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ROTSCOPE

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APRIL 4 MEETING RECAP Making a Difference: ROTARY READERS

“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.” With those immortal words of our president, Barbara Bice, we hosted the five recipient organizations for the Rotary Reader books that are funded with District Designated Funds (a portion of the money we send to the RI Foundation each year comes back to us for projects of our choice). Under the direction of Mary Ulin, the Rotary Readers program aims to put books into the hands of kids that need them most. Each of the five organizations sent representatives to explain their work.



Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena serves 1500 children and youth, focusing on academic success, healthy lifestyle, and character development. They report a 98% on time graduation rate for their kids.

Families Forward serves the whole family with parenting classes. The books we donate are used in the classroom and then they let each kid pick 2 or 3 books to take home. Many families have no books at home, and they are reluctant to borrow from the library because if the book were to be damaged or lost, they would not be able to afford the replacement fee. This organization also welcomes volunteers to come for 30-45 minutes to read to the children.

Asian Youth Center has been serving San Gabriel area for 35 years. Their target population is youth and families, primarily low income, and immigrants. They have an afterschool program and an emergency food program, among other services.

Villa Esperanza was founded in 1961 by a group of mothers of down syndrome and mentally retarded children who wanted alternatives to institutionalization. They serve 650 children and youth with mental and physical disabilities.

Lincoln Heights Tutoring Program. Active since 1983, they serve inner city kids who are under intense pressure to join gangs. These kids have no books at home and welcome the opportunity to choose a book or two to take home.

Mary thanked her committee, including Caroline Yu and Wally Rosvall. She also thanked Denise Wadsworth for the work of the Interactors who affixed Rotary nameplates to the inside of each book.

TRIVIA THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Did you know that there are at least 18 monuments or plaques scattered around the city that pertain to donated works of the Rotary Club? Self-appointed club (and city) historian Bill Payne brought a list of 17 plaques (with images) for members to see how many they could place. As predicted by Bill, long-time resident and club treasurer Dennis Kneier might have more knowledge than other members and actually was able to come up with one that Bill was not aware of. All great fun and a reminder that Rotary makes a difference to San Marino and the surrounding area.

ROTARY SUPPORTS SAN MARINO LITTLE LEAGUE

Mark Hughes, president of San Marino National Little League, was presented with a check for \$500 and posed with our new Rotary Club banner which will appear on the ballfield fence this season. Mark is happy to report that the league has 470 kids participating, including 120 kids in the entry level T-ball and coach pitch levels, which bodes well for the future strength of the league.



CALLING ALL ART COLLECTORS

On display at our meeting was a painting by Teodoro Nieto Anton (of Spain), donated to our club by Mr. and Mrs. Franz Reinert. The title of the painting is **Tu Eres Lo Mejor Del Puerto, 2001** which translates to "you are the best of the port." It is an oil on canvas painting measuring 24" x 29" (without the frame). The value is \$3000. It will be auctioned at a meeting later in the month, with proceeds going to support our club's charity work.



APRIL 11: CRAFT TALKS Dr. Lena Richter and Dr. Ben Wolf

Two new Rotarians, who happen to be key educators in the San Marino school district, will present their craft talks. Thanks to Molly Woodford for arranging our craft talks.

ROTARY AND BEER MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

If you love Rotary and you love beer, we have just the thing for you!

On Saturday, April 13th, our Rotary compatriots will be holding **Rotary Leadership Institute Parts I and II** training from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00

p.m. in **Azusa, California**. After the event, participants can gather at **Angry Horse Brewing in Montebello**. They will provide dinner, take guests on a tour of the brewery, and provide a tasting session with the owners. It's all included in your \$45 registration fee. You will end the day understanding how to be a more effective Rotarian, not to mention what goes into a quality beer and how to find the flavors that you love.
To register: <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77735175>

In conjunction with District 5330, they're also offering Part 1, Part II, and Part III on May 11th in Beaumont, California, (but they don't offer beer ??)

To register: <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77714297>

Finally, Todd Cook of **Boulder Dam Brewing Company** and future district governor Dennis Franklin are trying to finalize the details for a Rotary Leadership Institute beer event to be held in **Nevada**. The details on that will be posted soon on the DACDB district calendar under RLI event.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY at SAN MARINO HIGH SCHOOL

SMHS is hosting an internship/volunteer fair on April 24th. If Rotarians are interested in participating, please reply to Blair Garibay at bgaribay@smusd.us.

Event Schedule:

12:00 - 12:15: Arrival. Light Refreshments, Booth set up, and Counseling Department welcome.

12:20 - 1:00: Internship fair on the quad. You will be assigned a table. Bring any promotional materials, applications, QR codes or websites for students to access to learn more. Our students' lunch is from 12:20 to 1:00. During this time they will interact with organizations they are interested in. We will promote and share information with our students for organizations that attend.

1:00 - 1:10 Wrap-up & Closing

Upcoming Schedule (Invite a friend)

Apr 11 Craft Talks: Dr. Lena Richter and Dr. Ben Wolf

Apr 18 Titan Business Plans, Isaac Hung

April 25 Author Ron White, "On Great Fields, The Life and Unlikely Heroism of Joshua Chamberlain"

May 2 Valeria Shpak, Eyewitness Reports from Ukraine

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