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Club of San Marino



San Marino Rotoscope May 15, 2025



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San Marino Rotary ROTOSCOPE

President's Corner

Written by Paul Brassard

MAY 8 RECAP: Annual Community Grants, Wally Rosvall, Chair

Community Grants is a major outreach effort of our club. This year, under the leadership of Wally Rosvall, the committee disbursed \$27,000 to 10 different non-profit organizations, all of whom sent a representative to receive their checks and explain the intended use of the grant money. The organizations are:

Cancer Treatment Center, East Meets West Parent Education Club, Families Forward Learning Center, Give Mentor Love, JARAY Fullerton Civic Light Opera, Pasadena Village, San Gabriel Valley Literacy Council, The Huntington Library student transportation fund, Young & Healthy, Villa Esperanza.

\$20,000 of the funding came from Rotary Charities (which receives money from the Motor Classic) and \$7500 came from the district (which is returning a portion of the money we donated previously to the district).



SAN MARINO NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE

A check for \$500 was presented to Brian Parsons from the San Marino National Little League.

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MAY 15 MEETING: OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, NEW PRESIDENT DR. THOM STRITIKUS

Occidental College's new president, Dr. Thom Stritikus, will talk to us about the importance of higher education and the role of small liberal arts colleges like Oxy. Prior to joining Occidental College last July, Dr. Stritikus served as president of Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO and prior to that, had a key role in the Gates Foundation. We thank Rick Chou for arranging this program.

CORAZON MAKING A DIFFERENCE ACROSS THE BORDER

Every year, past President (and International Committee chair) JP Mainguy leads a group from our club to do a one-day house build in Mexico. This year, his group included Stephanie Johnson, Qing Duncan, Adam Chang and Adam's daughter Annabel. Together with about 40 people from other Rotary clubs, they successfully built and handed over a house to a deserving family. If you haven't done this project with JP, I suggest you put it on your bucket list. I know it's on my list.

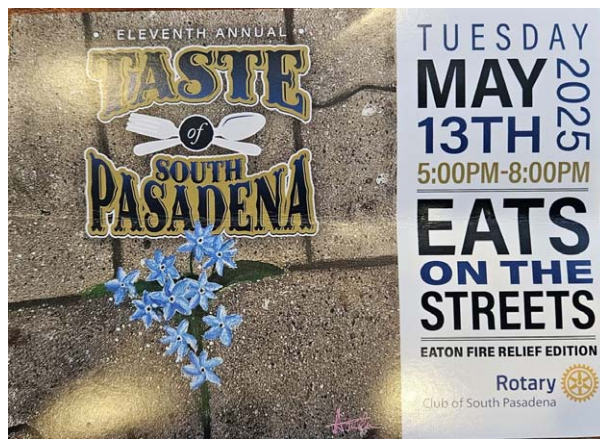
GO DIGITAL OR GO HOME

A friendly reminder to go to **myrotary.org** and register your profile. While you are at it, go to Facebook and search and find "San Marino Rotary Club" and then "like" and "follow" our page.

While you are at it, find our website at **sanmarinorotary.org** and check it out. Better yet, copy the link and send it to a friend who you think might be interested in learning more about Rotary. Rick Chou has been actively updating our website and it's looking great!

TASTE OF SOUTH PASADENA Tuesday May 13 5-8 pm

Consider attending the eleventh annual "Taste of South Pasadena" event which runs from 5 pm to 8 pm, beginning at the Canoe House restaurant and extending to all parts of the city. This is the main fund-raising project of our sister Rotary Club in South Pasadena. Proceeds this year will help Eaton Fire Relief. Unlike San Marino, South Pasadena has an amazing number of very good restaurants to sample. You can also take advantage of the fabulous wine tasting option offered.



TIME WAITS FOR NO MAN

This just in from reporter Bill Payne. The Time Capsule, planted as a joint project of Alhambra Rotary Club and the CalState LA Rotaract club on October 26, 1994, finally has an opening date scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2025. The occasion will be part of the Alhambra/Monterey Park Demotion Party. Location: Marriott Hotel, 555 S. Atlantic, Monterey Park, beginning at 6 m. Reservations required. This is an interesting event and an opportunity to connect with the Alhambra Club, which had the honor and good foresight to sponsor our own club some 86 years ago. Maybe we can get a group from our club to attend.



Upcoming Program and Event Schedule (Invite a Friend)

May 15 Dr. Thom Stritikus, Occidental College's new president

Note : Club Board Meeting to follow at 1:30

May 22 Peppy Scarra, WWII Vet, Memorial Day

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

June 19 CRAFT TALKS

June 26 Paul's Demotion