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San Marino Rotary ROTOSCOPE

President's Corner

Written by Paul Brassard

APRIL 3 RECAP: BARTH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS HONORED

With proud parents in the audience, four outstanding local high school seniors were awarded Barth Scholarships of \$2500 each.

Nathan Chan is the Titan water polo captain and Rio Hondo MVP as well as the Titan Robotics team captain.

Chole Wang is the Titan volleyball captain. She will study neuroscience and play volleyball at Wellsley.

Justin Lin, an Eagle Scout with Troop 359, will attend Berkeley or other UC for medical research.

Jennifer Zhang, from China and attending Southwestern Academy, is interested in fashion design but will study political science in college. In the future, she would like to work at the United Nations.

Many thanks to our scholarship committee members Caroline Yu, Claudia Attallah, Denise Wadsworth, Debbie Priester and Chris Norgaard.



Fines: Long-absent member Christopher Norgaard showed up and had the audacity to fine Bill Payne for some mysterious reason, only to be duly fined \$50 by the president for wearing "too many" pins on his coat. The fines will continue until morale improves.

CHIEF RUEDA: BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE JANUARY 7TH FIRES

Fellow Rotarian and San Marino Fire Chief Mario Rueda provided us with a big picture context for the January 7th fires while also giving us specific things we can do to protect ourselves as we live in an area that will always be subject to fire danger. Even before the massive fires broke out on January 7th, there were warnings of extreme fire risk due to the forecast of unusually high winds and the very dry (low humidity) conditions. His own force was underhanded due to a flu bug so the remaining members as well as the entire police department was pressed into service, helping neighboring cities and responding to non-stop calls from residents. Our city

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suffered substantial damage from trees felled by the high winds. But it could have been much worse. Even though we are not located next to the canyons, any fire in our city—perhaps started by falling power lines igniting vegetation—can quickly spread to houses and potentially get out of hand if the winds are strong, as they were on January 7. If you want to be sure you are doing everything you can to reduce your home's fire risk, you can ask the fire department to come out—free of charge--and do an inspection.



DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY Friday, April 11, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Friday, April 11 evening, to Sunday April 13 morning

Both the District Assembly and the District Conference will be held—consecutively--this year at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim. This is a great opportunity to gain experience and enjoy the fellowship of other Rotarians. Many people from our club will be attending. Sign up on the district website (www.district5300.org).

HANDS ON SERVICE PROJECT MAY 3

Lend a hand to fellow member Eva Lin's Charity Bike Build Event on Saturday, May 3rd at Victory Park from 9:30 am to 12 pm. Help assemble 100 bikes and then help give them out to deserving kids who need a bike and sometimes a little help getting started. RSVP to evalinbikebuild.com

You're Invited!

Eva Lin's Charity Bike Build Event

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025
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, every year, my team donates hundreds of bicycles to the children served by local organizations like HillSides Foster Care, Pasadena Boys & Girls Club, and the Elizabeth House.

In a few weeks, 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 have a major impact!

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)

Apr 10 CRAFT TALKS

Apr 11-13 District Training Assembly and District Conference Disneyland Hotel

Apr 17 Annual High School Business Plan Contestants

Apr 24 Thursdays About Town evening gathering, location TBD