

This Week

Dan Stover Music Contest Club Level Competition Guest Program Host: Sarah O'Brien

This week we are hosting the first round of the 2019 Dan Stover Music Contest for high school instrumentalists. The winner will have the chance to compete against other Club winners in future rounds at regional and district levels for a Grand Prize of \$5000 to support his/her continuing musical studies.

This year we have six contestants performing on flute, violin, piano, viola and classical guitar. We will start the contest promptly at 12.30, so members should plan to be ready to start the buffet lunch at 12.05. Please allow the contestants to eat first. Today we will be meeting upstairs. Welcome music will be performed on piano by Gregory Walczak from the Pasadena Conservatory of Music.

Our young performers will be judged by a team of three judges:

Olivia Tsui - an award-winning violinist/conductor with LA Opera and Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and Music Director of both Los Angeles Virtuosi Association and Silicon Beach Philhar-

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Erin go Bragh!

As an O'Brien, I'm always a little embarrassed to admit I've yet to visit Ireland! St Patrick's Day was not a huge celebration growing up in England, (and the weather didn't endear it as a holiday destination), so it's always interesting to be part of festivities here in the US where – after all – there are more Irish living than in Ireland! This year I enjoyed playing concerts that explored the history of *fiddling* from Appalachian Traditions to rags to Irish marches and dances, including the ever-popular *Brian Boru's March*, *Rights of Man* and *Danny Boy*. There was some toe-tapping, and those melodies will be in my head for a while!

Events in honour of the patron saint of Ireland took place across the globe this weekend. Recognised annually since the 1700s, the people of Ireland celebrate their heritage and culture on St Patrick's Day, with the day growing as a commercial occasion rather than a religious event in recent years.

I discovered some interesting facts:

1. St. Patrick wasn't Irish
2. He was born in Great Britain, and his real name was Maewyn Succat NOT Patrick
3. St. Patrick's color is blue, and that green hat on your head and on other body parts are our own green-eyed monster inventions; they were probably created for fun
4. St. Patrick's Day – as we know it – was

invented in the United States of America.

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by Sarah O'Brien, President



5. The St. Patrick's Day parade was actually first held in New York in 1762, and the Irish in Ireland joined in many years later.
6. March 17 is the day St. Patrick died. Curious since Saints are usually honored on their birthdays.
7. St. Patrick's Day used to be a teetotaler aka alcohol dry holiday in Ireland because the Catholic Church wanted it to be so.
8. Corned beef and cabbage isn't a traditional Irish dish.
9. Ireland has about 4.2 million people and counting. In contrast, we have about 34 million people of Irish descent living in America.

The first annual St Patrick's Day Parade took place in 1762 in New York when the population was only around 200,000. This year around that number participated!

Sean Lane, the Parade Board Chair said: "We stay out of the politics of it, but the Irish, obviously, and the parade [are] an enormous example of successful immi-

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Greeter of the Week

March 21

Sue Applegate

March 28

David Campbell

April 04

Theo Clarke

Program Review

She Learned from Her Struggles and We Learned what They Taught Her



Sylvia Vega gave her Craft Talk last week. She is a three-term Al-

taдена Town Council member and new Rotarian. She joined the Keller Williams real estate team in 2010. She has a passion for working with seniors and is a senior real estate specialist. Her sponsor was Dorothy Brooks and Vega has already jumped right in to assist with our Foundation Committee.

A very interesting aspect of her Craft Talk was that she chose to tell us about her struggles as well as her achievements. Additionally, she related to us the life lessons that her struggles taught her. Hers was a very upbeat Craft Talk that helped us to have a view that we can use struggles to better ourselves and our community.

Sylvia Vega is very active in the community. As a member Altadena Town Council, she is also part of the Land Use Committee. She is extremely involved in the community and has volunteered her time and energy to raise money for disadvantaged children in Altadena.

Real Estate is the latest venture for Vega.



She was President of ROI Designs, a graphic design company. Some of her clients included, Huntington Hospital, Providence Tarzana Medical Center, Isuzu Motors and KIA Motors. She lives in Altadena, and her daughter Alyssa is earning her master's degree in social work at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. **Tom McCurry** ○

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March

Water & Sanitation

Program Chair: Tom McCurry

March 07 - 4-Way Speech Contest

March 14 - Sylvia Vega, Craft Talk

March 21 - Dan Stover Music Contest

March 28 - Hoppy Price, JPL, Plans for the Mars Sample Return Mission

April

Mom & Child Health

Congratulations



Birthdays



08 - Jeri Cunningham

14 - Steve Cunningham

15 - Trish Robinson

15 - David P. Smith



Anniversaries



01 - Tom & Etta McCurry

13 - Steve & Sunny Wu Kerekes

30 - Dennis & Noriko Suzuki Mehringer

Spring Project >> IDENTIFIED <<



It was suggested to me by our insightful President, Sarah O'Brien, that a suitable spring project might be the refurbishment or replacement of our Rotary signs in our community. I agreed, and set out to do a little fact finding such as:

- Sign locations,
- Number of signs needed,
- Costs,
- Logistic issues, etc.

To date I have identified and photographed the following existing sign locations

1. Mendocino St. & Holliston Av. – ATCC entrance



Sign at Mendocino St. and Holliston Av. – ATCC Entrance

2. Altadena Dr. – westbound just before New York Dr.
3. Washington Bl. – westbound just before Allen Ave (Stater Bros) * This is a shared sign post with Kiwanis, and I have spoken to them, and they are receptive to upgrading their sign.
4. Lake Av. northbound at St Elizabeth School – east side of the street
5. Fair Oaks Av. northbound between Mt. View and Ventura
6. Woodbury Rd. – south side between Lincoln Av. and Windsor Av. – This location was given to me by a reliable Rotarian, but David Smith and yours truly have been unable to locate it.

