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ON THE JOB TRAINING

President Elect Barbara Brice, who recently completed her Rotary PETS training, was able to put her training into practice by filling in for President Rob who is skiing in Colorado with his family. Skiing is an apt metaphor for Rob because by the time a Rotary club president reaches February, it is all downhill from there. While Rob is on “cruise control”—having already done all the heavy lifting to make his year an unqualified success--Barbara is gearing up for her year, which officially starts in just four and a half months.

Barbara described her PETS training as “comprehensive, intense and long.” Imagine three days at the Airport Marriott. She shared some takeaways.

1. Other clubs are in “awe” of the San Marino club, for many reasons. One reason is Bill Payne’s standout Global Scholar program, which dominates the recruitment for this high-profile district-supported program.
2. Barbara is inspired to hold a mini retreat this spring for new board members at the Colonial Kitchen restaurant in San Marino.
3. Her priorities will be membership recruitment, member engagement and program opportunities.

You may not know it, but Barbara is one of our longest serving members, active since 1986. She was our first woman member, joining shortly after the Supreme Court allowed women into the organization. The club will benefit from Barbara’s decades of experience in Rotary.

CRAFT TALK Our Program for the February 16 Meeting

Nandani Maria Sinha (you can call her “Nani”) was born in New York, the daughter of an Indian professor and a German psychiatrist. Nani has lived in Germany, India, and England. She had recognizable singing ability from a young age and got singing lessons to develop her voice, but her father strongly encouraged her to pursue medicine. She began medical studies but eventually switched entirely to music and earned her BA in music performance from Cornell University and a masters in Opera Performance from CSULA. Nani is a “mezzo soprano” and a resident artist of the Los Angeles Opera. She has sung all over the world. Nani is also an author of children’s books, a model, a pet lover, and a volunteer for Alzheimer’s care. At the conclusion of her craft talk she was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow member by Foundation Chair John Jones.

TAT February 23. Do not come to Community Church for lunch this Thursday. We will meet instead at the San Marino Fire House to enjoy Gus’s Chili & Cornbread while we honor our local firefighters. Cost is \$20 per



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person. But you must RSVP as soon as possible to Gilda at gmoshir@gmail.com or 818-807-6060.

Heartfelt Thankyou to Our Meal Staff

Maurice Saldebar, in the spirit of Valentines Day, presented our beloved meal staff with fresh flowers. These friendly folks from Fresh Gourmet do a fantastic job serving us each week and we really appreciate them.



Opportunity to Make a Difference.

Denise Wadsworth is looking for a chairperson to supervise the high school Interactors while they prepare 1000 balloons for the April East Egg Hunt. Contact Denise at denisewadsworth@gmail.com.

April 27 TAT Rise Against Hunger

Put this on your calendar. Our club will prepare 10,000 meals at SMHS then enjoy our own gourmet dinner while listening to a jazz band. What could be better? Stay tuned for more details.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE ALL THE FUN

Our club has many important committees. But the coolest committee is the international committee because they travel to exotic locations from Baja to Southeast Asia. Recently, a team of seven people representing our club traveled to Cambodia, "the kingdom of wonders", to visit the Community First Initiatives farm in Sen Sok, Cambodia, as part of our club's ongoing support for the organization. The group was hosted by Pierre Mainguy (son of past president J.P.Mainguy), founder and CEO of Community First, who along with botanist Romain Rak, explained the aquaponics farming process. Community First provides training and aquaponics systems to local farmers and the group was able to visit some of them. The group had the occasion to understand Khmer culture and history and explore the famous Angkor temples and the floating villages. A full presentation is scheduled for the lunch meeting on Thursday May 18.



ROTARY READERS "MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

Committee chairperson Mary Ulin introduced the recipients of this year's Rotary Readers grants. Each group received \$1000 to purchase books that

are distributed to kids that normally do not have any books at home. The organizations are:

- Pasadena Boys and Girls Club
- Villa Esperanza
- Families Forward
- Beacon Housing

"MEET & GREET" was Great!

Isaac Hung opened his home for a "Meet & Greet" last Friday evening honoring new members Grant Fujiwara, Michel Roy, Ellen L. Batzel and Karen Pettibone. Eight veteran members, including Isaac and his fellow host Calvin Lo, were on hand to warmly welcome the new members into the "family", which is the San Marino Rotary Club.

CALLING ALL ROTARY 'PARTY ANIMALS'

Your mission, if you decide to accept it, is to travel to Las Vegas, meet up with fellow Rotarians and HAVE FUN! This year's district conference will be held at the newly renovated Horseshoe Hotel (formerly Bally's), located in the heart of the strip across from Bellagio. In addition to the hospitality rooms, participants can attend scheduled event meals on Friday evening (Centennials and Major Donor Recognitions), Saturday Breakfast (Four Way Speech Contest), Saturday Lunch (Dan Stover Music Contest) and Saturday Evening (Changing of the Guard). Hotel rooms reserved through the district website go for about \$115/night for Friday and Saturday evening but only \$49 for Thursday evening. I will be driving up Thursday (after our Rotary meeting). If anyone wants to play golf (or shoot machine guns) either Fri or Sat morning, let me know. What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. That means no one will disclose how high my golf score was. A signup sheet for the District Conference will circulate at the next lunch meeting. Or you can contact me (Paul Brassard) at arkonceo@gmail.com.