

### San Marino Rotoscope May 2, 2024



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#### **ROTSCOPE**

Written by Paul Brassard

#### **APRIL 25 MEETING RECAP Ron White, author, "On Great Fields, The Life and Unlikely Heroism of Joshua Chamberlain"**

We welcomed Dr. Ronald White, a university professor, and two-time New York Times-bestselling author of Civil War-related history books. He provided highlights from his latest book about one of the heroes of the Battle of Gettysburg. Dr. White's book examines the man's early life, recounting those formative experiences and faith development that carried him through the battle and on to become president of Bowdoin University. Our thanks to Bill Payne for arranging this fascinating program.



#### **MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> PROGRAM Valeria Shpak, Eyewitness Reports from Ukraine**

What's really going on in Ukraine? You can find out this Thursday when Ukraine native Valeria Shpak shares her perspective gained from daily contact via cellphone and zoom with friends and relatives in that war torn country. Valeria has been to our club before and lives in the Kneier's guest house in San Marino. Come hear her riveting story.

#### **ROTARY ART CONTEST AT CROWELL LIBRARY WAS A MASTERPIECE**

The annual Rotary Student Art Contest at Crowell Library was a tremendous success thanks to the hard work (and philanthropy) of Denise Wadsworth and her husband Richie. Approximately 100 pcs of art from the four San Marino public schools and Southwest Academy were reviewed and \$2400 in prize money awarded. The Barth Community Room was packed out with guests viewing the artwork and award presentations. Next year, we will need to move to a larger space in the adjacent community center. Special thanks to those Rotarians who volunteered to help, including Stephanie Johnson who served the cake and refreshments.



#### **THE AUCTION WAS A SUCCESS**

Qing Duncan was able to purchase a masterpiece--the oil painting "Eres Lo Mejor Del Puerto, 2001" by renowned Spanish artist Teodoro Nieto Anton--for \$1800, which is a price "fair to all concerned." Thanks to

Qing's generosity, and the competitive bidding of Michel Roy, we did not have to sell this painting to Dennis at his bargain target price of \$800. Proceeds will go to fund our international projects in Mexico.

### **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

The long-standing tradition of this club to honor outstanding students of the month from the high school is now back on track. At last week's meeting we honored:

--Aayan Khan, who is Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, is on the Senior Class Cabinet and a member of the award-winning robotics team. He will attend UC San Diego.

--Samual Trisnadi, who is the engineering V.P. of the robotics team, as well as the team medic and videographer.



### **A FESTIVE DINNER OF INDIA AWAITS YOU**

The club is dark at noon on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> so we can gather in the early evening at the spacious backyard of Barbara's home in the San Rafael area of Pasadena. There we will celebrate the Cuisine of India, including appetizers, main courses, beverages, and dessert. All for only \$25. With that incredibly low price you know that this event has Dennis Kneier's involvement. But you must RSVP to Dennis ([dkneier@socal.rr.com](mailto:dkneier@socal.rr.com)) by May 20<sup>th</sup>. When you RSVP you need to indicate if you want Dennis to charge your credit card on file or if you will pay at the door. RSVP no shows will be billed.

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### **District Training Assembly & Foundation Gala**

Come for a full day of learning, fellowship, and entertainment on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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. Talk to Paul if you are interested in carpooling for this event.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule (Invite a friend)**

May 9 Michelle Cox, Community Grants recipient presentations and Tony Chou, Boyâ€™s Volleyball at SMHS.

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

May 23 DARK for lunch. Evening meeting at the Bice Backyard, RSVP required.

May 30 DARK, Memorial Day

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

**Other Notable Dates**

May 4 Bike Build, 9 am to 12, Victory Park, sponsored by Eva Lin

May 18 District Assembly and Foundation Dinner in Pomona

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