President Ron Coleman was in Mexicali. **Gail Sparks** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Multi tasking as musician and conducting our meeting, **Cameron Troxell** (on keyboard), accompanied **Chris Shaner**, who led in song with *Smile* and *America the Beautiful*.

Inspiration of the Day - Lark Gerry

To start the 2019 New Year, this achieved Rotary quote has transcended time and is applicable this day even though it applied to men only in 1911. Today, Rotary International is proud to include women.

Words of Wisdom -Rotary International Archives: "A Rotary club gives us an opportunity that no social, political, or specialized business club can do. It is strong on the human side; it stands for the individual, unfetters him, appeals to his originality, brings out his latent powers, and puts him at his best by extending him the full measure of his confidence and appealing to the best that is in him - 'service not self.'" ~ *Glenn C. Mead RI President 1912-13.*

Welcome Guests

Always smiling, greeter **Susie Ilsley** introduced member **Mike DeWees**, who brought his daughters Natalie and Emily. Member **Peter Weinberger** welcomed his guest, son Matt Weinberger.

Shout Outs!

Cameron drew attention to our successful *Bill's Bikes for Kids*, chaired by **Tom Shelley** and carried out with the help of many club and community volunteers. It was a huge success with 29 bicycles presented to happy deserving students.

John Howland read several "Thank You" notes received by families in appreciation of our club's generous holiday gifts to *Adopt a Family*.

Announcements

Together We Prepare - Feb. 13, 14, & 15 Chair Rich Laughton welcomed all to take the opportunity to participate in the 40th Anniversary of Together We Prepare. Sign up! Contact committee chair **Rich Laughton** at Rich.Laughton@verizon.net

PDG Sylvia Whitlock announced that a Celebration of Life for PDG Randy Pote's wife Beth Pote will be held on January 12th at 10:00 am at St. Finbar Catholic Church, 2010 W. Olive Ave., Burbank CA. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Las Vegas Rotary Club's foundation have been requested. You can contribute online at www.lasvegaswonrotary.com/foundation/registration.jsp

What better way to start the New Year and 2019 Tax year than with a tax free contribution to the **Pipe Organ Scholarship Fund** through the Claremont Rotary Foundation. The Pipe Organ Scholarship receives some funds from the Club. Roger House will match \$1 for \$1 for the first \$1,000 of contributions by individual members. You do not have to be a Club Member in order to contribute. Roger urges that anything you can do will be appreciated.



Election Results

Hear ye, hear ye! Election results are in!

Bonita Ramos (PP), announced that **Chris Shaner** and **Jim**

Marchant will serve on the club Board of Directors for a three year term.

Chuck Cable has agreed to finish out the term on the Board of nominated president elect, elect, elect **Mark Carson**. The club approved his nomination by acclamation. Congratulations and thanks to all for their service.



Sean Gallagher, *continued*

He then went to UC Riverside where he earned a PhD in Botany and Plant Science. This was followed by Plant Science Post Doctorate work at Stanford.

Sean has a 30-plus year professional career. He is currently the Director of Research and Development with Analytik Jena. He has been with them for over 15 years. He told us that one of the accomplishments he is most proud of is that he has had the same office for that entire period; he can look out his window and see the dorm he lived in at CMC.

Prior to Analytik Jena, he was with Motorola Life Sciences where he held the title, Director. Among other things that he was involved with at Motorola were the Gene Chip and Microfluidics. After Motorola, he was the President and CEO of Ionian Technologies, which was later bought by Alere, the first ever Keck Graduate Institute (KGI) spinout. Alere is now part of Abbot.

In his spare time, Sean is a Trustee for Ranch Santa Ana Botanic Garden, and is a member of the KGI Advisory Counsel where he is involved with supporting KGI students through internships and joint commercial-academic partnerships focusing on technology and marketing areas of interest. He is also an Alumni Panelist and Student Advisor for UCR's sophomore career planning workshop called ALIVE.

Sean provided a quick overview of some of what he is involved with at Analytik Jena. This part of the presentation was titled "Fundamentals of Protein Detection with Fluorescence Immunoblotting: Expanding the Tools for Protein Detection." Daunting though the title was, Sean's overview was fascinating. The focus of his presentation was around a piece of equipment called ChemStudio Imager. This is a product that Sean described as "pricey"; it costs anywhere from \$95K to \$250K. [Warning to the reader: the following may or may not be technological correct. It is a layman's interpretation] This device allows the user to focus fluorescence on biological samples. If you focus it on tissue that may have different issues (e.g. cancer) and something is there, the light will reflect as a different color depending on the density of what is found. This is called in vivo imaging. So, it is useful in detection of disease, but there are great hopes for this technology allowing fluorescent guided surgery.



It is amazing to find out through these craft talks the depth and breadth of the skills and interesting experiences that the membership of the Claremont Rotary Club has. Sean and Anne are certainly good examples of this.

Fine Master, Zoe TeBeau

Something New Shaking Here! **Zoe TeBeau** got **John Allen** and **Don Ralls** to reveal a business move. John is going to become Don's neighbor -- just down the hall, with Don vacating a storage area to accommodate John's staff. They each paid a fine.

Mike DeWees reported a recent family ski vacation at Mammoth. There were no broken bones, however, he may be broke after paying \$169 a day for lift tickets and now a fine!

Nick Quackenbos was privileged to watch the Mars landing at Cal Tech.



District 5300 Events

29th Annual Peace Conference - **February 23rd**. This will be another great event. In conjunction with the Peace Conference, we will be hosting an Interact Symposium where we will be working with our high school students on becoming young peacemakers.

