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San Marino Rotary ROTOSCOPE

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MAY 7 MEETING RECAP: TEACHER MINI-GRANTS

Each year San Marino Rotary gives out \$30,000 or more to fund special learning projects conceived and implemented by local teachers. John Jones began the presentation by noting that 31 applications were submitted this year, 22 of which were accepted, for a total award value of \$29,701. Teachers from both the San Marino schools and Southwest Academy received grants. John noted that the money for the mini-grants comes from a special endowment of \$791,150. When Denise Wadsworth got sidelined this school year with a serious injury, we didn't know if the Mini Grants program could be completed. Fortunately, Denise's understudy Jana Downey stepped up to shepherd the project to its fruition. Jana was on hand, along with several teachers, to highlight a few of the individual projects funded by the mini grants.





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Michelle Pauline Bradshaw talked about the SMHS Art Textile Project. Sewing machines were purchased and used to create plushies based on color drawings of monsters provided by kindergarten students. After interpreting the student drawings using textiles, the high school students met with the kindergarten artists to show them the result and give them the monsters.





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Gail Denham and Helen Yam explained the Carver Kindergarten Garden Project. Funds were used to buy planters, soil, and seeds, so kindergartners could observe the growth of plants as well as caterpillars and ladybugs.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER JOHN TRAN

John Tran was inducted to the club by none other than immediate past district governor Mike Driebe. John is not really that new as he has attended many club lunch meetings and social events with his wife, Ada Peng, who joined the club last year. John was sponsored by Isaac Hung. He owns and operates two daycare centers and lives in Pasadena. It is worth noting that John has agreed to take over our club's treasurer's duties from

long-time treasurer Dennis Kneier.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Joyce Lin was present to celebrate her May birthday. Other May birthdays are Peter Corzo, Ada Peng, Andrew Barth and Lena Richter.



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Nicole And Teddy Baserri (9 years), Joseph Chang (29), Steven Huang (11), Emile Bayle (41), Rick Chou (2), Ada Peng (1), and Tyler Siedentopp (1)



SPONTANEOUS HAPPY BUCKS

When Tyler mentioned he had just paid off his student loans, Fred Sohl immediately insisted on donating \$100 in 'Happy Bucks' to the club, which Tyler then matched.

MAY 14 PROGRAM: COMMUNITY GRANTS

Wally Rosvall will host presentations from recipient organizations who received grant money from Rotary Charities.

BIKES FOR KIDS

Fellow Rotarian Eva Lin is sponsoring another bike building event at Victory Park in Pasadena on Saturday May 16, from 9:30 to 12 noon. The 100 bikes require some simple assembly work and this is a great "hands on" opportunity to support kids who don't have bicycles. Just show up and pitch in. Refreshments provided.

You're Invited!

Eva Lin's Charity Bike Build Event

Saturday, May 16th, 2026
9:30am - 12pm

Victory Park, Pasadena

RSVP
EvaLinBikeBuild.com

As the mother of two young girls, supporting children in need right here in our community is something I'm passionate about. That's why, twice per year, my team purchases, builds and donates 100+ bicycles to support the children served by local organizations like Hillside, Pasadena Boys & Girls Club, and Foothill Family.

In May, we'll be building and donating another 100 brand-new bikes.

Building that many bikes is a BIG job and we'd love your help!

Even if you only stop by for 20 minutes to build 1 bike, you'll make a difference!

And I can promise that you'll be a hero to some very special kids in our community.



Upcoming Program and Event Schedule (Invite a Friend

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

June 11 MacKenzie Teymouri, Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney

June 18 DARK

June 25 Demotion

June 27 TAT Member Appreciation Party at the home of Barbara Bice RSVP required