



## Alan Steinbrecher: 2010 Tribune CITIZEN of the YEAR

Respectful Citizen has been described as one of unmatched integrity and highest ethical standards.

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**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:** Alan Steinbrecher has earned the well-deserved, annual honor from The Tribune for his great contribution to his community and his country.

**A**CKNOWLEDGING decades of contributions to not only the San Marino community but also to his country, family and in the sphere of his professional outreach, the San Marino Tribune proudly names long-time resident Alan Steinbrecher as our Citizen of the Year for 2010.

And as a volunteer for numerous charities and her husband's top supporter, wife Millie deserves special mention - we're quite certain Alan wouldn't have it any other way.

Locally, Steinbrecher served as president of San Marino National Little League for the 1998-99 season, followed by a term as 1999-2000 president of the San Marino Schools Foundation. He served as a Senior Warden at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church from 2003-05 and is a trustee and member of the Polytechnic School Executive Committee since 2002.

Professionally, Steinbrecher is a partner, Steinbrecher & Span, which opened its doors last year. Previously, he ran his own firm from 2005-09 after twenty years as a partner at Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker from 1985-2005. Recently, he was named president of the 25,000-member Los Angeles County Bar Association and is a delegate to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Steinbrecher is a former United States Navy fighter pilot with 177 combat missions flown during the Vietnam War. He retired as a Captain in the United States Naval Reserve. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1968 and the Duke University School of Law, 1977, where he was editor of the Duke Law Journal and a member of the Moot Court Board.

He has also been an unqualified success in the old kindergarten prerequisite of "playing well with others." Here is but a sample;

"Alan has been a friend and colleague for more than 30 years," said Bob Span, Steinbrecher's law partner. "He has served his country, his family, his clients, and his community faithfully and with honor and dignity. Alan richly deserves this honor and I am proud to be his partner."

"Alan has had a profound impact on St. Edmund's Episcopal Church and has taken a signal role in our success and ministry. I am deeply blessed to count him friend, confidant and keystone

parishioner," said the Reverend George F. Woodward III, Rector of St. Edmund's Episcopal Church. "No one could be more deserving of this honor than he."

"Even though Dad works hard and dedicates so much of his time to community activities, he is a giving, supportive father and husband who always found the time to go on Scout trips, coach our teams, attend our games and performances, and dispense advice on everything from tires to tax forms. In other words, he puts his family first," said his three children in a statement to The Tribune.

"This is terrific recognition for a long time San Marino volunteer," said former law partner Tim Wright, who like Steinbrecher has spent years in Little League and the Schools Foundation. "Alan is tireless, committed and one of the real thoughtful leaders in our community. I have had the pleasure of seeing Alan in action with the Schools Foundation, as a coach and President/board member with Little League, and at work in the legal professional, not to mention watching our children mature into fabulous young adults. Alan approaches every situation in exactly the same manner - with vigor, enthusiasm, thoroughness and calm, all with the goal to leave an enduring, positive result. Alan is a pro and a fantastic contributor in every

possible way. Bravo to Alan."

"I'm delighted to learn that Alan will be recognized as Person of the Year," said San Marino resident Valerie Casey. "He epitomizes the values of our community. Despite his demanding law practice, he is completely devoted to his family and has always made the time to give back to the community."

"As president of San Marino National Little League in 1998-99, Alan's leadership and integrity provided the foundation for one of the most important athletic traditions in the city and gave the opportunity for hundreds of our kids to develop their skills, play as a team and have a lot of fun," said Tim Sloan, who later served in the same role as Steinbrecher.

Colleen Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of the San Marino Schools Foundation, spent her first year under Steinbrecher's guidance.

"Alan was a great president and an outstanding leader," Fitzpatrick said. "Personally he was very helpful to me since it was my first year with the Foundation. Alan also has a great sense of humor and is always poking fun at himself. He was a joy to work with."

He's had most of a decade to poke fun at himself as a fan of Michigan Wolverine football, which is currently mired in a 1-9 slump to rival Ohio State - a fact

that brings several joyous days of humiliation each November into Steinbrecher's otherwise enviable existence.

The Steinbrechers have three children; son Greg, a 2005 graduate of Pasadena Poly and 2009 graduate of the University of Virginia; Katy, a 2006 graduate of Pasadena Poly and 2010 graduate of the University of Virginia; and daughter Lucy, who graduated from Pasadena Poly in 2008 and expects to graduate from the University of Virginia in 2012.

Asked last year if he had accrued sufficient tuition payments to warrant a vote in the Virginia House of Commons, Steinbrecher quipped, "not yet."

We'll keep you apprised on that one.

