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CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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## Program: International Christian Scholarship Foundation

Submitted by Mike DeWees

Susan Hume is the outgoing president of the Board of the International Christian Scholarship Foundation (ICSF). (Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo will follow her in this role.) She is also Assistant Superintendent of Bonita Unified School District, is a CPA, a CIA and a member of La Verne Rotary among many other distinctions and interests. Susan joined us at the invitation of Kebokile. She goes to the Claremont Methodist church near by so she felt right at home with us in the Orchard Restaurant of the DoubleTree.



in the UCC church, she tried to find a way to finance her dream of educating medical students to serve in foreign countries. Elsie traveled the world and was dismayed by the lack of healthcare and doctors available. This was made even more evident when she lost a travelling companion who fell from a pyramid in Chichen Itza, Mexico and died many hours later from lack of timely medical treatment.

Susan spoke to us about the ICSF, founded over 50 years ago. The ICSF is a non-profit, all volunteer organization founded in 1955 and sponsored by Church Women United. Their motto is "Sponsoring students for service around the world." ICSF scholarships enable students to become doctors, nurses, teachers, ministers and to serve in other helping professions at home and abroad, wherever they are most needed. The scholarships are given to students around tge world to be educated in their own countries – which means they are more likely to stay there to serve, and the money goes much further than it would in the US.

With no physical space, this small group of volunteer women raises funds for a \$3M endowment to fund these worldwide scholarships. The organization has extremely low overhead and so when you give, 94% of donations goes straight into scholarships.

Susan gave us some background on founder Elsie Farris, who was one of the first women lawyers in California and started her own practice after finding difficulty getting a job. Elsie never married and devoted her life to service. A leader

From humble beginnings, the first scholarships in 1956 totaled \$19,000. This year they will disperse \$200,000. With this money they now partner with 29 schools, and will serve 245 students in 16 countries with a priority of helping women and medical professions. A few years ago, the group realized there is lots of help for Christian students, so now there is no requirement to be Christian, for broader effect. When recipients finish their degrees, they are expected to give back to their communities by serving in a capacity related to their training.

Susan explained that it helping ICFS is appealing, you can learn more on the foundation wellsite and get on the mailing list: <https://international-christian-scholarship-foundation.org/>. You are welcome to attend the fun annual luncheon (April 27 at noon), ICSF's primary fundraiser. (Kebokile will have tickets). You can volunteer to serve on the Board (it meets quarterly), and of course, donate!

Ron thanked Susan and wondered whether the group had ever thought to partner with Rotary. Perhaps the ICFS model would serve better than the current Global Scholarships.

Countdown to the Taste of Claremont	37	18	19	37	April 27, 2019
	DAYS	HOURS	MINS	SECS	

Cool....18+19=37....

## ROTARY: THE MEETING *submitted by Chris Shaner*

**President Ron** called the meeting to order, delayed only slightly by the last minute switch of venue. **Karen Sapio** opened with our Smile song and followed the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Denise Rodriguez**, with My Country Tis of Thee.

## WELCOME GUEST AND VISITING ROTARIAN!

**Susie Illsley** introduced frequent guest **Wayne Wright**. Today's speaker, **Susan Hume**, is a member of the LaVerne Rotary Club.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President Ron** thanked Ophelia's Jump for our Winter Social and to **Anita Hughes**, **Susie Illsley** and **Lyn Childress** for all their help!

**Roger House** announced four scholarships given for budding organists. The committee gave away Disney Hall performance tickets and a tour of the inner workings of the pipe organ to encourage a student who wasn't yet ready for lessons.

**John Tulac** talked about our contribution for the project in Africa in Nairobi. Our \$9689 check helped to finish the project which **Dennis Smith** started four years ago.

The 90 year Anniversary party will be August 17 at RSABG.

**Ron** read a letter from Ability First thanking us for the \$1000 donation.

**Ron** then shared a humorous Film about Rotary, and offered these thoughts from the film: What is Rotary?

- Friends, community and family... Kind of like a zoo!
- Learning something new each week.
- Impacting local and international causes.
- Friends, neighbors and problem solvers.

## News: 20th Annual Taste of Claremont

**Cameron Troxell** distributed flyers for the Taste of Claremont and will have posters, additional fliers and yard signs soon. If you need some, contact him!

**Bonita Ramos**, Chair for TOC sponsorship committee, announced that we have done well in soliciting sponsorships and are still accepting sponsors for the Taste of Claremont. The Taste is a great opportunity to advertise *your* business.

Our club will run an ad in memory of **Sam Mowbray**, who was a major force in organizing support for the Taste of Claremont. Please consider donating to offset the cost for this ad. Contact **Bobby Hyde**.

**Brett O'Connor** has Taste of Claremont tickets for members to sell to family, friends, and colleagues. [Tickets are also online.](#)



Is Cameron signing for Karen or doing a duet?



Wayne



Susan



Happy singers in the Orchard Restaurant, a TOC sponsor.

## Inspiration for the day

*PP Marla Lefler*

Today will never come again. Be a blessing, be a friend, encourage someone, take time to care.

Let your words heal, and not wound.

Do everything with a good heart and expect nothing in return, and you will never be disappointed.



