

San Marino Rotoscope, June 20, 2024



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Recap July 13 Meeting: Two Craft Talks

Rick Chou detailed his long career as an advertising photographer, beginning back when he had a ponytail. He has photographed everything from food, to celebrities, fancy cars and even some lingerie. Hey, someone's got to do it. With this background, he was able to establish a CGI company and later a healthcare insurance agency. Rick is fit and trim, having trained for many triathlon competitions. He also has served on city commissions which sometimes have meetings that resemble marathons. Rick is already getting involved in our club and will coordinate volunteers for the city-managed (formerly Rotary-managed) Fourth of July Parade.



Sophia Chan described her idyllic early youth growing up in a suburb of Taipei before immigrating to America as a preteen and having to learn English quickly to survive and thrive. Refusing to have a victim mentality and through hard work, she was accepted into UCLA but chose nearby Cal State so she could stay with her mom. She began a career in IT working for local government but soon started a family and raised her kids in San Marino. Due to time constraints, Sophia was not able to mention that she has served in the Senior Care industry for over a decade. Her professional experiences range from business development for skilled nursing facility and hospice to

range from business development for skilled nursing facility and hospice, to executive director for senior assisted living communities. Sophia continues her passion in serving the senior population as a Senior Care Topic speaker for Chinese Radio AM 1300. Sophia currently helps seniors with providing caregivers to seniors' own homes and seniors that live in assisted living communities in Arcadia, Pasadena, and Temple City.



Welcome New Member Hunter Chang

President Barbara, back from her vacation in Washington State and British Columbia, had the distinct honor of inducting Hunter Chang as a member of our club. Hunter recently retired from a 33-year career in aerospace and is running for City Council. Hunter is a well-known and popular guy in San Marino, having served for many years on various city commissions. The only person more popular is his wife of 30 years, Annie Han, who was in attendance and is well known locally for her many years of service as the city treasurer. Hunter is sponsored by Eugene Sun and Richard Sun (not related other than the fact that they both served on the city council).



All Ready To Go

Incoming District Governor, Michael Driebe, was in the house and spoke about his recent trip to the RI Convention in Singapore. On the way, he and Sylvia stopped in Japan and Bali. Mike encourages everyone to attend next

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Student of the Month

Dr. Ben Wolf brought senior Jemimah Song who was president of the ACTS Christian Club at SMHS for three years. She also participated in soccer and speech & debate. Jemimah will attend UC Riverside this Fall on a pre-med track.



June 20 Program: Marilyn Diaz's Rotaplast Mission to Bangladesh

Marilyn Dias joined Rotary in June 2002, and has been the Sierra Madre Club's President for two terms. She has been chair of the District Global Grant scholar committee and teaches Youth Protection for the District. Marilyn earned her bachelor's degree in Police Science at Cal-State University LA, and a Master's in Education from USC.

In 1974, Marilyn was hired as the first woman to be directly assigned as a patrol officer in the Pasadena Police Department. She rose through the ranks to become a Commander in 2006 whereupon she became police chief in Sierra Madre. Marilyn has served on the boards of Women at Work, Boy Scouts of America, Pacific Clinics, and the Caltech Women's Club. She will speak to our club about her 2-week trip as the Quartermaster to the Rotaplast Mission to Bangladesh in January—an experience she says was life changing, both for the people she helped and for herself.

Membership:

Every religious or service club has lost membership during the last five years. Our club was no exception. This past year, due to the hard work of our membership committee, we added 9 exceptional new members. However, we also lost 18 members. Attrition is always a reality for a group where the average age is high. Of the 18 we lost, about five were either death or serious health issues. Eight were career changes and moves. And the remaining five could be considered for personal reasons. To maintain the current membership level—let alone grow—we need to add at least 15 new members in the next 12 months. Here are some keys:

1. Every member must see themselves as an unofficial member of the membership committee. Reach out to the people in your circle who you believe would be a good fit for this club. Ask yourself:

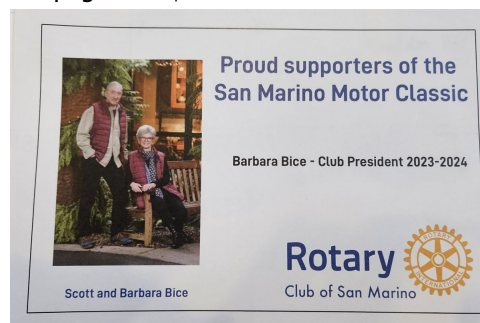
--Are they leadership and community service-minded or have the potential to be so?

--Do they have the schedule flexibility and resources to attend meetings and social events?

1. For member retention, proactively connect with new members and help them get involved in club activities. You can invite them to a committee meeting or a service activity. Or you can encourage them to attend the evening off-site TAT's and holiday parties. Sit with new members at meetings and get to know them.

LAST CALL FOR MOTOR CLASSIC ADS

Show your support for the Motor Classic and San Marino by putting an ad in the event program. You don't even need to make the ad. Just send me a photo and some word copy like Barbara did. Full-page ads cost \$1000 and half-page cost \$600.



BARBARA'S DEMOTION June 27 Not to Be Missed

Barbara's year has gone so smoothly and been so enjoyable for all members that it is only fitting that her "demotion" be celebrated at a venue that is dear to her heart and of interest to all of us who live in this area. I'm talking about the press box of the Rose Bowl stadium. Most of us would never have a chance to go to any of the boxes, yet alone the press box. But Barbara has connections with the Rose Bowl management to get us in. The venue is special to Barbara because of her role as the manager of volunteers for the 1984 Olympics which had many events at the Rose Bowl. As someone who was attracted to move to this area because of the Rose Bowl, I am eager and grateful for this chance to go behind the scenes. You must RSVP to Dennis for this special event.

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UPCOMING PORGRMS Invite a Friend

Jun 20 Marilyn Diaz, Sierra Madre Rotarian, Rotoplasty, Mission to Bangladesh

Jun 27 Rob Feidler, Demotion of President Barbara Bice, Rose Bowl Press Box,
reservations required

Jul 4 DARK, Fourth of July Holiday

Jul 11 Paul Brassard, President's first meeting, Building for Our Club's Continued
Success

Jul 18 Dick Durant, Nepal Trek & Climb

Jul 25 Steve Ascher, former owner Side Out Sport, Building the Sand Volleyball Court
at the High School

Aug 1 DARK

Aug 8 Lora Hall, City of San Marino Urban Forester, Arborist and Horticulturist
