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San Marino Rotary Rotoscope May 25, 2023

By Paul Brassard on Friday, May 19, 2023

May 18th program Re-cap Barth Scholarship Recipients and a Craft Talk

Four beautiful and deserving high school seniors were on hand to receive their \$2500 Barth Scholarships and tell us about their plans.

1. Ester Lian from SMHS is passionate about dance, the arts, and humanities.
2. Valerie Kuo from SMHS loves to protect animals and teach English as a volunteer. She plans to study psychology at UCLA.
3. Gianna Karkafi from SMHS was captain of the girls' varsity basketball team, likes to tutor middle eastern students in English and plans to study neuroscience at UCLA.
4. Kateryna Dziubko from Southwestern Academy came to this country at age 13 from Ukraine. She excels in sports and serves as Student Body President at her school. She is wait-listed to UC Berkely.

Our club's scholarship program is the brainchild of past president Denise Wadsworth and is mostly funded by an endowment from local philanthropist (and club member) Andrew Barth. The application and selection process this year was under the direction of Caroline Yu and Claudia Attallah.





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MORE PAUL HARRIS MILESTONES

Foundation Chair John Jones keeps pushing members to increase their foundation giving. With John's friendly encouragement, new member Wally Rosvall earned his Paul Harris Fellow and veteran member Fred Sohl reached an advanced level. Good job guys.

Caroline Yu's Craft Talk

Caroline is a dentist in San Gabriel who was raised in San Marino by parents from dental and medical backgrounds. Her parents both immigrated from Taiwan. Caroline attended University of Pacific's accelerated program for undergraduate and dental school, graduating in 2015. After working in other practices, she joined her mother's practice in 2018. Caroline enjoys scuba diving, overseas medical mission trips, hiking, and kick boxing. Her mission trips have taken her to Honduras, Gambia, China, and Haiti.

TIME TO PARTY May 25th TAT Evening Social at Vikram Basappa's House

We've all been working hard "making a difference." Now it's time to enjoy each other's company in the festive atmosphere of Vikram Basappa's home in Pasadena. Traditional Indian dishes including appetizers, main courses, beverages, and dessert will be served. Guests are welcome. Time is 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Cost is only \$25 but **you need to RSVP immediately** to Gilda gmoshir@gmail.com or Dennis dkneier@socal.rr.com. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy authentic Indian hospitality with fellow Rotarians. Note: This is a Thursday Around Town Social (TATS). So there will not be a Rotary lunch meeting in the church hall on May 25.

June 1st program SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES

This patriotic program is one of the favorites each year. Come hear an inspirational speaker and meet those outstanding high school graduates who have been selected to attend our nation's elite service academies. Thanks to Bill Payne and Aaron Gil for arranging this exciting program.

LAST CALL FOR PAUL HARRIS NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Paul Harris award are still being accepted **until June 2, 2023**. Send nominations to (LSWAH@SBCGLOBAL.NET). A confirmation email will be sent back in reply. Please keep all nominations confidential (do not inform anyone, including your nominee, you have submitted their name for consideration). In submitting a nomination, please provide as much information below to help the Committee make a selection. Nominees do not need to be from San Marino and community works may extend to San Marino adjacent areas. Reminder: Nominees cannot be Rotarians.



[Gilda Moshir](#)
Assistant
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The annual Paul Harris Award will be presented at an elegant luncheon on March 14 at the Huntington Library.

KATHY FISCUS MEMORIAL PLAQUE A project update from Bill Payne

If you've been over to see the 50th year anniversary memorial plaque laid to remember 3-year-old Kathy Fiscus (and could even locate it) dedicated April 11, 1999, you saw that this now 24-year old plaque was all but *unreadable*. And, from exhaustive research conducted by William Deverell as presented in his talks at both Rotary and City Club, you know that the current location of the memorial plaque was not where she died.

A Committee, as called by Bill Payne, of those 1999 stakeholders, i.e., City of San Marino (Nicole Cuadras), Historical Society (Crista Lakon and Michael Moran), City Club (Kaili Chang), SMUSD (Michael Lin and Gil Cardenas) met the morning of May 16, to decide upon a course of corrective action.

Ray Reynolds, of Ampersand Signs of Los Angeles, was asked to give the Committee a cost estimate to: remake the brass sign, and to make a smaller sign identifying the date of the rededication; and to mount it on a boulder (similar to the two boulders just used at Titan Wellness Garden, another Rotary project). The new location would be at the base of the Titan Football Stadium scoreboard, currently in asphalt. The exact location of the Johnson Well was in the cork area, between the westerly end zone and the track. It was decided not to disturb this cork mat area.

Rededication planning will continue after the stakeholder boards and city council approve funding. A likely rededication date is April 11, 2024...the 75th anniversary of the Fiscus girl's passing.

June 8th Program "Rotarians in the Kingdom of Wonder"

Far away from home, a small group of Rotarians led by J.P. Mainguy, has reached out to the people we help in the rural villages of Cambodia. This presentation will encompass the recent history of the country, a blessing in a Buddhist wat, the temples of Angkor Wat, the floating villages, and the secrets of Khmer food.