

Rotary

Club of San Marino



San Marino Rotary Rotoscope November 9, 2023

ROTSCOPE

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NOV 2 PROGRAM RECAP

Megan Duncan, Disney Imagineer, "Imagine Tomorrow"

Southern California is home to the Disney company, which now has theme parks, cruise ships and film production and distribution worldwide. All these projects tell a story and one of the elements crucial to telling the story is the audio. Our speaker, Meagan Duncan (daughter of Qing and Kyle Duncan) works as an imagineer in the audio department of Disney in Glendale. She recently returned from a worldwide trip that took her to Shanghai and Tokyo (where Disney has theme parks) and to one of the company's cruise ships. All these locations need sound to tell the story. Some of these projects, such as theme park attractions, are so complicated that they can take five years to complete. They also need to translate some aspects into foreign languages. Meagan has Mandarin language skills which help her collaborate with Disney representatives in Shanghai. Her own journey started as a Performance Major with an interest in youth theater. But then she became interested in sound mixing and editing and pursued education in this field at Emerson College in Boston before landing her dream job at Disney. Sounds good to me.



Meeting Recap

Immediate past president Rob Fiedler stepped in for President Barbara who is under the weather.

District Governor-elect Mike Driebe, who traveled all over the world for Rotary, spoke to us about the human impact of Rotary that he has

witnessed first hand.

Caroline Yu, from the Foundation Committee, explained how our club gets Districted Dedicated Funds (DDF) for our projects. Basically, 25% of all the money we donate to Rotary International through our district can come back to our club for use on our projects. Since our club donated approximately \$34,000 last year, we received back \$8500, which we are using for the Corazon house build in Mexico (\$3500), the Rise Against Hunger (\$1,000), and Rotary Readers (\$4,000).

Banner Exchange was executed flawlessly.

Former District Governor (District 5240; Year 2021-2022) Dana Moldovan visited as a guest of Mara Chindris. Dana is the person who encouraged Mara to join our club. She brought along a banner from her club of Westlake Village and a "banner exchange" was made. The banner exchange reminds us that we are linked to a worldwide organization with genuine human connections. Rotary is indeed a big club and, guess what, you're in it!





San Marino Supports Scout Troop 351

Isaac Hung and our club were recognized for our continued support of Troop 351. Isaac has been our club's representative for Troop 351 for many years and is offering this position to a fellow member who is interested in supporting our local Scout troop. Contact Isaac for more information.

Rotary Readers is Funded.

Mary Ulin, who is managing the Rotary Readers program, says she has extra funds and is accepting names of other schools or child-involved organizations who could use children's books. Email Mary direct at englishwithmary91108@gmail.com.

NOV. 9 PROGRAM Western Justice Center The ABC's of Negotiations.

The Western Justice Center's mission and vision is for Conflict Resolution Education (CRE) and restorative practices (Community Circles and Peer Mediation) to become an essential part of the school system in ways that empower its students, parents, educators, administrators, and community partners to create a safer, more inclusive learning environment for all. We equip young people with tools to embrace differences, manage conflict, deescalate violence, and help build relationships to positively affect their future—and ours. These practices help schools meet their state accountability standards for social emotional learning and for improvements in school culture and climate.

ROTARY BEHIND THE SCENES

Teen Leadership Conference (TLC) Debbie Priester

Debbie Priester has been busy lately getting students selected and prepared to attend the 3-day Teen Leadership Conference in Running Springs. Debbie was instrumental in creating this program for the district 20 years ago and she is still managing our club's participation. It's "her baby." In

fact, she took charge of the program at the district level when she was pregnant with her baby boy. As her son grew up, so did the TLC program to become one of the district's signature programs. Whereas RYLA sends high school leaders to camp for a week, TLC sends 8th graders to camp for a weekend where they are exposed to inspirational lecturers and participate in leadership training exercises. To select the ten or so students we send each year from our club, Debbie must interview about 35 students, which takes about 4 or 5 full days because she is required to work around core subjects. The students must fill out an application which includes their volunteer experience and philosophy of service. The application and interview process itself is a benefit to all the students, even those not selected. It's a lot of work for Debbie, but she loves it. She found her labor of love in Rotary. You will be able to hear from the TLC kids at the Dec. 7 luncheon meeting, just after they return from their camp experience. These kids are not only confident and articulate, but also genuinely funny. You won't want to miss the Dec. 7 program.

"DC24" THIS COULD BE BIG

There are only 230 days until district 5300 "Cruise to Service", June 21-24, 2024. We depart from Los Angeles on Friday June 21 and return on Monday. We will spend Sunday in Ensenada doing a service project before returning to Los Angeles the following day. Book your cabin now on the district 5300 website. I have my booking, District governor-elect Mike Driebe has his. Of the 150 cabins reserved for Rotarians, 90 have already been booked. Don't miss your chance.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule Invite a friend

Nov. 9 Western Justice Center : The ABC's of Negotiations

Nov. 16 Craft Talks Wally Rosvall / Mara Chindris

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving **DARK**

Nov. 30 Tournament of Roses ROYAL COURT

Dec. 7 TLC Kids run the meeting– Debbie Priester

Dec 14 DARK

Dec 15 Christmas Party at Dennis Kneier's Home Fri. Dec. 15. RSVP required.

Dec 21 DARK

Dec. 28 DARK
