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President's Corner
Written by Paul Brassard

MAY 15 RECAP: OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE'S NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. Thom Stritikus, the 17th president of the private liberal arts college located in Eagle Rock, talked to us about the issues facing colleges across the country. For example, some international students are worried about getting or keeping visas and many campuses have experienced protests about contentious international issues. Dr. Stritikus took the microphone and quickly came off the stage to engage our members in a question-and-answer format that included participation from the Titan Students of the Month who were in attendance. You get the impression that he is a "students" college president who is ready at any time to engage with his students on campus or even after hours with "tacos on York Avenue." Dr. Stritikus was introduced by Lisa Ling who is on the board at Occidental. We know Lisa as a former school board member and a recipient of the Paul Harris Honoree Award. We thank Linda Wha for arranging this program and Rick Chou for introducing Linda Link.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ADA PENG AND TYLER SIEDENTOPP

District Governor Mike Driebe was on hand to personally induct two new members to our club.

Sponsored by Claude Delgado, Tyler Siedentopp is with Village Fitness and Physical Therapy in San Marino (2134 Huntington Drive). His wife and new baby were in attendance to watch Tyler be inducted.

Ada Peng, sponsored by Isaac Hung, is a principal at HR&A Advisors, an industry-leading real estate and public policy firm. Her husband, John Tran, will join as an Associate Member. Like Tyler, they also have a young child.



SAN MARINO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
 Congratulations to Ethan Lee and Shanaya Jasim. Both students participated in the discussion led by Oxy President Thom Stritikus. Shanaya is interested in STEM and will attend Cal Berkeley in the Fall.



SHOWING THE FLAG
 Our youngest member, Edwin Ng, was recently in Singapore where he attended a local Rotary Club and exchanged club

banners.



MAY 22 PROGRAM: PEPPEY SCIARRA, WWII VET

Joe "Peppy" Sciarra is a World War II Veteran who entered the Army just after high school graduation and was assigned to a 81mm mortar squad in General MacArthur's army. After 9 months of training in New Caledonia, he and 68,000 other soldiers landed at Luzon in the Philippines and endured five and a half months of terrible jungle fighting, capturing 47 different ridges from 100,000 defending Japanese. Following the Japanese surrender, Peppy was assigned as part of the mainland Japan occupation forces. Sciarra suffered from the effects of malaria for a long time after returning home and faced numerous challenges securing his veteran benefits because many of the records had been destroyed. Peppy wants people to know what our guys went through during the war and, even after 80 years, he still thinks about all the men in his platoon who didn't make it back. Now 100 years old, Peppy lives in Arcadia and is a member of the Alhambra-Monterey Park Rotary Club. Thanks to Bill Payne for bringing us this special Memorial Day program.

GO DIGITAL OR GO HOME!

Members are invited to log into **dacdb.com** and check or update the contact and other information under their listing. You should also enter a photo if there is none. FYI, San Marino Rotary is club number 803 in district 5300. While on the site, you will find information about our club and about other clubs in the district.

FREE FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

The San Marino Fire Department is holding a spring workshop training session this Thursday, May 22, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. The training is open to all members of the community and includes CPR, first aid basics, fire prevention and utility management. Spread the word. To enroll, contact the Fire Dept

at 626-300-0735 or Fire@SanMarinoCA.gov.

Upcoming Program and Event Schedule (Invite a Friend)

May 22 Peppy Sciarra, WWII Vet, Memorial Day

May 29 DARK for Memorial Day

June 5 General Mark Toy: Salute to the Service Academy
Appointees

June 12 Jeffrey Prang – La County Assessor

Note : Club Board Meeting to follow at 1:30 pm

June 19 CRAFT TALK AND ROTARY CHARITIES UPDATE

June 26 Demotion