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President's Corner

Written by Paul Brassard

MAY 1 RECAP: Teacher Mini Grants Making a Difference

The average "mini" grant to teachers is around \$1000. At Huntington Middle School, veteran teacher Jana Downey got nine teachers to combine and request \$9,000 to buy a three-year subscription to the premium interactive simulation software for scientific chemical experiments. Over 700 students have access to this cutting-edge software thanks to the Rotary Club grant. Other grants included cellos for the orchestra, costumes for the dance department, microphones for the theater department and solar robots for the STEM program. Not every request was approved. We said no to a teacher that wanted to take students to SeaWorld. Under the program, managed by Denise Wadsworth, the grants were made early in the school year to have maximum impact. Each grant required a sign-off from the school principal. Denise received a standing ovation for the mini-grant program as well as for the Titan Art Contest which passed out 43 awards and \$2000 in prize money last week.



HAPPY BUCK\$

Dennis Kneier offered to donate for his third grandson, to which Barbara Bice offered to match if the donation was tripled to include all three grandsons. At this point, some suggested Dennis may, in fact, have more

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than the disclosed number of grandchildren and is thus guilty of “under-reporting of grandchildren.” We will need to sort it out.

Paul donated in honor of Denise Wadsworth’s very successful Art Contest and for Claude Delgado’s amazing refurbishing the Rotary Bell which had fallen into disrepair.



MAY 8 MEETING: COMMUNITY GRANTS

Community Grants is another important program for our club. Funded by money raised from the Motor Classic, the money is distributed to several local non-profits, under the leadership of Wally Rosvall. Come hear what these vetted organizations intend to do with their grants.

MAKE “MY ROTARY” YOUR ROTARY BY SETTING UP YOUR PROFILE

Club webmaster Rick Chou introduced us to the “myrotary.org” website which is the main Rotary International website specifically for members of Rotary to access tools and information related to their membership. It is a platform where Rotarians can manage their profiles, access club and district information, and engage with other members. Key features and functions include Membership Management (you need to register your profile), Rotary Club Central, Foundation Giving History (view your contributions, etc.), Online Learning and Resources (free training), Club and District Administration, and Brand Center (for accessing Rotary’s branding materials and guidelines).

But it all starts with each member going to the site and registering your profile. As a club, we need you to register on the site. While you are there, check out the various features mentioned above.

INTRODUCING OUR “NEW” FACEBOOK PAGE

Our original Facebook page was lost so we have set up a new and improved page that can be searched on Facebook as San Marino Rotary Club. Please find the page and show some love by “liking” and “following” our page. Thanks to Vik Basappa for setting up this new page.

HANDS ON SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: GRAD NIGHT 2025

Grad Night—only a month away-- is a long-running tradition in San Marino

and a great way to volunteer and connect to the community. Please sign up online.



Scan QR Code or Click to Sign Up for Grad Night Tear Down

ROTARY'S MOTOR CLASSIC MONEY AT WORK

Be sure to check out the amazing new playground structures at Lacy Park. San Marino Rotary Charities donated approximately \$50,000 to the cause. These structures get plenty of use by children and that's why they need to be replaced and updated about every ten years. What better place to deploy our Motor Classic money than in the place where it is raised.



Upcoming Program and Event Schedule (Invite a Friend)

May 8 Community Grants: Recipient Presentations

May 15 Dr. Thom Stritikus, Occidental College's new president

May 22 Peppy Scarra, 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

June 19 CRAFT TALKS

June 26 Demotion