### PAST RECIPIENTS San Marino Tribune CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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- 2002 - Scott Jenkins
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- 2005 - Andy Barth
- 2006 - Greg Forgatch
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## San Marino Fire Chief Will Offer Training for Emergency Situations

■ CERT Program is About Teaching People and Preparation in Troubling Situations.

By Winston Chua  
EDITOR, SGV EDITION

San Marino Fire Chief Jim Frawley is beginning Community Emergency Response Team training for the first time in 2011. CERT is being offered to the San Marino community in both January and February of 2011. Mayor Dennis Kneier and his wife, Liz, are among the first who will participate in January, along with perhaps 10 to two dozen more. All are welcome.

"The most important aspect of this whole thing is three fold: first, the workshop will get themselves and families prepared in case of emergency," the chief said. "It also empowers people to reach out and help neighbors and people become a positive aspect and asset of the city."

The training will be Tuesday nights in January for four weeks, with each class lasting three hours. The second round of training is in February and will be three sessions of four-hour classes. To pass the classes in full, residents must complete 12 hours.

Some of the topics Frawley will cover are general disaster preparedness, fire extinguisher training (with an actual demo on how to put out a live fire), basic first aid and how to manage wounds, triage, rescue and a wrap up module.

"Many people in the community are knowledgeable in some of these skills, but this workshop brings it together and helps bring to light the importance of having these skills," said the chief. "The majority of people are not prepared and do not have the information given to them."

Frawley also wants to tell the

community that it is important to establish emergency plans that involve communication with family members in the event of earthquakes or fires, even step-by-step processes where people within families and with neighbors can help each other.

### A Nature Story That Teaches Us to Appreciate Life

By Winston Chua  
EDITOR, SGV EDITION

Bill and Mary Elizabeth Cray saw something beautiful on December 11. But that beauty was short-lived.

"The parrots animated the dusky tree with their vivid color and lively shells," said Elizabeth Cray. "One man parked and allowed his two children to take a good look."

The indescribable beauty that accompanies nature was then

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## Scholarships for Foreign Study Available from Rotary

Applications for the 2012-13 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships are soon to be available from the Rotary Club of San Marino.

These scholarships, which are designed to further international understanding and goodwill, provide for graduate study abroad, in one of the 180 countries where Rotary clubs are located.

Ambassadorial scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide for up to \$26,000 for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room and board, and incidental expenses. One month of intensive language training can also be provided if additional foreign language proficiency is

deemed necessary by the Rotary International.

Students who are presently juniors in college are urged to apply. Last year, five scholarships were awarded, from a pool of applicants generated by the 63 clubs in Rotary District 5300.

Since 1979, twenty-two of the San Marino Club's applicants have been chosen for this opportunity. Sons or daughters of Rotarians are ineligible to apply.

Katarina Mayers, a graduate of San Marino High School and a senior at Villanova, was chosen for a 2011-12 Ambassadorial Scholarship and is

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### College Admissions Advice...

## Not a Dream Vacation, But an Important One

By Charlene Liebau  
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In last week's article I noted that for high school seniors this may not be the vacation they envisioned. The cause? Trying to meet January first deadlines for college applications! My advice is plan ahead. Today, in an email from The Common Application to counselors I learned my advice should be underscored.

The C.A. is used by 414 colleges and universities. It is the most "common" way to apply to private colleges and universities and includes forms for teacher evaluations and secondary counselor reports.

In the message I received the Common Application reports that the

processing of online applications and payments can take up to two business days. It is only after the processing procedure that applications are forwarded to the college or university. Thus, in order to meet a January 1 deadline, it is important to submit the application and payment to The Common Application (www.commonapp.org) prior to

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## San Marino Teenager is National Champion

Keenwei Lin, a sophomore at San Marino High School, went to the U.S. Wushu-Kungfu Championships in the summer and achieved a high degree of success.

Keenwei participated in five categories in the Junior Group in the National Championship. She won a gold medal for the 24-form Tai Chi Quan (a fist form), a gold medal for the 42 Form Tai Chi Quan, a gold medal for 32 Form Tai Chi Jian (a sword form), a silver medal for 42 Form Tai Chi Jian and a gold medal for Tai Chi Fan.

The apple does not fall far from the tree. Keenwei's father Yong-Jian Lin, a diplomat at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, also participated in the competition, and won gold in the Adult Group.

Tai Chi bis a mind-body martial art in complementary and alternative medicine. People do practice Tai Chi for health-related purposes and the benefits associated with low-impact, weight-bearing aerobic exercise.

This is the first time that Keenwei went to the USA National Championship. She went to Shanghai to perform at the Shanghai World Expo 2010 on August 1-16.



**QUITE ACCOMPLISHED:** Keenwei is also a member of the SMHS dance company and participated in the American Dance Championship (Show Stopper) Final at the Disneyland Hotel.

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