

# Rotary

## Club of San Marino



## San Marino Rotoscope January 30, 2025



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### San Marino Rotary ROTOSCOPE

President's Corner

Written by Paul Brassard

#### JAN 23 MEETING RECAP: "HANDS ON" PROJECT A BIG SUCCESS

It was with immense pride and satisfaction that I witnessed fellow Rotarians "use their hands" in service. Together we assembled 100 Birthday Cake Kits for needy families that will be distributed by the Foothill Unity organization. Denise Wadsworth, who has considerable experience with hands-on projects, conceived and managed this project.





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### Welcome New Members Dick Burnet and Alan White

District Governor Mike Driebe was on hand to personally induct two new members to the club.

**Alan White**, originally from England, runs a company that specializes in the restoration of historic homes. He and his wife have a young daughter at Carver Elementary. Alan's sponsor is Fred Shol.

**Richard "Dick" Burnette** is a lifelong attorney with Sheppard Mullin who raised his kids in San Marino and was active in Boy Scouts, Little League, City Club, Schools Foundation and Community Church. Dick's sponsor is Wally Rosvall.



### JAN 30 PROGRAM Rotary Four-Way Speech Contest

Come to hear some incredibly talented high school students present speeches that incorporate the values of Rotary's 4-Way Test. Ginny Hsiao manages this program for our club and it is always inspiring to hear what is on the mind of these young people.

### Feb 8 Lunar New Year Celebration in Lacy Park

Mark your calendar for this annual community event which is sponsored by Chinese Club and co-sponsored by Rotary Club. We could use some more volunteers. Please contact Rick Chou at [Rick@RCHealthAgency.com](mailto:Rick@RCHealthAgency.com).

### ROTARY "PERSON OF ACTION"

Jason Ramos has missed meetings recently because his YMCA, located on the border between San Marino and South Pasadena, has become a

beehive of activity as it provides relief to victims of the Eaton fires. I stopped by the other day and Jason gave me a tour. Not only is the main facility given over to supplies and organizing donors and volunteers, but they are also using the YMCA-owned house and vacant lot on Garfield for relief work. We all know the YMCA as a place for families to exercise and gain life skills (all three of my kids learned to swim there), but it is also a vital community resource that can morph into an aid station on a moment's notice, as it has after the recent fire. Of course, it can do so only as long as our community continues to support the Y and if it has effective leaders like Rotarian Jason Ramos who is this week's "Person of Action".



### **TAIPEI ON THE HORIZON**

Our old friend "Woodie" from the Taipei TungMen Rotary club last week. He reminded us that Taipei will be the site of the 2026 Rotary International Convention (June 13-17, 2026) and said that he would like to arrange sightseeing for any members of our club who plan to attend. I asked for a show of hands of members considering traveling to Taipei for the convention and counted over 10 people, including yours truly. This could be an epic trip for our club. Look ahead to your 2026 calendar and see if it might work for you. Of course, this is not meant to upstage the 2025 RI Convention in Calgary, Canada (June 21-25), which for many people could be your first rodeo.

### **Upcoming Program and Event Schedule**

**Jan 30** Annual Four-Way Speech Contest

**Feb 6** Rick Chou. Co-Founder and Creative Director, Blue Sky Computer-Generated Imagery (CGI)

**Feb 8 Saturday:** Lunar New Year Celebration in Lacy Park. Sponsored by the Chinese Club of San Marino and co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Marino

**Feb 13** Edward Yen, LA country Board of Supervisors, Issues Facing the

County

**Feb 20** Neil Mottinger, JPL Navigation Engineer, Mars Landings

**Feb 27 DARK** for lunch. Evening Private Party for Valeria: Rotarians invited

**Mar 6** Contestants, Dan Stover Music Competition