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Club of San Marino



San Marino Rotoscope December 5, 2024



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San Marino Rotary ROTOSCOPE President's Corner

Written by Paul Brassard

NOV. 21 PROGRAM RECAP: Tournament of Roses Royal Court
San Marino Rotary Club welcomed a touch of Pasadena pageantry as the Tournament of Roses Royal Court made their annual visit to our club. The Royal Court, a cherished tradition of the Rose Parade, consists of seven accomplished young women from nearby high schools who serve as ambassadors of the Rose Bowl Parade and Football Game. This year's Queen, Lindsay Charles, is a resident of San Marino and attends Westridge School in Pasadena.

The Royal Court members, dressed in matching denim outfits, shared their experiences and excitement about representing the community in the upcoming festivities. They answered questions about the selection process, their college plans, the training they received and fun experiences like visiting Disneyland. But as beautiful and poised as they were, they were momentarily upstaged by the arrival of Councilman Tony Chou's three-year-old daughter who posed for pictures with the Court.



PLANTS & PRINCESSES

Prior to visiting our club, the princesses were at the Huntington Library with elementary grade students from East Los Angeles. In a collaboration with the Huntington Library, the children enjoyed learning activities in the educational garden and the plant lab and had the opportunity to decorate mini-Rose Parade floats with flowers. The princesses interacted with the students at each station and then answered questions. Following the event, the princesses were escorted to our club location by San Marino Police motorcade. Many thanks to Isaac Hung, Tony Chou, and Qing



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Duncan for organizing this event.



WALKER SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR THE ROTARY FLOAT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Have you ever wanted to be in the Rose Parade on January 1st? A limited number of walker positions are available for \$7500 a person. This ultimate bucket list opportunity includes:

- **Tour the floats Saturday afternoon and get photographs alongside Rotary International president Stephanie Urchick.**
- **Interact with the RI president**
- **Walk alongside the Rotary Float on New Year's Day.**
- **Television coverage: Be part of live television broadcasts, as major news channels cover the parade. Go to <https://www.rotaryfloat.org/z2025-riders-and-outwalkers-information/> to apply.**

WEDDING BELLS FOR VALERIA

Dennis Kneier shared the good news that Valeria, our club's beloved refugee from Ukraine, is engaged and plans to be married in December. Dennis is collecting donations for Valeria, since she has no family here. Her father was killed in the war and her mother is still in Europe. With the help of many of our club members, she is building a new life here in America.

DEC 5 ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY AT MIJARES MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Celebrate the season with your Rotary Family at Mijares Mexican Restaurant, 145 Palmetto Drive, Pasadena. Cost is only \$50 per person. Guests are welcome. This is our last chance to socialize together in 2024

and prepare to bring in the new year. RSVP to Dennis Kneier
dkneier@cocal.rr.com.



DEC 12 PROGRAM: Debbie Priester, Teen Leadership Camp delegates

San Marino Rotary is sending sixteen 8th-graders to Teen Leadership Camp this year, which is the most we have ever sent in the 25-year history of the program. Most clubs only send two or 4 and we normally send 8 or 10. But this year, we had an exceptional crop of applicants, and we had hard-working volunteers to conduct the additional interviews, including program chair Debbie Priester, Isaac Hung, and Linda Wah. On December 12, you will get to hear from these dynamic students as they "take over" the meeting and share their experiences with us. This will be our last Rotary meeting of the year, and we won't reconvene at the church until January 9th, when we will hear from Dr. Theresa Wong about "Keys to Living Long."

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

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

Jan 2 Dark, Happy New Year

Jan 9 Dr. Theresa Wong, Subscription Based Geriatrics, **Keys to Living**

Longer

Jan 16 Becky Cheng, New Member Craft Talk

Jan 23 Foothill Unity, Assembling Birthday Boxes