If anybody is aware of any additional location(s) please let me know so I can include them in the project analysis.

Generally, the signs including the posts are in poor condition and don't reflect well upon Rotary and Our club.

I ran some preliminary numbers and believe we can complete this project within the \$1500 budget allocation, assuming I am successful in recruiting some able-bodied Rotarians for the physical work when the time comes.

The wild card for this project is the posts; ideally, they should be replaced. I believe they all reside within street

easements and therefore fall under the careful watch of Los Angeles County.

I hope to conclude my fact finding soon including the cost estimate for all material and a narrative for the physical work required for the actual replacement.

Stay tuned



Washington Bl. – westbound just before Allen Ave. (Stater Bros)



Fair Oaks Av. northbound between Mt. View and Ventura



Rene Amy Sacrifices Curls to Great Cause, Becomes St Baldrick's Scary Guy

As I mentioned during announcements at last week's meeting, ALL members are invited to attend the Rotary District 5300 District Assembly which will be held on Friday, May 02 from 8am to 2pm. in Anaheim. The District Assembly gives rotarians an opportunity to attend workshops on various topics relating to members at the club level and the district level. In fact, for a Rotary Club to receive any District Matching Grant funds, there is a requirement that at least one person per club attend an annual Grant Funds training in order to apply. President Sarah and I encourage any and all of you to attend. And, the club will reimburse your parking, and you will get a free lunch. However, you must be pre-registered. We also want to see our members carpool to Anaheim.



Before and After ... Note the difference in the Eyes and the

During the Happy Bucks part of the meeting two weeks ago (on March 7), Rotarian Rene Amy was the highest bidder for the Fine Proof badge for the month of March. At the meeting last week, while wearing the Fine Proof badge, he STILL contribut-



Look of Confidence

ed more money to the container while sharing with club members in attendance that later that

day, he was headed to Arcadia to participate in the Annual St. Baldrick's Event where people have their heads shaved and they raise funds for pediatric cancer research grants. As you can tell by his before and after pictures, he shaved for a good cause. If there are any club members interested in contributing to this cause during the month

of March, please note the following: Tax-deductible donations can be made through www.stbaldricks.org, or by calling (888)899-2253, or by mail to St. Baldrick's Foundation, 1333, South Mayflower Ave., Suite 400, Monrovia, CA 91016.

If you wish, you can reference Rene Amy by name or by participant #1024320.

St. Baldrick's has distributed in excess of \$253 million in pediatric-cancer-research grants since the Foundation was established in 2005. ○

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monic & Chorale. Tsui is the only woman music director of the Emmy-winning Glendale Symphony Orchestra in its 86-year history.

Delia Park Camp - a professional violinist who has toured the world with Yanni, recorded countless recording sessions and appeared in films and on TV. Camp recently followed another passion and returned to college to study nursing through a scholarship from Whittier Rotary Club. She went on to found the Del Mar Birth Centre, which has now helped deliver over 700 babies.

Nick Santangelo - a multi-talented member of the Altadena Rotary Club and an accomplished touring and recording artist. Santangelo learned to play his father's Hammond M3 organ at the age of 8 and has played with numerous Southern California bands and musicians. In addition to session and side work, and playing local jams on a regular basis, Santangelo also records and edits sound at his own LA-area studio, *Santangeles Sound*.

A Brief History of the

Dan Stover

Memorial Music Contest

In the year following Dan Stover's death, the Alhambra Rotary Club established a Music Scholarship Program in his name. The program was proposed, organized and championed by a new Rotarian, Christine Montan, who was Alhambra's first woman Rotarian. Montan recognized and appreciated the contribution that Dan Stover had made as a Rotarian, musician and person. From these beginnings, the Dan Stover Memorial Music Scholarship program *graduated* into a District program. ○

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gration,” . He then referenced a line from Ronald Reagan’s final speech as president, “... that anybody can come to America and become an American.’ And we’re firm believers of that, and I don’t care about the politics, that’s just the facts.”



So, in a hopeful spirit of peace, compassion and understanding for those who travel and arrive on our shores, may the following lines brighten the week – and may the Luck ‘o the Irish be with you always!!

Luck is believing you’re lucky. *Tennessee Williams*

Never iron a four-leaf clover because you don’t want to press your luck. *Unknown*

Love is never defeated, and I could add, the history of Ireland proves it. *Pope John Paul II*

There is no language like the Irish for soothing and quieting. *John Millington Synge*

I was raised in a very old-fashioned Ireland where women were reared to be lovely. *Anne Enright*

A good friend is like a four-leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have. *William Butler Yeats*

You’ve got to think lucky. If you fall into a mudhole, check your back pocket – you might have caught a fish. *Darrell Royal*

Being Irish, he had an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustained him through temporary periods of joy. *Irish Proverb*



Erin go Braugh

... sometimes Erin go Braugh, is the anglicization of an Irish language phrase, *Éirinn go Brách*, and is used to express allegiance to Ireland. It is most often translated as *Ireland Forever*.

Wikipedia





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Second Saturdays



October 13*

Upstream
Reggae, Soca, Caribbean

November 10

Past Action Heroes
80s & 90s Covers

January 12

Pasadena Playboys
Country

February 9

JazzZone
Smooth Jazz, R&B

March 9

**The Allan Wasserman
Jazz Ensemble**
Jazz

April 13

Sangre Nueva
Salsa

May 11

The Leapin' Lizards
Rockabilly, Blues, Swing

June 8

Harbor Groove
Latin Rock

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