

This Week

Sandy Rosco,
Executive Director,
San Gabriel
Chamber of
Commerce
Program Host:
Tom McCurry

Sandy Rosco has been the Executive Director of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce for the past 8 years. Under her leadership, the San Gabriel Chamber has grown significantly in membership during this period.

Rosco is a former school teacher, and has used these skills very effectively in her role as Executive Director. She was honored earlier this year as one of the most influential women in California.

She has an amazing memory for the names of her Chamber members and the names of their businesses. She will give us an update on her organization and why the San Gabriel Chamber is considered to be the most *happening* Chamber of Commerce in the San Gabriel Valley. ○



Sharetime

Taken from Family Talk by Jim Moise, October 1990

Sharetime is an appointment a family makes with itself — a time regularly set aside to sit down together and share thoughts, hopes, problems, ideas for family activities, and respect for each other. In a word, to share lives. Sharetime can help your family grow, solve difficulties, teach important values, grow closer, and enjoy each other more.

Sharetime works because every family, whatever its background, is subject to the same *social gravity* — the stresses and the joys, the tears and the laughter, the need for understanding and the need for love. This means that things like income, educational level, race, religion, vocation, ethnic origin, and the like are irrelevant.

My family sits down every evening we can be together, at first my wife and I would ask our kids how their day was just

to listen to what they had experienced at school that day.

Well, low and behold, just last night my six year-old was the first to ask, "Daddy, how was your day?" I have to tell you it felt so good to know that we started something that has become a habit for them and that now they are also interested in what we have done in our lives that day and will, we hope, pass that tradition on to their children someday. ○

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Human Rights and Organ Harvesting in China



Dr. Wen Chen arrived from China at Cal Tech as graduate student in 1995. As she began discussions with students about events in the world she was shocked when she found out her government had lied about what

happened in Tiananmen Square in 1989. This began a strong desire to advocate for human rights in her country. One of the issues Chen discussed is that of forced organ harvesting in China.

According to Chen, the Chinese government persecutes Christians, Tibetans, and Falun Gong practitioners. Millions of these people have been arrested and taken to labor camps where they are subject to forced organ harvesting.

China does 60 to 100 thousand organ transplants a year even though their official organ donors are only a fraction of this number. Chen believes that the difference is being made up involuntarily from these prisoners of conscience. Hospital witnesses have acknowledged that Falun Gong practitioners have had organs harvested without their consent.

In June of this year, the US House of Representatives passed a resolution condemning forced harvesting of organs in China (H.R. 343). Six states now warn citizens not to support organ transplants in China or to train doctors.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) attempts to influence opinion in and out



of China. People in China can only read what the government allows. Internet companies are filtered through a state sanctioned firewall. Outside of the country writers sponsored by the CCP promote the party and attack democracy. Scholars who support human rights are not granted visas. In 50 universities in the US, the CCP has organized *Confucius Institutes* that

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August Membership/New Club Development

Program Chair, Tom McCurry
 August 04 - Sandy Rosco, Executive Director, San Gabriel Chamber
 August 11 - To be Announced
 August 18 - To be Announced
 August 25 - To be Announced

Congratulations



Birthdays



08/08 - Joseph McMullin
 08/10 - Don Applegate
 08/21 - George Buehler
 08/23 - Hal Yorke
 08-27 - Elaine Klock



Anniversaries



08/23 - Gary & Dotty Clark

Engaging All Members



The first object of Rotary is to *develop acquaintance as an opportunity for service*. One of the time honored ways of developing acquaintance is to share a meal and spend time together. This is why all around the world Rotarians come together weekly – to fellowship and break bread.

For many years Rotary had an attendance requirement. This would encourage members to plan their schedules so that

(most weeks) they could meet with their club. As members grew in friendship – their opportunities for service would also grow.

Rotary no longer requires attendance. This means that clubs need to get creative at helping their members who are unable to attend meeting still feel part of the club. We do this through distribution of our club newsletter which talks about our projects, speakers, etc. We hold fellowship events like our recent meet and greet at the Altadena Ale & Wine House on July 29.

As our Membership Committee meets this August I would like to think through ways we can do an even better job connecting members who cannot attend weekly to find an expression of service through our club. I would like to find out the needs they see in our community and see if we can help them organize a project. I would like to better understand why they joined Rotary and see if we can help their experience fulfill their expectation.

