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San Marino Rotary ROTOSCOPE

Written by Paul Brassard

APRIL 9 MEETING RECAP: Collin Zwickel: Canadian Ultra Marathon Athlete

Have you ever run a marathon? It's over 26 miles. Imagine running 7 marathons on 7 different continents in 7 days. Think about the necessary recovery time, travel time and logistics. But Collin Zwickel did this as well as other amazing feats. He shared the details as well as the formative life experiences that made him seek out life-changing challenges on an annual basis. A relative of Nicole Baserri, Collin grew up in Vancouver, Canada in comfortable circumstances until a nasty divorce turned his life upside down. He became obsessed with money and fancy cars and worked multiple jobs to be able to acquire his dream car. But achieving the goal left him empty. Inspired by the Japanese concept of MISOGI (doing one life-defining thing every year), he came up with the idea of running 77.7 miles (equal in distance to three marathons) in 17 hours—from Vancouver to Whistler-- with an elevation gain of 6800 feet. When he conceived the idea, he was barely able to run 3 miles and forced himself to train and reach a certain level of fitness before disclosing his idea and gaining backers. News of his attempt and subsequent achievement went viral and enabled him to start the Happy Kids Foundation. After the success of the Ultra marathon, he attempted to climb South America's highest peak but became seriously ill just before reaching the summit. Undaunted, he came up with the idea of doing seven consecutive marathons in 7 days. The sequence was Antarctica (very cold), Cape Town/South Africa, Australia, Istanbul (Asian side of the city), Istanbul (European side of the city), Cartagena/South America (extremely hot and humid) and Miami. Something tells me we haven't heard the last of this guy. Thank you, Nicole, for arranging this fascinating program.



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'ACTS OF KINDNESS' RECOGNITION

Fred Sohl was on hand to tag Caroline Yu, noting that she is unable to attend many meetings but nevertheless performs many important tasks for Rotary "behind the scenes."

LUCKY RAFFLE WINNERS

Both our speaker and Treasurer Dennis won the raffle and were awarded LaBubu's from President Ginny. This is a reminder to be sure and wear a Rotary pin, any Rotary pin, in order to qualify to enter the weekly.



ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH Nominations Needed!

Ginny needs to get Rotarian of the Month chosen for both May and June as



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she will be traveling most of June. Make your nominations at the meeting by filling out a piece of paper and placing it in the box. Or you can just email Ginny. Remember that out of the 12 Rotarians of the Month will be chosen the Rotarian of the Year, to be announced at the June 27 Member Appreciation garden party at Barbara Bice's home in Pasadena.

APRIL 16 PROGRAM: Titan Business Plan Competition

This program is an annual favorite as we get to see our San Marino business class teams compete for prize money and recognitions. We thank Isaac Hung for arranging this program every year.

APRIL 23 PROGRAM: Elise Barclay: O'Melveny & Meyers Art Collection

Curator Elise Barclay will present an overview of the O'Melveny & Myers Art Collection, established in 1969 and now comprising more than 3,000 works. She will trace the collection's development over the past five decades, highlighting key acquisitions and curatorial decisions that have shaped its direction. Additionally, Elise will place the O'Melveny Collection in the broader context of corporate art collections, discussing the role such collections play in the workplace and their significance within the corporate sector.

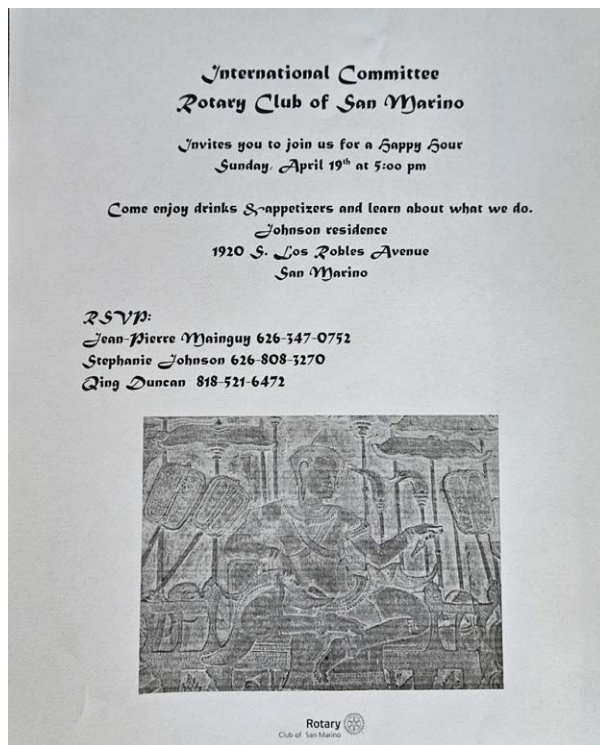
TAT (Thursdays Around Town) April 30, 2026 5:30 pm

Come enjoy a Mexican "Cinco de Mayo"- themed party at the Isaac Hung estate in San Marino. Featuring gourmet tacos, margaritas, and other beverages. Cost is only \$30. Please RSVP to Grace Yang at graceyangdesign@hotmail.com



The International Committee Gets Happy

The Int'l Committee is inviting you to a Happy Hour mixer at the home of Stephanie Johnson on Sunday, April 19 at 5 pm. Come enjoy appetizers and drinks as you learn about the work of the committee. Address: 1920 S. Los Robles Avenue, San Marino. RSVP to JP Mainguy 626-347-0752 or Stephanie 626-808-3270 or Qing Duncan 818-521-6472.



GINNY SAYS "SAVE THE DATES"

The end of the Rotary Year is approaching fast. There are two dates you must save:

Thursday June 26, at our regular meeting time, will be Ginny's demotion. Location to be advised.

Saturday June 27, evening, will be a Member Appreciation Party at the Pasadena home of Barbara Bice. Bring your spouse or a friend to this celebration.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REMINDER

Don't forget this year's district conference April 24-26 at the beautiful Gaylord Pacific Resort and Convention Center in Chula Vista (San Diego) CA. This conference is a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary and connect with other Rotarians from near and far.

To register, go <https://unitedforgood2026.com/registration/>.

Upcoming Program and Event Schedule (Invite a Friend)

April 16 Titan Business Plan Competition

April 23 Elise Barclay, Curator, O'Melveny Art Collection; Barth Scholarship presentation

April 30 Thursdays About Town, Isaac Hung's backyard, RSVP required.

May 7 John Jones, Annual Teacher Mini-Grant recipient reports

May 14 Wally Rosvall, Community Grant presentations

May 21 Joe Wong, Salute to Memorial Day

May 28 DARK

June 4 Timothy McQuire, Salute to the Service Academy Appointees