

# Rotary

## Club of San Marino



### San Marino Rotoscope June 5, 2025



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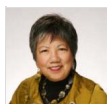
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#### San Marino Rotary ROTOSCOPE

President's Corner

Written by Paul Brassard

#### MAY 22 RECAP: PEPPY SCIARRA, WWII COMBAT VETERAN

Our speaker, Joe "Peppy" Sciarra, has a lot of pep for his age of 100 years. Asked his secret, he mentioned he likes the ladies, and I did notice him pay attention to the many lovely ladies in attendance. Peppy told his story of serving with MacArthur's army in Luzon Philippines where he endured six months of jungle fighting and earned a battlefield promotion to Platoon Sargent even though he was only 19 years old and barely weighed 150 pounds. After the Philippines, he was assigned to the occupation in Japan and was amazed by the friendliness of the Japanese people. Doing the math, you are unlikely to meet any more WWII combat veterans in the flesh. Now 100 years old, Peppy lives in Arcadia and is a member of the Alhambra-Monterey Park Rotary Club. Thanks to Bill Payne for bringing us this special program.



**Reminder! We are dark this Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**JUNE 5 PROGRAM: SALUTE TO THE SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES**

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On Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, our Club will host its 21<sup>st</sup> annual Salute to the Service Academy Appointees program, led, again, by Aaron Gil and Bill Payne. The genesis of this program was to give member James Nash's son Miles a proper send-off to West Point.

As it turned out, Miles was this program's speaker two years ago, unknown to James...until that meeting! James has since passed on, and on this occasion, Miles and James had a reunion of sorts.

Our local Congresspersons are asked to furnish their list of Appointees, and Aaron contacts and follows up with each prospective attendee, to ascertain their attendance, answer questions, and know their number of guests and names. Bill's responsibility is to secure the keynote speaker, always an Academy graduate. Hopefully the speaker will be somewhat *younger*, to impart his/her own recollections that still have relevance, dos and don'ts, career, and life after their service.

Two appointees are recent graduates of San Marino High, Henry Lyu and Anton Potts, Naval Academy and Air Force Academy, respectively.

Service Academy flags are borrowed from Valerie and John Fu, ably picked up and returned by Rob Feidler. Fellowship Hall will again be decorated with patriotic trappings patriotic for the occasion.

### **CHANGE IS COMING TO SAN MARINO**

City Manger Philippe Eskander briefed us on the city's new trash collector, Valley Vista Services, which will be taking over from longtime contractor Athens Services at the end of this month. In addition to new vehicles, Valley Vista will also be introducing state-mandated procedures involving trash separation. Stay tuned.



**TITAN STUDENT OF THE MONTH KAILEY WOO**



Congratulations to SMHS senior Kailey Woo who was a basketball star at the high school and will attend the University of Washington.



### **SAYING GOODBYE TO PAST PRESIDENT RUSS OSMONSON**

President-elect Ginny arranged for a group of us to “surprise” Russ and Darlene prior to their relocation to the Sacramento area. Both will continue their careers in education nearby to relatives. FYI, Amigo’s restaurant in Pasadena serves large-and strong-margaritas.



### **CALLING ALL PICK-UP TRUCKS**

President-elect Ginny Hsiao is looking for a pickup truck and driver to carry her and her entourage in the city’s Fourth of July Parade.

### **Upcoming Program and Event Schedule (Invite a Friend)**

**May 29** DARK for Memorial Day

**June 5** General Mark Toy: Salute to the Service Academy Appointees

**June 12** Jeffrey Prang – La County Assessor

Note : Club Board Meeting to follow at 1:30 pm

**June 19** CRAFT TALK AND ROTARY CHARITIES UPDATE

**June 26** Demotion