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San Marino Rotary ROTOSCOPE

Written by Paul Brassard

MAY 14 MEETING RECAP: COMMUNITY GRANTS

Each year, San Marino Rotary distributes a significant portion of the money it earns from the Motor Classic to local non-profits. Under the direction of Community Grants Chair Wally Rosvall, the applications are solicited and vetted by his committee members John Jones, Fred Sohl, Wayne Carter, Michelle Cox, Qing Duncan, Grace Yang, Nicole Baserri, Jean Brodhead, Chuck Miller and Mara Chindriss. Grants this year were awarded to Door of Hope, East Meets West Parent Education Club, Friends in Deed, Give Mentor Love, JRAY, Pasadena Village, The Huntington, Villa Esperanza, Young & Healthy, Casa Treatment, and Michael White Adopbe. A representative from each organization was present to accept their check and provide a brief description of what the money will be used for.





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ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

ROTM for May is one of our hardest working members. JP Mainguy not only serves as Chair of the International Committee, but he also fills the role of club secretary. Recently, he led a group of Rotarians to build a house in Mexico and last September he hosted a very successful TAT at his garden home in South Pasadena. Congratulations JP!



ACTS OF KINDNESS

Paul Brassard recognized John Donovan for his "Acts of Kindness" in the club, including his faithful attendance, personable engagement with fellow club members and his behind-the-scenes participation with the work of Rotary. Come see who John tags next week.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Brandon Cheng, this week's student of the month, is engineering president of the award-winning Titan Robotics Club. In addition to this time-consuming role, Brandon also pursues interests in music and art. He will attend college at UCSD, majoring in physics and mathematics.



MAY 21 PROGRAM: JOSEPH WONG, MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKER

Joseph Wong has accomplished many things in his young 90 years. He is a United States Marine Corps Korean War veteran, and served as a radio operator and forward observer with the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment.

He was also a successful businessman, a former Las Vegas casino executive, a Hollywood film and TV extra, and served for decades as a Los Angeles Sheriff's reserve deputy. But he holds a special place in his heart for the LAPD Reserve Corps, where he served from 1960 to 1966. "I knew I wanted to be in law enforcement," Wong shared. "As Marines, we gravitated toward the camaraderie, the discipline, the spit and polish ..." Already a successful businessman in Chinatown, he opted to become a reserve officer.

During the Watts riots in 1965, Officer Wong worked alongside more than 40 other reserve officers at the Police Emergency Control Center. He considers former Sheriff Lee Baca a good friend and visits him regularly. Bio and program, courtesy of Bill Payne

SAVE THE DATE—Member Appreciation Party Saturday June 27
Dress suggestion for this San Rafael garden party is "Palm Spring Chic."



ROTARIANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Honor Flight Reception: Bill and Mary Payne and Nicole and Teddy Baserri joined others at LAX to welcome the arrival of Honor Flight #20 returning from Washington. Approximately 18 WWII veterans were on the flight, which included visiting war memorials in the nation's capital.



Rise Against Hunger: This hands-on service project at the high school involved packing 10,000 food kits to provide emergency food for families facing starvation from extreme poverty or natural disaster. Normally, Denise Wadsworth manages this annual project. But this year, in Denise's absence, Courtney Rushing stepped in to make it happen. Funding comes from District Designated Funds.

MOLLY WOODFORD UPDATE

Molly is now in assisted-living at Arcadia Gardens, room 34-B.

Upcoming Program and Event Schedule (Invite a Friend

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 Garden Party at home of Barbara Bice
RSVP required