



CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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100 Years in the Making

Special Thanks for the Past Year



To the San Marino Centennial Celebration Committee:

On behalf of the entire San Marino City Council, I would like to extend sincere thanks for all of your wonderful work over the past 12 months. The passion, hard work and dedication displayed by every single member of the committee played an invaluable role in the successful lineup of Centennial Celebration events that we all had the pleasure of enjoying during the past year.

Indeed, your work began as far back as 2010, with the initial planning meetings for what would become an amazing Centennial year for all of those who work and live in San Marino. From managing the key components of the Centennial Celebration to developing the Centennial website and overseeing the banners, merchandise, Centennial book and so much more, we are extremely grateful for all of your contributions.

As we close the Centennial year and look back on all we have accomplished not only during the past 12 months, but throughout the entire history of our great city, your commitment and enthusiasm will forever be remembered as we move forward and look confidently towards the next 100 years.

Sincerely,
Richard Ward
Mayor
City of San Marino

To the San Marino community:

The San Marino City Council and the San Marino Centennial Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the San Marino residents, community groups, schools and businesses for their part in the Centennial Celebration.

From partaking in the celebration activities, volunteering, sup-

porting and hosting a variety of community functions commemorating the City's rich history and 100-year milestone, your participation was an integral part of this past year's festivities.

We owe the success of our Centennial Celebration to all community members who continue to make San Marino beautiful and special.

Centennial Celebration Committee



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To Liz Kneier:

The City of San Marino offers special thanks to Oversight Committee Chairman Liz Kneier, who was instrumental in coordinating all Centennial events, including the picnic, gala, calendar, website and more. Without Liz's hard work and vision, our Centennial Celebration would not have been such a great success.

Centennial Highlights

Red Car tours offer historic view of San Marino



Free Red Car tours of historic City sights throughout San Marino were offered every other month from October 2012 through June 2013. Tour highlights included trips by The Huntington, Old Mill and many more locations. Tours were very popular with the community and almost every tour was full!

Rotary Club gifts “Centennial Mural” to City



The Rotary Club of San Marino gifted a mural celebrating the Electric Railway Red Car trolley system to the City to mark its Centennial anniversary.

San Marino Centennial book a success

The Centennial Book, authored by Elizabeth Pomeroy, was spearheaded by Committee Vice Chairman Ave Bortz and Judith Carter, representing the San Marino Historical Society. The book features San Marino’s rich 100-year history, including the land’s origin, ranch life, modernization, civic and cultural growth, and movement into the next century. It was dedicated to Paul Crowley (in memoriam) for his many contributions to San Marino. The book has been extremely well received both locally and nationally.

**On the cover:
Order your copy of the
Community Portrait!**

Portraits are available at the Recreation Department as well as businesses in the community for a \$10 donation to The Centennial Project. For more information, call (626) 403-2200.

Library celebrates Centennial with “One Book, One City” selection honoring Julia Child



The Friends of the Crowell Public Library celebrated San Marino’s Centennial with its “One Book, One City” selection for 2013: “Dearie: The Remarkable Life of Julia Child” by Bob Spitz. Other events included a talk by John Dewar titled “Recipe for Spying,” in which he recounted Julia’s life in the CIA. Cooking writer Peg Rahn discussed Child’s culinary life and Dr. Dee FitzGerald spoke about the American Institute of Wine and Food, which was founded by Julia and others. Spitz gave an enchanting account of his friendship with Child, who was born just the year before the founding of San Marino.

View leadership portraits

San Marino City Club took on the Centennial project of capturing different community groups and leaders in San Marino. The photographs can be viewed on the walls of the San Marino Center located at 1800 Huntington Drive.

Centennial banners available in August

The Centennial street banners have decorated the city throughout the Centennial year. Sponsors may pick up their banners at City Hall from Aug. 1-Sep. 30. For more information, call (626) 300-0781 or email jlepano@cityofsanmarino.org.

Police and Fire Centennial badges presented



The San Marino Centennial Committee presented Centennial badges to each member of the San Marino Police and Fire departments at the Centennial Kick-Off on July 4, 2012. These badges were retired at the closing of the Centennial on July 4, 2013.

Centennial merchandise sales soar



Throughout the Centennial year you could see commemorative T-shirts, baseball caps and more gracing the streets of San Marino. Centennial merchandise such as umbrellas, Christmas ornaments, wine glasses, sweatshirts, tote bags and more were available for sale at all Centennial events, the Crowell Public Library and San Marino Chamber of Commerce. Special thanks to the Chamber’s Rita Rodriguez and Jeanie Wong for their generous donation of time, energy and creativity to the Centennial!

If you have a comment, question or idea for the newsletter, please email Community Services Director Sue Cobb at sacobb@cityofsanmarino.org.

San Marino Centennial Fountain dedicated



On April 25, 2013, the San Marino Centennial Fountain, located at 2200 Huntington Drive, was dedicated to the members of the San Marino community. The fountain was designed by Lenkin Designs in Pasadena and features the City's logo sculpted in limestone by a European artist and hand-painted floor tiles or emblems representing the community's various organizations. Personalized bricks also comprise the plaza, purchased by various community members to help support the project.

Community enjoys Celebration on Lawn



On the evening of April 25, 2013, the San Marino community gathered at The Huntington for a magical celebration of 100 years. The evening concluded with the singing of "Happy Birthday" to San Marino.

All-Community Birthday Party held at Lacy Park



The community of San Marino came together on April 27, 2013, at Lacy Park for an old-fashioned picnic to celebrate the City's 100th birthday. The event featured performances by many of San Marino High School's finest, and activities included carnival games, community group sponsored booths, pony rides, balloon artists and more.

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San Marino and City of Hope join forces

This past year saw the City of San Marino and City of Hope join forces to celebrate 100 years together. In May 2013 at the Sun residence, a cooking class was led by Celebrity Chef Katie Chin. City of Hope also hosted a discussion featuring physician Dr. Linda Malkas at the Crowell Public Library in June 2013.

Other highlights ...

- A children's history book on San Marino was updated by Susie Anthony and Liz Kneier to distribute to every third grade classroom in San Marino schools.
- All San Marino sports teams from San Marino High School, Huntington Middle School, SMCAA, Little League and San Marino/South Pasadena YMCA were given Centennial patches to wear on their uniforms.
- All graduating students received a special Centennial stamp on their diplomas.

New Centennial Field encourages "play"



Centennial honored at Fourth of July

A beautiful tribute to the Centennial Celebration included the Fourth of July Spectaculars in 2012 and 2013.

New featured elements of the annual event included longer fireworks displays, airplane flyovers and additional entertainment.

The Ed Blecksmith 5K Run and Rotary Club parade rounded out the patriotic celebrations.

Dedicated in May 2013, the Centennial Field at the Stoneman Recreation Center was made possible via a donation from the Rotary Club of San Marino and in-kind contributions from the City. The field encourages "play" and helps supports the recreational needs of the community.