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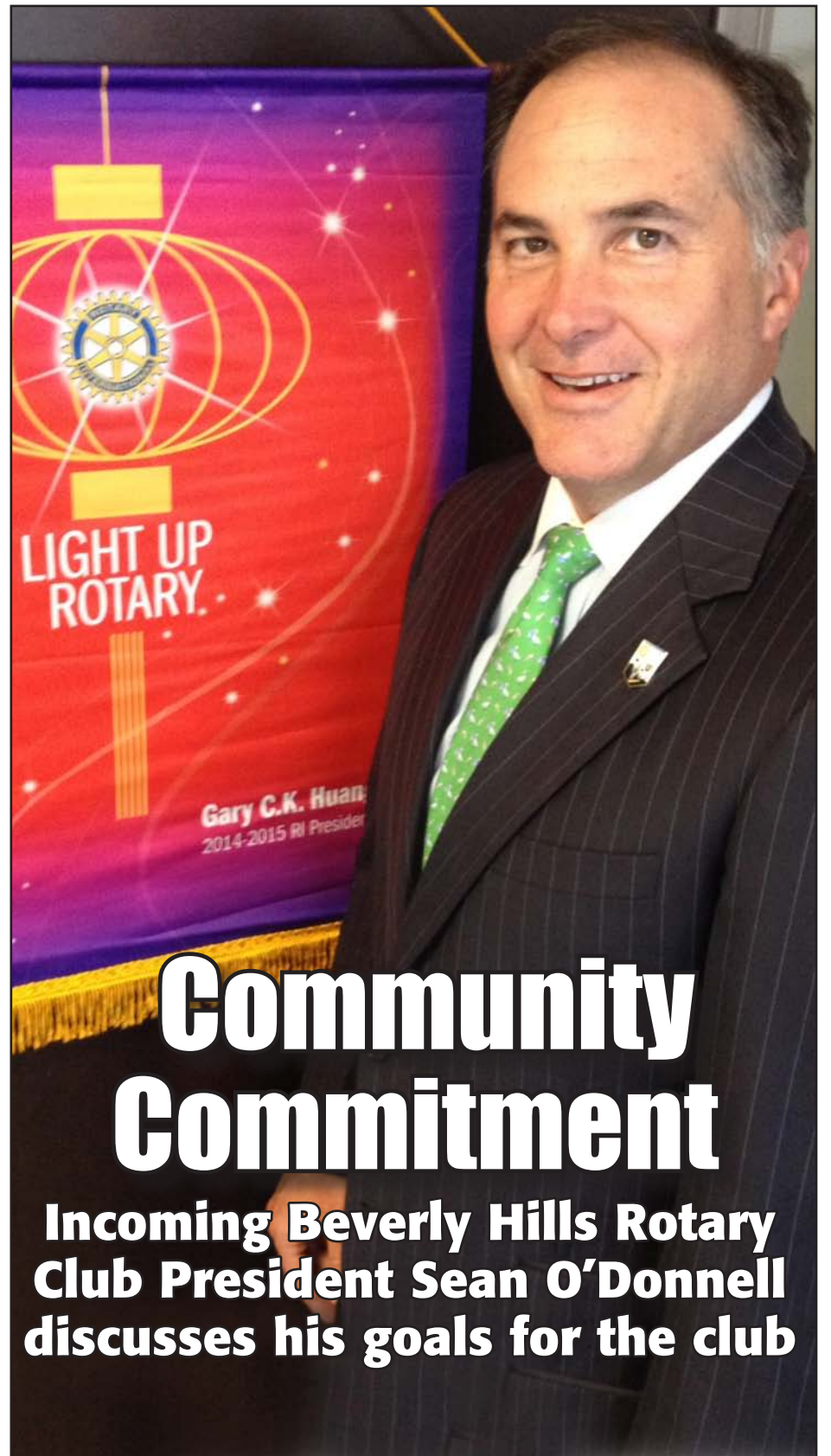
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## BOSSE HEADS TO DALLAS

### Mayor Lili Bosse discusses last weekend's 82nd U.S. Conference of Mayors

By Nancy Yeang

Mayor Lili Bosse attended the 82nd U.S. Conference of Mayors' on June 20 and 21 in Dallas, Texas.



