

Rotary

Club of San Marino



Events

November 10th

[42nd Annual Paul Harris Luncheon](#)

Speaker: Global Grant Scholar, Larissa Phillips

Subject: Honoree, John Quinn

November 17th

[Tournament of Roses - Queen and Court visit](#)

Speaker: Rose Queen & Court

Subject: Plants and Princesses at

Huntington Library followed by Rotary Luncheon at San Marino Community Church

November 24th

[DARK for Thanksgiving Holiday](#)

December 1st

[San Marino Rotary Club Club Meeting](#)

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An Awesome Meeting Last Thursday

It started with a group of high school juniors running the meeting. They nailed the Pledge of Allegiance and then taught us a new dance step. It went "stand up, sit down, stand up, sit down..." It was just what we needed to prevent the usual food coma from setting in. One student entertained us with cringeworthy "Dad Jokes". These youngsters had so much energy that I assumed it was the glee club when, in fact, it was the board of the Rotary Interact Club. They told us about the projects that they have done so far this year and the seven projects they have planned. In total, they have 39 members who have paid the \$30 club fee that provides the seed money for these projects. Denise Wadsworth has done a fantastic job with this group, as evidenced by their energy and their enthusiasm for service.

New Member Inducted

As is becoming common place in our club, we inducted another new member. Keren Pettibone describes herself as "an Armenian/American woman, a mother, passionate human, professional career woman." Her professional background includes being a CPA with Pettibone CPA Group, practicing in Toluca Lake. Keren has more than 15 years of experience in tax, accounting, and compliance positions with diverse industries preparing individual and corporate tax returns. She is sponsored by Ellen Batzel Palm-Leis.

Dr. Joel Kim's Craft Talk.

A member since August of this year, Joel Kim detailed his 14 years in the US Marine Corp (working his way up to Captain) as well as his years in the "endurance community" (think triathlete and marathons) as well as many years of service in his Christian faith and then years of training in his chosen profession of physical therapy. Where does he get all these years? Joel operates a practice in San Marino under the name Total Potential Physical Therapy. He holds a doctorate in Physical Therapy and is also a Certified Functional Manual Therapist. Joel and his wife are raising two boys—aged 8 and 11—in Arcadia. Sponsored by Gilda and myself, Joel is drawn to Rotary as "a place to do service without any religious chains or politics." In addition to San Marino Rotary, Joel is also active in the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, where he was recently honored as "new member of the year."

Back-to-Back District Governors. Are you kidding me?

If that wasn't all, President Rob read an unusual proclamation certifying Gilda Moshir as nominee designate governor for District 5300. Congratulations to Gilda for stepping up. District Governor is a big deal with lots of responsibility. Many of the 63 clubs in our district have never produced a district governor. Our club has in past years but not recently,



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until Mike Driebe (slated for 2024-25 year) and now Gilda for the 2025-26 year. Gilda's tireless contribution to this club as past president and in the areas of membership and social events is evident to all. But she's also been active in the district helping other clubs, along with her work in other service-minded organizations. It is unprecedented for a club to provide back-to-back district governors. That said, we shouldn't rule out a possible "three-peat" knowing that our own Isaac Hung is waiting in the wings. You heard it here first.

An Exciting Upcoming Week for Rotarians

Tuesday November 8. **Election Day** (coinciding with a Full Moon, this could get interesting). Remember to vote early and vote often. I noticed that three of the six City Council candidates and two of the six School Board candidates are Rotarians. We applaud their willingness to SERVE in these time-demanding, thankless, non-paid positions.

Wednesday November 9. San Marino High School 2nd Annual Showcase

Thursday November 10 Paul Harris Recognition Luncheon at Huntington Library (RSVP required)

Keynote Speaker Larissa Phillips

Bill Payne provided some details about the Keynote speaker for what is our 42nd annual Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Luncheon.

"Her name is Larissa Phillips, daughter of Regina Wong and Rick Phillips, formerly of Russet Lane. She is a 2013 graduate of San Marino High, and a 2017 alum of Dartmouth College, with a degree in Economics, focused on community development. Larissa was selected as a 2017-18 Rotary International Global Grant scholar, and qualified under the Economic and Community Development *Area of Focus*. At the London School of Economics, she completed a Masters' degree in Development Studies.

With a strong belief that the private sector provides market-based solutions to promote self-sufficiency, Larissa has begun her career in strategy consulting with McKinsey & Company. She will tell of her scholarship journey, and how it has prepared her to create opportunity through economic development."

As I mentioned in a previous blog, Bill Payne is our member who finds, vets and coaches potential global scholarship candidates, generating approximately one candidate per year. But according to Bill, "three scholars have an *unusual* connection. Roger Johnston, Dan Biles and Rick Phillips all were a part of a Tuesday-Thursday morning tennis group at Lacy Park" ..that Bill is connected to. "Each of their daughters, Samantha, Nicole, and Larissa, respectively, applied and were accepted!" Bill goes on to note that there is a "perk" beyond the \$31,000 value of the scholarship as "two San Marino recipients, Grace Wang and Nicole Biles, actually found their *soul mates* during their studies abroad."

Anyway, it looks to be an exciting Paul Harris Luncheon, especially after a three-and-a-half-year hiatus.

Our November will conclude with the **Royal Court visit to our club on Thursday November 17.**



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