



Verandas Beach House
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7:15 AM



RI Director John Matthews

Rotary Olympics

It was Monday, February 12, 2018, and **President Mark Burton** brought our Book Club Chair **John Hugunin** to the podium to share the joy of reading and to report that the Book Club has read 26 books so far, and counting.....**Mark Lipps** anticipated the Winter Olympics by requiring the birthday boys of February to demonstrate their Olympic warm-up techniques.....Susie and **Rick Farrell** won the monthly anniversary sweepstakes with 45 years of marriage.....**Rich Montgomery** requested CMB sponsors, **Deb Robertson** requested magazines for RYLA, and **Mike Matthews** told us to save the date of April 21 for Rise Against Hunger.....**Jim Hunter's** head wound has suffered a setback because of infection, but he is reportedly improving with a favorable prognosis.

“Science is not only compatible with spirituality; it is a profound source of spirituality.”

Carl Sagan

Today's Program

Craft Talk Duo. New members **Bruce Greenspon** and **Brendan Harrington** will deliver their craft talks.

Chinese New Year

Every year **Don Jung** reminds us of the Chinese New Year and distributes Fortune Fish (mine curled up into a tight little ball, so there). February 16 began the Year of the Dog. The Chinese New Year is a 6-10 day family and friends celebration, pretty much an accumulation of a year’s worth of personal landmarks like birthdays.



RI Foundation Giving



District Governor Cozette Vergari graced us with her gubernatorial presence, pitching the importance of gifts to the RI Foundation and honoring the District’s prime example of such giving, our own **Bill Bloomfield**, who made an “extraordinary contribution” (she kept it confidential, but Club members from 10 years ago know—it was the subject of a major article in the RI magazine, after all). Bill reminded us that his mom, a Westwood Village Rotarian, matched his gift a year later, and Bill told us that he was inspired to “stretch myself” by a meeting with an Iraq war veteran who was about to return to the Middle East for a third tour of duty.

RI Director John Matthews



Ingo Werk introduced our speaker, **John Matthews** (who was accompanied by his wife of 49 years, Mary Ellen—my favorite name). This is only the second time in my 35 years in the Club that we have been visited by an RI Director, so it was an extraordinary occasion. John is the Director for Zones 25 and 26, covering the Western United States, part of Canada, and Hawaii. He is based in the Mercer Island Rotary Club, near Seattle. RI has 17 directors, one for every 60-80,000 Rotarians. The



directorships are redistricted every 8 years. Four are currently Americans. The ladder to RI President goes from club president (so **President Mark** has a shot) to District Governor (so Governor Cozette has a shot, as does **Ingo Werk**) to Director to RI President. (The question came up: why no women RI presidents?.....so we thought “President Cozette” has a nice ring to it.)

Rotary International Priorities

Director John Matthews was in the area for our district’s annual PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar—think **Ken Deemer**). He told us he will be attending six international peace conferences this year, including the just-concluded environmental sustainability conference. His priorities include membership, “internationality” (only half of RI directors speak English), and a more youthful RI. The eradication of polio is still a work in progress—we need three years of no new cases to call it done. (There has been just one case this year so far.) When we get to 12 months with no new cases, RI will begin to plan for whatever is next. Where will whatever’s next come from? Well, End Polio Now started in 1978 as a 3-H (Health, Hunger and Humanity, as RI called it then) grant in the Philippines, and it grew from there. Our remarkable district has contributed \$700,000 so far to end polio.



A Model Club

Listening to RI Director John Matthews, several things became clear. RI continues to enjoy extraordinary leadership that accomplishes extraordinary things and is already a truly international organization. At the same time, its life blood continues to be local clubs. And this local club in Manhattan Beach is already showing RI the way as to two of RI’s major priorities for change, with large and growing involvement and leadership from women and young people. Our distinguished guest showed us the good that is being done, and we in turn showed him some of how it could be done even better.

Yours in Rotary, Jim Hallett

Programs

March 5 – Innovation Experts. We'll hear from **Andy Cohen**, CEO of global design firm Gensler, and **Tim McOsker**, CEO of marine science campus AltaSea.

March 12 – Musicians Perform. Winners of our club's MBUSD music awards display their talents.

March 19 – Power of Plants. **T.K. Pillan**, co-founder of Veggie Grill and founder of PowerPlant Ventures Foundation, will teach us about powering plant-based nutrition worldwide.

Save the Date

Tuesdays Thru May 22 – Richstone Mentors Click on Link to Register –

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17EaZcMTwhwhN-p93Mo2ZHnlQCusKUtWPdpn1j9IR3WQ/htmlview>

March 16-18 – Calling all skiers. **James Kennedy** is organizing a family ski trip to Mammoth. Contact him if you are interested.

April 16, Monday – Book Club will discuss “One Second After” by William R. Forstchen. Host, **Kathleen Terry**; moderator, **Ed Kushins**.

April 21, Saturday – Rise Against Hunger, 9:30 -12, Pacific Elementary School. Dave Gendron has emailed a sign-up form. This is one of our club's favorite events and we hope you can all come out and participate.

May 4, Friday - Celebrate Manhattan Beach, our major fundraiser of the year, hosted at the newly remolded Westdrift Hotel, Manhattan Beach.



May 20, Manhattan Beach Tour de Pier - Jordan Holbert has set up a 2 bikes for us. The cost is \$150 to hold your spot on the bike. There are five riders per bike. See **Mark Lipps** email for more details.

**Local Rotary Make-Up Clubs
Rotarians Participate at Weekly Meetings**

Tuesday

- **Hermosa Beach – 12:15 pm**
- **Hawthorne LAX Lennox – 6:30 pm**
- **Palos Verdes Sunset – 7:00 pm**
- **Torrance Del Amo – 12:10 pm**

Wednesday

- **South Bay Sunrise – 7:15 am**
- **Redondo Beach - 12:15 pm**
- **Westchester - 12:15 pm**

Thursday

- **El Segundo - 12:15 pm**
- **Lawndale – 1st Th 7 am 3rd Th Noon**

Friday

- **Palos Verdes - 12:15 pm**

Meals on Wheels Schedule

February 27	Richard Montgomery
March 6	Dennis Morehead
March 13	Gerry Morton
March 20	Steve Murillo
March 27	Lindy Murrell
April 3	Wayne Nelson

Richstone Tutoring (Tuesdays, 4-5 pm)

February 27	Dave Long
March 6	Erin Rothner & Ian Jackson
March 13	Dave Boochever & Jason Wallace
March 20	Rick Farrell & Mark Burton
March 27	Jim McFarland
April 10	Ken Deemer

Birthdays

March 1	Steve Murillo
March 7	Dave Peters
March 11	Deb Robertson
March 13	Tom Jeffry
March 13	Mike Matthews
March 15	Ed Kushins

Anniversaries

February 27	Don & Pamela Redman
March 1	Lisa Hemmat-Lupercio & Levi Lupercio
March 14	Jason Wallace & Terrill Burnett
April 21	Steve & Trish Delk

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