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San Marino Rotoscope March 27, 2025



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President's Corner

Written by Paul Brassard

MARCH 20 RECAP: Pasadena Playhouse, Alive and Well.

The director of the Pasadena Playhouse, Danny Feldman, shared with us some important history of this historic institution. Not only was the 1925 building considered state-of-the-art, but it was built by a very enthusiastic local theater arts community that participated in creating plays, building sets, hosting premiers and training actors. The Playhouse had a significant role in training actors during the film industry's transition from silent movies to "talkies" and later trained news anchors when televisions replaced radios. Over the years, many talented actors were trained at the Playhouse, including [Raymond Burr](#), [Victor Mature](#), [Ernest Borgnine](#), [Eleanor Parker](#), [Charles Bronson](#), [Ray Vasquez](#), [Gene Hackman](#), [Dustin Hoffman](#), [Sally Struthers](#), and others.

Danny Feldman has been with the Playhouse since 2016. Under his leadership, the Playhouse has undergone a remarkable transformation, earning the 2023 Regional Theatre Tony Award. Feldman has staged numerous memorable productions and is deeply committed to making theater accessible to all, expanding education programs like Summer Theater Camps, Musical Theater Boot Camps for students, and producing theater for young audiences. We thank Linda Wah for bringing us this program.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DENNIS

Nicole Basseri made Dennis Kneier a cake for his 85th birthday and after singing happy birthday, Dennis was duly fined \$85 by the president. This innocent act set off a spontaneous feeding frenzy of \$85 donations in honor of our beloved treasurer, including a \$100 donation from Michel Roy given on the certainty that Dennis will live to 100.

ROTARY GREETINGS FROM GERMANY

A young, newly minted Rotarian from Germany visited our club and was presented with a club banner. Henrike Streffer is the brother of Jonas who works at the church. His club in Germany meets twice a week in the evenings where they enjoy a meal prepared by a Michelin Star chef who is a member of their club. On off weeks they attend a lunch meeting at a sister club. It's always a pleasure to meet Rotarians from overseas. It reminds us that Rotary is truly an international organization. Consider taking one of our club banners with you when you travel this summer and exchange it at a local Rotary club.



MARCH 27 PROGRAM: HERE COME RYLA KIDS! (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)

Every year we look forward to the RYLA kids “taking over” our meeting and sharing their experiences from leadership camp in the San Bernardino Mountains. This program is especially welcomed by sitting presidents who—by the late stage of their Rotary year-- welcome any opportunity to sit during a Rotary meeting. Special thanks to Tony Chou who is our RYLA chair again this year.

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).

Upcoming Program and Event Schedule (Invite a Friend)

Mar 27 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Delegate Presentations

Apr 3 Barth Scholarships and Fire Safety/Evacuations

Apr 10 CRAFT TALKS: Alan White and Richard Brunette

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.