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APRIL 18 MEETING RECAP Business Plan Presentations

Veteran Titan Business & Finance instructor Courtney Rushing brought her four leading business plan students to present their businesses as part of the annual competition arranged by Isaac Hung. “AI Can Cook” by Jamie Bercaw and Blake Rousset won first place. Second place went to Howard Chen with his business named “Out of Pocket.” Third place went to Kayla Giddings for her company “Safety Spark.” For those who don’t know, Kayla is the San Gabriel Valley female athlete of the year.

Courtney Rushing teaches three finance and business courses at the high school:

- Intro to Business, where students work together on a business simulation.
- Intermediate Business, where they work alone or with a partner to create a business and a business plan.
- Financial Literacy, where students learn to navigate the financial issues they will face in the adult world.



APRIL 25 MEETING: Ron White, author, On Great Fields, The Life and Unlikely Heroism of Joshua Chamberlain

American historian and local author Ronald C. White will lecture on his recent book, “On Great Fields: Joshua Chamberlain: The life and Unlikely Heroism of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain.” White’s book recounts Chamberlain’s revered heroism in the Battle of Gettysburg as he led his regiment to victory at Little Round Top. While this is Chamberlain’s renowned achievement, White’s book explores Chamberlain beyond his role in the Civil War, including his formative years as an innovative professor at Bowdoin University. Thanks to Bill Payne for bringing us this program.

BARTH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

\$1500 scholarships were awarded to Melody Chen, Anjali Rao, and Kya Lao (all from San Marino HS) and Gary Dashdorj from Southwestern. Thanks to Caroline Yu, Claudia Attallah, Denise Wadsworth, Debbie Priester and Chris Norgard who worked on the scholarship committee.



SUPPORT THE ROTARY ART CONTEST AT CROWELL LIBRARY

April 25

Come support the Rotary Student Art Contest at Crowell Library from 4:00 to 5:30 pm on Thursday April 25. This is our largest student competition based on the number of participants. In addition to providing prize money for the contest winners, our club is also paying for refreshments for students and their parents. Your presence adds to the recognition impact for these hard-working artists who usually toil alone and do not get the recognition of athletes and musicians. Denise Wadsworth oversees the art contest.

AUCTION COMING UP APRIL 25

Bring your checkbook to the April 25th meeting in hopes of securing a bargain price for an elegant oil painting titled "Tu Eres Lo Mejor Del Puerto, 2001" by renowned artist Teodoro Nieto Anton. This painting will add elegance to any home and bring memories of your Spanish vacations.



GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLAR UPDATE

Our club's Global Grant Scholar candidate, Mr. Ethan Wang, was approved to receive the scholarship award in the amount of \$33,400. Mr. Wang, a SMHS and Johns Hopkins graduate, intends to pursue an MSc in Population Health from University College London under the supervision of the Rotary Club of Kingsbury & Kenton. The qualifications of this candidate were so extensive that none of us are surprised that he was approved. Nevertheless, it is never a sure thing, and the process takes many months. Very few clubs can manage this process. Our club can do it because we have Bill Payne who believes in the program and is willing to put in the time to find, vet, and coach a candidate to the finish line. About 8 members of our club interviewed Mr. Wang and they were all unanimously impressed with him. This scholarship will be money well spent by Rotary.

District Training Assembly & Foundation Gala

Come for a full day of learning, fellowship, and entertainment on Saturday, May 18th at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel & Conference Center, Pomona, CA. The training starts at 10:00 am, with lunch from 12:15 to 1:25, which will feature the 4-Way Speech contest winner.

In the evening, there is a Foundation Gala to honor Rotary Foundation Donors. The reception starts at 5:45. The dinner will also feature the winner of the Dan Stover Music Contest. Register on the district5300.org website. Come meet other Rotarians and come support our future district governors, Mike Driebe and Gilda Moshir, who will be in the spotlight.

Upcoming Schedule (Invite a friend)

May 2 Valeria Shpak, Eyewitness Reports from Ukraine

May 9 Michelle Cox, Community Grants recipient presentations and Tony Chou, Boy's Volleyball at SMHS.

May 16 Genevieve Osmena, Sr. Civil Engineer, LA Public Works Dept., The LA River Master Plan

May 23 Thursdays About Town, Bice Backyard, RSVP required.

May 30 DARK, Memorial Day

June 6 Ryan Clinton, USMA Class of 2005, Captain, Ret., 20th annual Salute to the Service Academy Appointees.
