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Club of San Marino



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San Marino Rotary ROTOSCOPE

President's Corner

Written by Paul Brassard

APRIL 10: A TALE OF TWO CRAFT TALKS

RICHARD BURNETTE: WHO SAID LAWYER'S AREN'T FUNNY

With his rye sense of humor on display, Richard "Dick" Burnette shared his story of growing up in Wisconsin and then coming out to Los Angeles to work at the Sheppard Mullen law firm where he is still active. Dick and wife Jane raised five kids in San Marino while volunteering for a full range of local organizations. Richard did not go into the details of his investment portfolio, other than to mention he is a part owner of the Green Bay Packers football team—one of 200,000 such owners. He even displayed a stock certificate to prove it. Prior to becoming a business lawyer and bankruptcy specialist, Richard had a stint as a repo man. He is still married to his wife Jane, who he met at a high school dance when he was attending a Catholic high school in Wisconsin. In addition to Rotary, Richard stays active in the community by attending every school board meeting and is a member of the Bond Oversight Committee. After finishing his talk, Dick was presented with his Paul Harris Fellow certificate and pin.



LINDA WAH: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

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Linda Wah was raised in the Imperial Valley near the Mexican border, which has the largest Chinese population in Mexico. Growing up in this area allowed her to learn Spanish and attend university in Puerto Rico. Linda serves on a lot of Boards, including the LA 211 Board, which operates call centers to connect people-in-need to services. This organization played a crucial role in the aftermath of the Eaton fires and received extensive publicity from the likes of Taylor Swift. Early in her career, Linda got involved in computers. She worked for 23 years for the City of Los Angeles and was a pioneer of computer-based training and office technology. She also spent many years on the Board of Pasadena Community College and is a long-term advocate of dual enrollment education. In our club, Linda has just completed a two-year stint as Foundation Chair which, among other things, is responsible for the Paul Harris Award Luncheon at the Huntington Library.



APRIL 17 PROGRAM: ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS PLANS

San Marino High School has a robust business curriculum under the leadership of Courtney Rushing. Each year, students from the advanced business class come to present their business plans in front of our club with prize money on the line. This allows these students to go before seasoned business professionals in a professional setting. We get to see the passion, creativity and hard work of these students who represent the future business leaders our society needs. Many thanks to Isaac Hung for arranging this interesting program each year.

Note: CLUB BOARD MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LUNCH MEETING

APRIL 24 THURSDAY'S AROUND TOWN: Canoe House 5:30 – 7:30 pm

We will be dark at lunch so that we can gather in the evening at the Canoe

House restaurant in South Pasadena (805 S. Fair Oaks Ave). This tropical-themed restaurant has offered us their cozy outdoor patio with a firepit. You will have a choice of five meal options (Big Kahuna Burger, Turkey Brie Melt, Aloha Tacos, Herb Crusted Mahi Mahi, or Thai Fried Chicken Salad) and a beverage (soda, beer, wine or margarita). Come enjoy the atmosphere and fellowship. Cost is only \$25. Please RSVP to Dennis.

MOTOR CLASSIC SHIFTS INTO HIGH GEAR

A media event organized by Stephanie Johnson for sponsors, donors and recipients at the Flying A Garage in Pasadena. This annual event in August supplies a major portion of our club's funding for service projects. Please consider if you want to be a sponsor or take an advertisement in the event program. See Stephanie, Dennis or Paul for details.



2025 DISTRICT CONFERENCE A HUGE SUCCESS

This year's District Conference was held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim. Mike Driebe, as District Governor, held court but other San Marino Rotarians were active as well. Gilda took charge of the District Assembly on Friday morning and Ginny Hsiao was in charge of the Finals competition of the Four-Way Speech Contest on Saturday morning. Approximately 10 members from our club attended, including an Associate Member who also represented the high school Rotary Interact Club. Save the Date for next year's District Conference (Gilda's year), which will take place May 1-3, 2026, at Harvey's Hotel in Stateline, Nevada.






Rotary
District 5180

2026 ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

MAY 1 - 3, 2026
Harvey's Hotel & Resort
18 US Hwy 50, Stateline, NV

SAVE THE DATE

UNITE FOR GOOD

- Connect and Collaborate with new friends and long standing friends.
- Celebrate your club impact
- Ignite your Rotary passion and help inspire the next generation of Rotarians.
- Have fun with engaging interactive sessions.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE 2025 D5180 CONFERENCE TEAM!

HANDS-ON SERVICE PROJECT MAY 3

Lend a hand to fellow member Eva Lin's Charity Bike Build Event on Saturday, May 3rd at Victory Park from 9:30 am to 12 pm. Help assemble 100 bikes and then help give them out to deserving kids who need a bike and sometimes a little help to get started in riding. RSVP to evalinbikebuild.com

You're Invited!

Eva Lin's Charity Bike Build Event

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025
9:30am - 12pm

Victory Park, Pasadena

RSVP
EvaLinBikeBuild.com

As the mother of two young girls, supporting children in need right here in our community is something I'm passionate about. That's why, every year, my team donates hundreds of bicycles to the children served by local organizations like Hillside's Foster Care, Pasadena Boys & Girls Club, and the Elizabeth House.

In a few weeks, we'll be building and donating another 100 brand-new bikes.

Building that many bikes is a BIG job and we'd love your help!

Even if you only stop by for 20 minutes to build 1 bike, you'll have a major impact!

And I can promise that you'll be a hero to some very special kids in our community.



Upcoming Program and Event Schedule (Invite a Friend)

Apr 17 Annual High School Business Plan Contestants

Apr 24 Thursdays About Town Evening gathering at the Canoe House in So. Pasadena \$25

May 1 Teacher Mini Grants: Recipient Presentations

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