

San Marino Rotoscope March 28, 2024



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ROTSCOPE

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MARCH 21 RECAP HERE COME THE ROBOTS

The award-winning Titan Robotics Team came to our meeting and demonstrated their robot which moves and can accurately toss a large ring into a narrow target. This group of young people were anything but robotic, demonstrating creative engineering skills as well as the full range of business and people skills necessary to manage a \$36,000 budget that includes building two robots and attending local and out of town competitions.

As you can imagine, these kids are super smart and there is nothing artificial about their intelligence. The business side includes purchasing parts, fundraising, making travel arrangements, and graphic design for branding and merchandise. The engineering side includes design, testing, and programming. It's a pretty intense commitment that involves working six days a week during "build season" including 12 hours on Saturdays. They start by making a prototype design out of wood. From the prototype, the CAD team completes the final design for the build. Then the programming team writes the necessary code. At the recent local competition in El Segundo, they took 14th place out of 44 teams, which was enough to make the playoffs. At the conclusion of the presentation, we awarded the team with a \$2000 check from Rotary Charities.



ANOTHER NEW MEMBER IS INDUCTED

Miranda Zhang was inducted by past president Rob Feidler and, in the process, lowered the average age of our members by two years. Miranda emigrated from Beijing prior to her senior year in high school and completed her college work in the U.S. before embarking on a career in fashion and

her college work in the U.S. before embarking on a career in fashion and cosmetics. Her husband Randy was in the audience. They have been married six years and have a four-year-old daughter.



CHINESE CLUB POSTER CONTEST

Chinese Club president Se-Yao Hsu and MAF chair Mei Mei Liu visited our club to promote the Poster Contest for this year's Mid-Autumn Festival Gala, to be held on November 2nd. The poster design needs to follow the event theme of "Authenticity, Beauty, Compassion." A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the winning designer. The deadline is April 30, 2024.

**2024 Mid-Autumn Festival Gala Theme
Poster Contest**

Authenticity, Beauty, Compassion
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Authenticity - By being genuine and sincere while staying true to what's right, you can follow your heart and dreams.

Beauty - Surpassing mere physical beauty, the inner beauty of kindheartedness and altruism makes the soul truly shine.

Compassion - Sympathy and care toward each other encourage a community of love and respect.

 **Digital format is acceptable and the size is 8.5" x 11"**
Deadline: 4/30/2024
The scholarship reward \$500
Award ceremony : 11/2/2024 MAF

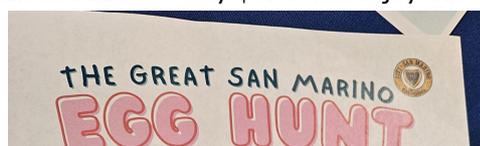
 **Chinese Club of San Marino office at 626-796-5190 or info@CCSM.org**

MARCH 28 PROGRAM: RYLA KIDS

Expect the same level of youthful exuberance at the March 28th meeting when the RYLA kids will "take over" the meeting. These kids will be back from their "mountain top experience" at the Rotary Youth Leadership camp at Running Springs. In addition to sending 12 student leaders, our club is also providing four adult counselors: Grant Fujiwara, Paul Brassard, Gilda Moshir and Mike Driebe. I've been told that every Rotarian owes it to themselves to be part of the RYLA camp experience at least once.

SAVE THE DATE: EGG HUNT AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

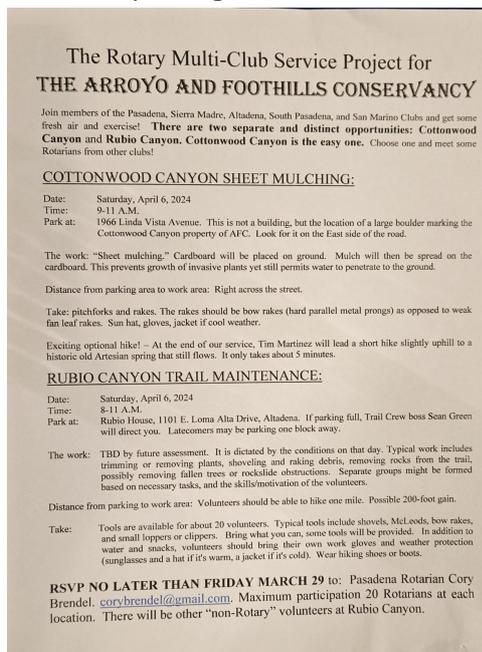
Fire Chief (and fellow Rotarian) Mark Rueda invited everyone to attend the annual pancake breakfast and Egg Hunt in Lacy Park on March 30th. Cost of the breakfast is only \$5. Come enjoy this community tradition.





MIKE DRIEBE CALLS IT A CAREER

Mike Driebe is retiring as President of the USC Arcadia (formerly Arcadia Methodist) Hospital Foundation after 14 years of exceptional service. During his tenure, the hospital went through multiple major expansions/upgrading of facilities to cement its reputation as a world-class hospital in our backyard. But Mike is not riding into the sunset. At least not yet. In fact, in less than three months, he will begin his year-long term as District Governor for Rotary District 5300. In addition to his stellar career at the hospital, and his years of service to District 5300, Mike also served our club as president around ten years ago.



Upcoming Schedule (Invite a friend)

Apr 4 Rotary Readers, Mary Ulin

Apr 11 Craft Talks

Apr 18 Titan Business Plans, Isaac Hung