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## The Object of Rotary

### THE FOUR WAY TEST: OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, AND DO

1. *Is it the TRUTH?*
2. *Is it FAIR to all Concerned?*
3. *Will it build GOOD WILL and better Friendships?*
4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all Concerned?*

## The Paso Oak Leaf

Rotary Club of Paso Robles, California

94 years of service to the Community

Charter granted January 15, 1924

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## Dr. Wen Chen

### Human Rights Activist

Dr. Wen Chen became a human rights activist after she realized she had been “brainwashed” during her youth in China. According to Dr. Chen, it took five years to “awake” from brainwashing after she came to the U.S. to study at Cal Tech. She now spends much of her spare time doing community service by talking about her experiences and exposing what she believes is a common and growing form of human trafficking, organ harvesting.



Dr. Chen was born and raised in China. She attended the University of Science & Technology in Hefei, the capital of Anhui Province, from 1990 to 1994. After graduating with her degree in biology, she moved to Pasadena to attend graduate school at Cal Tech. After receiving her PhD in Genetics & Behavior Biology, she became the curator and bioinformatician for WormBase, the official database for nematode genome and biological studies. She is a member of Amnesty International.

Much of Dr. Chen’s presentation was centered on the practice of organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners. Falun Gong is a Chinese qigong discipline involving meditation and a moral philosophy rooted in Buddhist tradition. The practice became popular in the 1990s in China, and by 1998, Chinese government sources estimated there were as many as 70 million followers. Perceiving that Falun Gong was a potential threat to the Party’s authority and ideology, Communist Party leadership initiated a nationwide campaign in 1999 to eradicate the group. Over a half a million Falun Gong members were arrested and imprisoned. While the Chinese Government denies that it oversees the harvesting of organs from Falun Gong prisoners, Dr. Chen compared the practice of organ transplants in the U.S. where recipients typically wait 2-3 years for an organ to become available whereas it is only 1-4 weeks in China. Dr. Chen noted that much of this practice was documented in a film entitled “Human Harvest” that won a Peabody Award in 2015.

## Coming Programs

**Today:** Steve Martin, Mayor of Paso Robles, *State of the City*  
**Jan 25:** Chris Williams, Superintendent, Paso Robles School District, School Bond Measure M Facilities Master Plan  
**Feb 1:** Steve Cass, 2018 Paso Pops 4th of July Celebration  
**Feb 8:** TBD  
**Feb 15:** TBD

## News You Can Use

- **Rotary Club Anniversary** - Our club celebrated it's 94th anniversary on January 15. Congratulations to all!
- **Rotary Ski Trip** - Dannie Tope announced that this year's ski trip to Mammoth Mountain will be Feb 28 through March 4. Members are welcome to spend as many days as they have available. Please contact Dannie to sign up or for further details.
- **Honor Flight Giving** - Greg McGill will be participating in a 22 mile "march" to raise funds and awareness of the virtues of Honor Flight. We will provide details for potential sponsors as they become available. In the meantime, those wishing to donate, may do so on-line at [www.honorflightccc.org/donate.html](http://www.honorflightccc.org/donate.html). The cost to take each veteran on their trip is \$1500. Each trip costs approximately \$33,000 and they will take as many trips a year as donations allow.
- **Ventura Fire Relief** - While the fires are now contained, the subsequent mudslides have been devastating. The Ventura Rotary Club continues to seek donations for the Thomas Fire Fund. The fund will help support the local agencies that will be assisting families and individuals to rebuild and address specific, immediate needs that may not be addressed by insurance claims or other relief efforts. Please consider making a donation at: <https://www.gofundme.com/ventura-rotary-thomas-fire-fund>.
- **Wine Country Theatre** - The "Kings of Cool" are back for a special Valentine's Day weekend with performances Friday, Feb 8 and Saturday, Feb 9. This special dinner show is a tribute to many of the greats of Vegas such as Nat King Cole, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra. Dinner is at 6 PM and the show at 7:30 PM. Get tickets at [WineCountryTheatre.com](http://WineCountryTheatre.com) or (800) 838-3006.

## Birthdays in the Next 30 Days

Jean St. Martin	Jan 20	Ann Hansen	Feb 7
Dale Gustin	Jan 26	Tom Taylor	Feb 9
Todd Corgill	Jan 30	Dannie Tope	Feb 12
Karen (Marty) Self	Jan 30	Darrell Eide	Feb 13
Brett Van Steenwyck (Debbie)	Feb 3	Deb (Scott) Greaves	Feb 14
Chris Bausch	Feb 5	Stephen (Linda) Janzen	Feb 16

## Anniversaries This Week

*No Anniversaries This Week*

### Board Approves New Member - Lee Wilson

Lee was nominated by Randy Kohn. Lee is a 10-year resident of Paso Robles. He is a retired President of BorgWarner Turbine, and spent most of his career with aerospace and automotive companies. He volunteered with Habitat For Humanity for several years and is a former board member of the San Luis Obispo organization. Welcome Lee!

### Humor Corner - Quiz For Mental Acuity

Here's a chance to prove you haven't lost your mental edge. Just answer these 5 simple questions quickly.

1. You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in now?
2. If you overtake the last person, then you are...?
3. Mary's father has five daughters: Nana, Nene, Nini, & Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?
4. Tricky math question - no calculators! Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total?
5. There is a mute person who wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing one's teeth he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done. Now if there is a blind man who wishes to buy a pair of sunglasses. How should he express himself? **(Answers on Page 2 at bottom)**

**Quiz Answers:** 1. If you answered first, you are wrong. You are in second! 2. Not second to last - how can you overtake the last person? 3. Not Nunu. Re-read the question, her name is Mary! 4. Not 5000. Just 4100. 5. The blind person should just speak up - easy!