New mayors who attended the 82nd U.S. Conference of Mayors on June 20

"[Education] was a big focus of the conference this year," Bosse said. "If you don't have a strong school district and a strong school system, [then] you don't have a strong city."

Bosse mentioned that Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, who is also the Conference of Mayors President, spoke on mayors maintaining their roles in "Cities 3.0." Johnson said that mayors must "look for the best solutions regardless of where they come from," especially in an era of high-paced innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology.

"Being open-source leaders means we're proactive, pragmatic and problem solvers," Johnson said at the meeting. "We're not going to sit on our hands waiting for the feds or someone else to solve our problems. We roll up our sleeves and we get things done. We don't care about ideology or tradition, only about what's going to work best for our constituents."

Bosse said that Beverly Hills has been able to maintain its charm, character, and quality through the changing times.

"It's about maintaining the balance of wanting to be current and be forward thinking, but not lose our iden-

tity and not lose who we are," Bosse said.

Another challenge Bosse mentioned is how cities try to balance business growth with resident life.

"We all shared the same balance of trying to encourage new businesses to come into our community, but also making sure that we can balance the quality of life for the residents [who] are near these businesses, [and] how to balance growth with not changing the quality of life," Bosse said.

Bosse attended a Technology and Innovation Task Force meeting that was chaired by San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee, where they discussed the fast-paced industry and the topic of drones came up.

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**– Mayor Lili Bosse**

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having a moratorium in our city for privacy reasons," Bosse said.

Bosse was given suggestions to allow the police and fire departments to still use drones in cases of an emergency or disaster where drones could be useful to reach difficult to access areas.



Napa Mayor Jill Techel, Beverly Hills Mayor Lili Bosse, and Manhattan Beach Mayor Amy Howorth

Another topic that was brought up was homelessness, during the Women's Mayors meeting on Friday, and what communities can do to help homelessness in their community.

"There were 45 women that were signed up and there were about a little bit more than 250 mayors at the conference," Bosse said. "With [Human Services Administrator] Jim Latta and the Human Relations

Commission, we do address homelessness in our community."

The Women's Mayors meeting was started in 1983 by U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, who wanted women mayors to meet and talk about issues being a women and being a mayor.



Waste Management Senior Vice President Barry Caldwell and Mayor Lili Bosse

The City of Beverly Hills also received the Outstanding Achievement City Livability Award on Saturday. The national award was given to 20 cities with a population fewer than 100,000, and honors city governments for developing programs that enhance the quality of life in their community. The U.S. Conference of Mayors selected Beverly Hills' Embrace Civility program, developed by the Human Relations Commission.

"Beverly Hills won it, but it was really given to [the Human Relations Commission]," Bosse said. "It really represents that we are a community that has a lot of heart, that has a tremendous amount of integrity, and cares about how we treat each other. The fact that we were recognized for this award helps everybody beyond Beverly Hills know that we're a very welcoming city and that we really value how people treat each other. I think it was a really proud moment for our city and for all the cities to see this side of Beverly Hills. We have to thank the Human Relations Commission for leading our community with this."

Though Bosse left the conference early in order to get back in time for her duties on Monday, including the Walk with the Mayor. She said that a few mayors will start a similar program in their cities.

"They were looking for a way to be accessible to their constituents [in] a community bonding way," Bosse said. "When I shared with them about our walk with the mayor, quite a few of them were excited about bringing it to their communities because they felt that would let the residents and business owners know that [the mayors] are also approachable."

Despite Beverly Hills being one of the smaller communities, compared to the rest of the nation, Bosse said that no matter what size the city, they are alike in many ways.

"We all share a lot of the same concerns, we all are very passionate about our community, and [we all] have a tremendous amount of pride in our community," Bosse said. "All of the mayors I met have that same feeling of community pride."