

**San Marino Rotoscope November 14, 2024**

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President

**San Marino Rotary ROTOSCOPE**  
**President's Corner**  
*Written by Paul Brassard*

 [Ginny T. Hsiao](#)  
President-Elect

**NOV. 7 PROGRAM RECAP: Lawrence Fu, Former Marine and Iraq War Veteran**  
*Lawrence Fu, SMHS class of 1999 and graduate of UC Irvine, was headed to the pharmaceutical industry when he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves. He served two tours in Iraq. The first tour was when the country was still "hot" and the bad guys were shooting at him. When he returned in 2007-2008 things had settled down and his unit was involved with closing bases and transitioning equipment to the Iraqis. After his honorable discharge in 2008 with the rank of Captain, he returned home to manage the family business in the City of Commerce and raise a family. Thanks to Bill Payne for bringing us this inspirational program.*


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**NOV. 14 PROGRAM: Craft Talks: Miranda Zhang and John Wallace**


**Miranda Zhang**  
*Miranda Zhang was born and raised in Beijing and moved to US with her family. She graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara, and achieved a master's degree in Statistics. Over the past decade, Mirand has specialized in business analytics within the digital marketing domain. In the serenity of 2021, Miranda moved to San Marino with her family and is grateful to call this place home.*

**John Wallace**  
*Longtime member John Wallace is a WWII baby from a family of war veterans. He grew up in Post-War Brentwood and was accepted into nearby UCLA and then served as a soldier in Korea during the Vietnam War era. After a few years of travel and working as a tour escort he returned to LA and began his business career and family. Following a successful business career, he taught management at Cal State LA, which he greatly enjoyed but it did keep him away from Rotary meetings. Now, in retirement, John can attend the lunch meetings and get more involved.*

 [Wallace L. Rosvall](#)  
Club Director


**AND.....IT'S....GONE!**

*The Rotary Gazebo in "Rotary Park" stood on the high school campus at the corner of Huntington Drive and Gainsborough Dr. for 50 years. The age of Uber and smartphones made it less necessary and as it fell into disrepair it attracted transients and created sanitation problems. To restore the structure would have cost over \$27,000. The school district agreed it should be removed, and Rotary paid the removal cost of approx... \$7200.*

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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Treasurer Dennis Kneier presented a check for \$75,000 to the City to help fund renovation of the children's play area in Lacy Park. The money comes from our share of the Motor Classic as well as funds collected in the "Little Paul" Fund. Mayor Huang presented a Certificate of Recognition to our club for our generosity to the community.



**HELP FILL THE FOOD BOX:**

Bring canned and bottled food items to this week's lunch meeting for the YMCA November food drive. You can also drop off cans, stuffing, rice, beans, pasta and grains to the donation box inside the lobby of the YMCA at 1605 Garfield Ave. in South Pasadena.

**RSVP FOR COMMON SENSE BREWERY TOUR NOV. 16**

President-elect Ginny Hsiao has arranged a Brewery Tour and Fellowship opportunity at Common Space Brewery in El Segundo for Saturday, November 16, at 3 pm. In addition to free samples of beverages, there are food trucks onsite. RSVP to Ginny at [ginshiao@gmail.com](mailto:ginshiao@gmail.com).

**COME TO THE MINI GRANT CEREMONY AT CROWEL LIBRARY Wed Nov 13, 4 pm**

Witness your club "making a difference" in the local schools as we present checks to the teacher mini-grant recipients.

**GLOBAL SCHOLAR UPDATE**

Bill Payne not only finds global scholar prospective candidates and leads them through the selection process, but he also keeps tabs on them when they go abroad. Recently, Bill received an update from Eathan Wong which I am summarizing. Eathan reports that he has settled into college and navigates the London Tube to attend activities and visit his preferred study spots. His college has a Harry Potter atmosphere with a large great hall for dinner. He meets people from all over the world, including fellow Global Grant Scholars. He recently attended the London District Rotary Conference.

**FINE\$ AND HAPPY BUCK\$ GALORE**

Chris Norgaard was fined \$200 for winning the \$4000 cash raffle at the Mid-Autumn Festival while sitting at the Rotary table. School Board Vice President Joseph Chang donated \$200 of Happy Bucks in honor of the school's \$200 million bond measure passing. Mike Rizzo donated \$100 for the bond measure's success and says he will help make sure the money is spent wisely. Hunter Chang gave \$100 for being elected to the City Council and thereby avoiding being fined \$200 for the offense. John Jones gave \$100 for his daughter and his 60-mile walk this weekend to support cancer research. Joel Kim was fined \$50 for his weekly color advertisements in the Tribune.

**GO TITANS?**

Bill Payne reports that the San Marino Titans beat Hawthorne 35-6. Titans are now 6-5. The second-round opponent will be Pasadena High, at Pasadena, next Friday, at 7 pm. Pasadena is 5-6.

**RSVP NOW FOR THE ANNUAL ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This year's event will be held at Mijares Mexican Restaurant, 145 Palmetto Drive, Pasadena. Cost is only \$50 per person. Guests are welcome. RSVP to Dennis Kneier [dkneier@cocal.rr.com](mailto:dkneier@cocal.rr.com).



**UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRMS**

- NOV 14 CRAFT TALKS: Miranda Zhang & John Wallace
- NOV 21 Tournament of Roses Queen & Court, annual visit
- NOV 28 Dark , Happy Thanksgiving
- DEC 5 TAT Evening Holiday Party, at Mijares Restaurant RSVP required
- DEC 12 Debbie Priester, Teen Leadership Camp, Delegate Reports
- DEC 19 Dark, Winter Break
- DEC 26 Dark, Happy Holidays