## Ron's Irish Joke Quarantine

What's Irish and stays out all night?  
*Paddy O'Furniture.*

How did the Irish Jig get started?  
*Too much drinking and not enough restrooms.*

What is the difference between an Irish wedding and an Irish funeral?  
*1 less person drinking at the party.*

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four leaf clover?  
*A rash of good luck.*



### A Fine, Fine Day

Our Sergeant for the day was **Jerry Tambe**—the one wearing green glasses. He gave **President Ron** a hat for St. Patrick’s Day, and this joke: What do you call an Irishman who knows how to control a wife? *A bachelor.*

**Ron Coleman’s** son Mateo was accepted to the prestigious LA County High School for the Arts ([LACHSA](#)). (and Ron didn’t even have to pay for admission — Mateo is that talented!) Fine!!

In honor of St. Pat’s Day, **Denise Rodriguez** read: May you live as long as you want and want as long as you live.

**Bernadette Kendall** reported on the great RYLA Orientation, and noted that the Upland club sponsored 6 of our students. (She left Jerry wondering what she was wearing in green!)

**Jerry Tambe’s** granddaughter is attending RYLA this year.

**Tim Harrison** has moved on to Cornerstone Landing after 21 years with Broadview Mortgage. Wish him luck!! Tim offered an appropriate Irish Toast: May our your house always be too small to hold all your friends.

All the singers for the Karaoke Social were asked to stand and be acknowledged for their contribution to a great night.

**Bonita Ramos** announced that 3.14 was PIE DAY; Ability First had a celebration, selling 20 homemade pies.

**Tom Shelley** read: May you always have a cool head and a warm heart.

**Chuck Cable** read: May the Good Lord take a liking to you, but not too soon.

**Jerry** ended with an Irish blessing, “May friendship, like wine, improve as time advances, and may we always have old wine, old friends and young cares.”

**President Ron** provided a segue to the program: “May your glass be ever full. May the roof over your head be always strong and may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you’re dead.” And may you pay into the Pig!



*Don Ralls was ready with a virtual flag to help the club keep on task in the restaurant.*

*Mateo at the Winter Karaoke Social. Can he ever sing!*



## District 5300 Rotary Foundation Gala



The Rotary Club of Claremont was represented at the Foundation Gala at the top of the World Market Center in Las Vegas Saturday night, March 16. The tale of the celebration won't stay in Vegas....it was a wonderful evening!

Ron Coleman, Susie Ilsley, Cameron Troxell, Buff Wright, and Pat and Bob Hauducoeur and had the opportunity to hear the story and learn about the advocacy of Ramesh Ferris, a polio survivor.

When he was stricken with polio at 3, Ramesh was given up for adoption by his mother in Tamil Nadu, India. He was adopted by a family in Yukon, Canada, where he received many restorative surgeries and much love from his adoptive family. He can now walk with the aid of a brace and a crutch. Visiting his birth mother recently, he saw a number of crippled polio survivors who were not as lucky as he. His talk was inspirational! We are so close to defeating this terrible disease. After the talk, funds were raised for polio, with our Club pledging \$1000 from member donations and the Pig!

The program celebrated many Rotarians, including those in our Club who have given significant resources to Rotary over the years. We join the district in applauding all of our Paul Harris Fellows, and:

*Arch C. Klumpf Society (over \$500,000)* members Frank Hungerford and Jeanne Kennedy.

*Major Donors (\$10,000-\$100,000)*: Chuck and Vicky Cable, Marla Lefler, Michael Fay, Bobby Hyde, Dan Kentner, and Randy Prout.

*Bequests from* Dan Kentner, Anita Boling, Tim and Lauri Harrison, Frank Hungerford and Jeanne Kennedy, Bob and June Redick, John Regan and Jerry Tambe.

*TOC Sponsorship Committee members met on March 20 as they approach the finish line with flying colors, enabling the club to meet its philanthropic mission!*



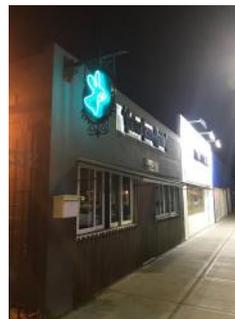
All dressed up, these Rotarians fit right in!



Club's table: Buff, Ron, Cameron, Susie, Pat & Bob, with Tom and Robin Novotny



After the silent auction organized by Vegas clubs (nice touch), dinner (delicious), and fellowship (the best), Ron, Cameron, Susie and Buff went on to, uh, discuss the evening at the Velvetten Rabbit. Having been warmed up to perform by the winter karaoke social, a good time was had by all.





**Ron Coleman**  
Claremont Rotary  
President  
2018-2019

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

March 22	Youth Awards — Middle School
March 29	Out of the Garden and into the Wild (RSABG) Dr. Naomi Fraga, Dir. Of Conservation Programs
April 5	The Mission of Forever Kids
April 12	When Ophelia Says Jump



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### Picture of the Week



Spring photo by Ron Coleman



Why don't you iron 4-Leaf clovers?



(I eat them!)



Because you don't want to press your luck

**Bacon Bits**

Let's fill up the pig!



Sergeants' committee gathers before each meeting at 11:30 AM in the Orchard Lounge at the DoubleTree Hotel and anyone with information to share is welcome!!



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### Taste of Claremont

[tasteofclaremont.org/](http://tasteofclaremont.org/)

### March Birthdays

- Jerry Tambe 3/09
- Don Gould 3/13
- Dale Christensen 3/17
- Michael Fay 3/21
- Tim Harrison 3/21
- Ron Murphy 3/22
- Lark Gerry 3/24
- Jerry Goldman 3/24
- Stan Barnes 3/30



Notes: Chris Shaner, meeting; Mike DeWees, program. Photos: Steve Schenck  
The Claremont Rotary Club meets at the Claremont DoubleTree on Foothill at 12:10pm