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Club of San Marino



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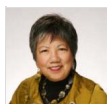
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San Marino Rotary ROTOSCOPE

President's Corner

Written by Paul Brassard

JUNE 12 RE-CAP: LA COUNTY ASSESSOR Jeffrey Prang

Jeffrey Prang suggested we booked him only because the Mosquito Inspector was not available. Jeffrey is a funny and enlightening speaker, such that we all learned something. For example, you need to inform the assessor if your spouse dies or if your parents pass so the name(s) on the deed are correct. With the recent fires, some people applied for insurance claims but discovered that only their deceased parent's name was on the title, so they needed to get the title corrected before filing insurance claims. It's also important that your email is on file. Otherwise, if your house and mailbox are destroyed, there is no way for the assessor to contact you. Mr. Prang recommends that everyone enroll in the e-Service account at the Assessor's office, which provides a "homeowner alert" if someone tries to fraudulently mess with your title, deed, or mortgage. It also allows you to change your mailing address directly on-line instead of going to the assessor's office. He also reminded us that under the new Prop. 19 law, reassessment exemption has more restrictions than before. The recipient is now required to live on the property and have a Homeowner's Exemption filed within a certain amount of time. The good thing is that when you sell your home, you can transfer your tax base up to three times anywhere in the state. We thank Ginny for arranging this speaker.

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BLUE BADGES WELL DESERVED

Membership Chair Claude Delgado presented Sophia Chan and Hunter Chang with "Blue" badges recognizing completion of a list of tasks designed to get new members fully knowledgeable about the club and Rotary.



YEAR-END REVIEW

President Paul recounted our club's community service this past Rotary year. Key highlights include:

- Providing Rotary volunteers for the 4th of July Parade and the Motor Classic.
- Sending 26 students to leadership camps.
- Sponsorship the Music, Speech, Business Plan and Student Art Contests as well as giving out \$10,000 in student scholarships.
- We vetted and distributed \$31,000 in Teacher Mini Grants
- We funded four Global Grant projects and sent a team to the Corazon house build in Tecate, Mexico.
- We gave out \$27,000 in Community Grants and sent 12 members to the District Conference in Anaheim
- We contributed over \$50,000 for the new playground equipment in Lacy Park
- We co-sponsored the Lunar New Year Festival in Lacy Park.
- We provided money to the local Little League as well as the Titan Football, basketball, and volleyball boosters.
- We organized the Paul Harris Award Honoree Luncheon at the Huntington Library and we Honored the Service Academy Appointees.
- We also had an extremely active Rotary Interact club at the high school, which is the envy of the district.

All members should be proud of what the club accomplished.

HONORING THE BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President Paul then recognized the Board members and committee chairs. Bill Payne received the coveted "Service Above Self" Award. Dennis was recognized for his Hospitality (in addition to his various treasurer duties), Rick Chou for re-vitalizing our website, JP Mainguy for his leadership of our award-winning international committee, Linda for Foundation Chair and the Paul Harris Luncheon, Claude for re-vitalizing the membership committee, Fred Sohl for advising the president, Qing for her board expertise and managing the caterer, Molly for managing craft talks, Caroline Yu for managing student scholarships, Wally for leading the Community Grants, Barbara for mentoring this year's president, Stephanie Johnson for representing Rotary in the Motor Classic executive circle, Ginny for managing programs and the 4-Way speech contest, John Jones for providing brilliant financial leadership for Rotary Charities, Mike Driebe for his service to the district as Governor, Gilda Moshir for advising our president, Debbie Priester for TLC chair, Tony Chou for RYLA chair, Denise Wadsworth for Youth Service Award (including Interact, Mini Grants and Art Contest) which helped our club earn a Gold Award for Youth Service, Isaac Hung for vocational service and for providing liaison with the district. President Paul would also like to Sophia Chan for helping with photographs at the meetings, Aaron Gil for help with publishing the Rotoscope each week and Vik Basappa for recreating our Facebook page on short notice.



DISTRICT AWARDS

District Governor Mike Driebe came all the way from another Rotary Club lunch meeting to personally present the district awards that our club earned this year.

Club Service - Gold
Vocational Service - Bronze
Community Service - Bronze
International Service - Silver
Youth Service - Gold
Public Image – Silver

Mike explained that no club earned a Gold for International Service, so our "Silver" is as good as gold.



JUNE 19 PROGRAM: A CRAFT TALK AND A CRAFTY TALK **CRAFT TALK: ALAN WHITE**

Alan White is the owner of AQYER, an architectural and consulting firm that offers a broad range of services to define the built world. His firm can provide surveys of existing conditions using 3D laser scanning or HD photography. They can also provide documentation derived from survey data and present it in 2D or 3D formats. They can also use ground

penetrating radar, infrared thermal imaging, and other non-invasive methods to determine sub-surface arrangement and condition. Coming from England, Alan, his wife Mallory, and their son Freddie have lived in San Marino for the past ten years. Alan's sponsor is Fred Sohl.

CHARITIES FUNDING UPDATE:

Charities President John Jones will update the club on a new "Strategic Fund" that will help the club maintain key programs should the Motor Classic money ever decrease.

Upcoming Program and Event Schedule (Invite a Friend)

June 19 CRAFT TALK and ROTARY CHARITIES NEW STRATEGIC FUND

June 26 Demotion

July 3 DARK for Fourth of July

July 4 Rotary Participation in the San Marino 4th of July Parade

July 11 The 2025-26 Rotary Year with new president Ginny Hsiao

July 17 Michellin Star Marriage with Pasadena Marriage & Family Therapist