Your creative ideas in this regard are welcome. ○

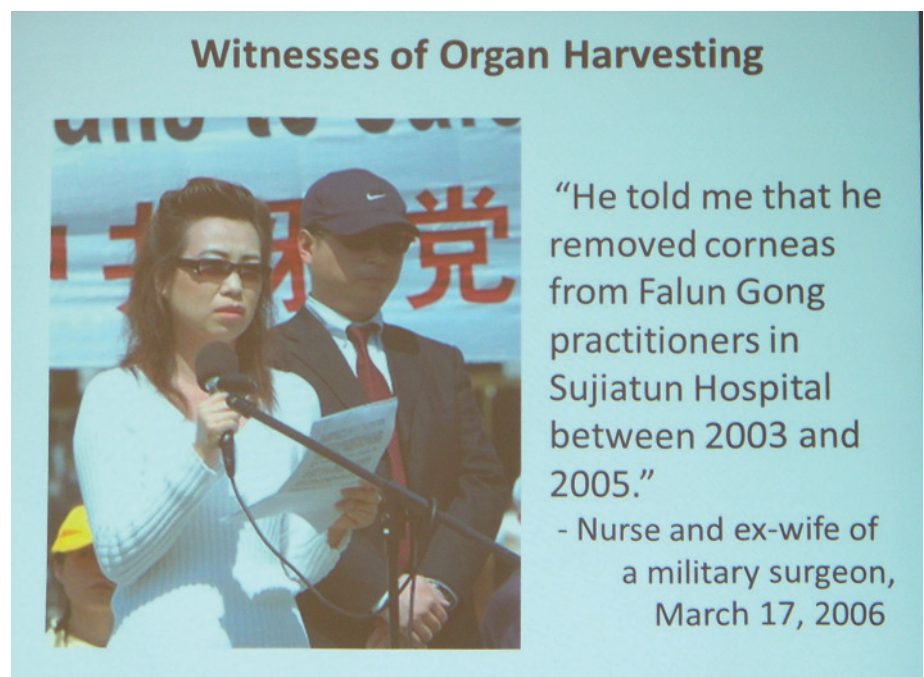
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teach CCP views — that the United States started the Korean War because they wanted to take over North Korea and invade China, for example.

In spite of the CCP's very effective use of propaganda and violence, things have begun to change. Falun Gong protestors went underground and began using private flyers to help people understand what was going on. Computer scientists wrote and distributed software to help people get around the state sanctioned firewall. Thousands of human rights lawyers have begun to emulate the work of Gao Zhisheng. Over 220,000 law suits have been filed against the retired politician Jiang Zemin. Millions have been helped by to quit the CCP. ○

Craig Cox ○



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Organ Transplant in China: Alarmingly Short Wait Time

Waiting time For kidney and liver transplant:

US: 2 ~ 3 years
China: 1 ~ 4 weeks without effective donation system

Tianjin First Central Hospital
Orient Organ Transplant
Center:
"Average wait time for a liver
transplant is 2 weeks."

Books

Updated Report June 2016:
60,000 – 100,000 transplants
annually in China
~90% from Falun Gong, ~10%
from Christians, Tibetans and
Ughurs

Based on data analysis from
Chinese medical journal
publications

2015 Peabody Award Winning Documentary

Infiltration to the U.S. Media

- Most of Chinese language media in the U.S. are controlled or influenced by the CCP
- People's Daily from China carried by the Washington Post
- CCTV from China can broadcast in the U.S., while all U.S. media are blocked in China
- "Five Dime Party" sponsored by Beijing promote Communist Party ideology and attack democracy on internet.

Distorted History

A screenshot from the removed video showing the Confucius Institute Online's depiction of the Korean War. Veterans and scholars described the narratives presented in the videos as propagandistic and historically inaccurate.

Shadow on American Academia

- American scholars and journalists who support human rights in China barred from entering China – Perry Link, 2013
- Chinese historian Song Yongyi at Dickinson College – detained for 172 days in 1999 for collecting documents about the cultural revolution
- Red carpet treatments to pro-CCP scholars and naive researchers.
- Chinese Student and Scholar Associations – receive financial support from the Chinese consulate – organize pro-CCP events or block human rights protests
- Subtle but pervasive self-censorship induced by blacklists.

International Response

- **Israel** 2008 – Organ transplant surgery in China not covered by insurance
- **Spain** 2009 – Get organ transplant in China breaks criminal law
- **Taiwan** 2012 & 2015 – Organ tourism broker sentenced to 1-5 years in prison – Patients need detailed doctor & donor info for aftercare in Taiwan
- **Council of Europe** 2015 – Anti organ trafficking treaty signed by 14 countries
- **Australia** 2006 & 2013 – Stop training Chinese surgeons on organ transplant (2006) – Senate resolution (2013)
- **European Parliament** 2013 – Unanimous resolution condemning forced organ harvesting in China
- **United States** (June 26, 2016) – H.Res.343 condemning forced organ harvesting in China

Confucius Institute

- Operated by the Chinese government in 50 universities in the U.S. (including UCLA).
- Does not teach Confucianism. Blocks topics about Tibet, Taiwan and Tiananmen Massacre.
- Teachers not allowed to practice Falun Gong.
- Organizes pro-CCP events and blocks guest speakers who criticize human rights in China.



All concerts are FREE and start at 7:00 PM in the Amphitheater at Farnsworth Park.

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20th Annual Summer Concert Series Schedule - 2016

The Walking Phoenixes (Tribute to Johnny Cash)	Saturday, July 9th
Hollywood Hillbillies (Play Willie Nelson/Merle Haggard)	Saturday, July 16th
DBX (Tribute to Big Band Female vocalists)	Saturday, July 23rd
Heartbeat City (Tribute to the Cars)	Saturday, July 30th
Hot August Night (Tribute to Neil Diamond)	Saturday, August 6th
Upstream (Tribute to Bob Marley and more)	Saturday, August 13th
Nowhere Men (Tribute to the Beatles)	Saturday, August 20th
The Tuners (Tribute to Credence Clearwater Revival)	Saturday August 27th

And... For Our Grand Finale... Saturday, Sept. 10th

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