District 5300 Foundation Gala - **March 16th**. This will be an amazing time to meet with other Rotarians, learn

Anne Scott-Putney, *continued*

Anne told us that she grew up in upstate New York. She attended Dartmouth where she got a BA in History and was on the varsity teams for both sailing and cross country. She then went to the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania where she received a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with an emphasis on marketing management. Her activities there included student liaison to the Dean of the Wharton School and authoring the Wharton chapter of the *Insider's Guide to the Top 10 Business Schools*.

Anne started her career with a focus on mission driven education. She was the Assistant Director of Admissions at Yale University for 9 years. She then decided she wanted to move to non-profits. This ultimately led her to Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden.

Anne is married and has two sons. She told a story about her older son being a multi-tasker by getting married and graduating from Harvard Law School on the same weekend.



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Multi District Mexicali Project Weekend

Submitted by Ron Coleman (pictures on page 5)

Last weekend, January 4 to 6, over 100 Rotarians and families from Districts 5300, 5330 went south of the border to join fellow Rotarians from District 4100 in Mexico to “Be the Inspiration” for a school for the deaf in Mexicali Baja Mexico. The fellowship ensued on Friday evening during a Mexicali Rotary Bar-B-Q at the Hotel Colonial. Our Club was represented by **Ron Coleman** and family-Yvonne, Harper and Mateo, and **Lyn Childress** and her daughter Annie.

At 9:00 am on Saturday morning, Rotarians, families, students and teachers all gathered at Centro de Asistencia Multiple (CAM) Eduardo HUET school for the deaf in Mexicali to perform a whirlwind of clearing, cleaning, prepping and painting of the school exterior and grounds. Lots of laughs, smiles and sweat from everyone transformed the school and lifted the spirits of everyone who witnessed the transformation.

At 10:00 am a small group of Rotarians traveled to DESAYUNADOR UREDAE, Calle Fuente de la Luna, Colonia Voluntad, Mexicali, which is a care center for street kids. Rotarians brought toys, clothes, shoes, food...and love to the children.

Back at the school, painting was completed just prior to a light rainfall. Following words of gratitude from teachers and families alike, a raffle was conducted for all in attendance to win gifts created by the students. Later in the evening Rotarians, families and friends gathered at a Mexicali Ballroom to dine and dance and celebrate the feast of Three Kings.

It was the first time members of these three district joined forces to work on this heartwarming service project. Traveling through Mexicali one could see the need for further support from Rotarians. There are plans to return to Mexicali for another combined district project in January 2020. A special tip of the hat to Past District 4100 Governor Ramon Lopez, District 5330 Governor Ricardo “Taco” Loretta and District Governor 5300 John Chase for taking this initiative!

President Ron’s Joke Quarantine

(Because we know he must have joked in Mexicali during the District 5300 Project)

¿Cuántos pintores se necesita para pintar una habitación?

Cinco. Uno para hacerlo, y cuatro para decirle cómo lo habrían hecho de manera diferente.

Anne Scott-Putney, *continued*

Anne proceeded to describe her craft illustrated by the fundraising process associated with one of Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden’s (RSABG) current projects, The Lewis Family Forest Pavilion.

RSABG routinely hosts fields trips, which include about 7000 kids in a year. This has been made somewhat difficult by the fact that they have no covered space and only one restroom. They realized that having a covered outdoor space would help with the field trips, and quickly realized that it could also provide space that could be rented out for weddings and other events. If done correctly this would also address the need for more accessible garden space which could be used for demonstrating how to grow native plants and show solutions for a sustainable future.

The first step was to identify a space where these goals could be achieved. They found it by razing an old caretakers cottage on an underutilized space. With this sorted out, they were ready to put together a pitch describing what was needed, what it would cost and where they could locate it. This led to approval by the trustees. (Thank you Sean!)

They then created two committees. One that would focus on the capital campaign and one that developed the Request For Proposal outlining requirements and a schedule. Next an architect was selected to develop a concept plan and then a landscape designer.

While the contractual work above was being conducted the other committee started the efforts to raise the funds. They invited the community to learn about the project and meet the players. These efforts have been strikingly successful. The Lewis Family commitment to the project is the major component to making this project possible. With that and the very important contributions by the community at large, the expectation is that ground breaking will be this June.

Anne’s presentation was very enlightening and it re-enforced what a loss her relocation will be to our club.



How many painters does it take to paint a room???
Five, One to do it, and four to tell him how they would have done it differently.

MEXICALI WEEKEND

submitted by Ron Coleman



The Colemans: Harper, Ron and Mateo



Annie and Lyn Childress



Time to paint and time to be fancy.



DG Chase with wife Elizabeth and daughter Megan



Selfies with John Chase, DG 5300 & Ricardo "Taco" Loretta, 5330 DG



Ron chumming with Ramon Lopez, Past DG of Dist 4100 in Mexico





UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Jan 11	Club Assembly
Jan 18	Whither China-Economic and Political Update, John Tulac
Jan 25	tbd
Feb 1	Four Way Speech Contest



Ron Coleman
Claremont Rotary
President
2018-2019



Photo of the Week:



Cameron brings the joke home.....



Not to top Ron, but
Why did the tennis
player have a problem
staying married?

Love means
nothing in tennis!



Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!



Oink!

Website

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January Birthdays

Doug McGoon 1/12
Frank Hungerford 1/16
Anita Boling 1/17
Butch Henderson 1/21
Chuck Cable 1/22



Notes by Lark Gerry (meeting), Harry Sparrow (program); photos by Peter Weinberger
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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