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Pacific Clinics Names New Board Chair

Richard Dominguez has been named chair of Pacific Clinics' board of directors. Jessica Mack, principal manager for Southern California Edison, was named first vice chair.

Dominguez, principal of Richard Dominguez & Associates, had previously served as first vice chair of the Pacific Clinics board. Dominguez takes over leadership of the board from Gregory Bowman.

James Balla, president and

CEO of Pacific Clinics, commended both Dominguez and Mack for their leadership skills, their keen understanding of operations and fundraising, and their commitment to community.

"Richard is a strong choice to lead our board of directors," Balla said. "His experience with our organization and professional expertise is key as we strive to meet the emerging needs of the diverse communities we serve. We

anticipate many successes with Richard at the helm, supported by the infusion of energy and direction brought by Jessica and other leaders."

Balla also highlighted new board member Dena Oberst. She is president and CEO of Gable Tax Consulting Group Inc. Oberst will chair the fund development committee.

"We're very grateful for Dena's strong financial background and leadership," said Balla.

Breeders' Cup Speech and Lunch Set for Feb. 4

Pete Siberell, director of community services and special projects at Santa Anita Park, will give detailed insight about the upcoming Breeders' Cup championship race when he serves as the keynote speaker at the Arcadia Community Coordinating Council's meeting on Monday, Feb. 4. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Arcadia.

Santa Anita has invested approximately \$35 million toward infrastructure improvements over the past three years. Siberell will speak about that and the plans for the track to further enhance the guest experience at the upcoming Breeders' Cup by investing an additional \$5 million over the coming months to add premium seating, renovate the racetrack's dining venues and install new outdoor suites.

Besides being home to the Santa Anita Handicap and this year's running of the Breeders'



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Cup, Santa Anita hosts many special events throughout the year. It is also widely regarded as one of the most picturesque racetracks in the nation. Santa Anita encompasses more than 320 acres and features a 26,000-capacity grandstand that is more than 1,000 feet long. The infield is open to racegoers, dramatically increasing the capacity on race day.

Santa Anita started life as part of Rancho Santa Anita, something which was bought by Scotsman Hugo Reid and later acquired by breeder Lucky Baldwin, who built a racetrack by what is now Arcadia.

Once pari-mutuel betting was legalized in 1933, several working groups came together to form the Los Angeles Turf Club, which opened the present track on Christmas Day 1934.

The first Santa Anita Handicap, worth \$100,000, was run in 1935 and over the years such notables as Cary Grant and Bing Crosby became shareholders in the track. The legendary Seabiscuit was a visitor and won the Santa Anita Handicap on his final career start, just before racing was suspended because of World War II.

Tickets to this special lunch are \$17. For reservations, contact Sue Cook at (626) 253-1323 or scook@dppre.com.

Rotary Club to Award Health-Related Community Grants

The Rotary Club of Pasadena Foundation is accepting applications for grants from nonprofit organizations that serve Pasadena-area residents.

Each grant, which will range from \$1,000 to \$4,000, will be awarded for health-related programs and services, including prevention programs that encourage exercise,

food planning and preparation, and healthy sleep patterns; education programs about health practices intended to prevent diabetes, heart disease and other serious medical issues; and direct services such as flu shots, oral examinations, physical examinations, blood pressure checks and hearing tests.

Application packets must be

received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11. Late submissions will not be considered.

For a printable grant application, official guidelines and other information about the application process, visit pasadenarotary.com and click on Empowering Your Community and then Community Grants.

Cathay Bank in Top 10 on Forbes' List

Cathay Bank has announced that its holding company, Cathay General Bancorp, is ranked No. 10 on Forbes' "America's Best Banks 2019" list, rising two spots from last year. This is the fourth consecutive year the company has been in the top 20 on the list.

"We are delighted to achieve the top 10 of this prestigious Forbes list. We aspire to execute a well-run bank that advances the financial dreams of our customers and provides dependable returns to our stockholders," said Pin Tai, CEO and president of Cathay General Bancorp and Cathay Bank. "We are proud of our continued rise in this ranking. The hard work and heart demonstrated by each of our employees is directly responsible for this recognition."

The ranking is based on 10 metrics related to growth, profitability, capital adequacy and asset quality, including return on average tangible equity, return on average assets, net interest margin, efficiency ratio, net charge-offs as a percent of total loans, and operating revenue growth. Forbes also factored in nonperforming assets as a percent of assets, common equity tier 1 ratio, risk-based capital ratio and reserves as a percent of nonperforming assets.

Since 2009, Forbes has ranked the 100 largest U.S. banks and thrifts by assets, using data collected by S&P Global Market Intelligence. These institutions collectively sum up to \$13.8 trillion in assets, representing 78% of total U.S. bank assets.

Pianist Kern to Star at Pasadena Symphony's Tchaikovsky Spectacular

Music Director David Lockington returns to the podium to conduct the Pasadena Symphony's Tchaikovsky Spectacular at Ambassador Auditorium on Saturday, Feb. 16, with performances at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. This all-Tchaikovsky program features Van Cliburn winner Olga Kern, a direct descendant of Tchaikovsky, performing his popular Piano Concerto No. 1 and his Fifth Symphony, exploring a romantic world of destiny, fate and shocking climaxes.

The Pasadena Symphony's ode to romance arrives just in time to celebrate with your Valentine.

Described by the New York Times as "an absolute whiz at the piano," Kern rose to international acclaim when she became the first woman in more than 30 years to win the gold medal at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. With her vivid stage presence, passionately confident musicianship and extraordinary technique, the pianist continues to captivate fans and critics alike.

First-prize winner of the Rachmaninoff International Piano Competition at 17, Kern is a laureate of many international competitions. In 2016 she served as jury chairman of both the Seventh Cliburn International Amateur Piano Competition and the first Olga Kern International Piano Competition, where she also holds the title of artistic director. Kern serves on the piano faculty of the Manhattan School of Music and has been chosen as the Virginia Arts Festival's new Connie & Marc Jacobson director of chamber music.

To learn more about Kern or the music being performed, come early for Insights — a free pre-



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concert discussion with Lockington that begins one hour before each concert.

Make it an occasion to remember and treat your Valentine to a one-of-a-kind treat with dinner in the Lounge, yet another addition to the concert experience the Pasadena Symphony offers. A posh setting along Ambassador's outdoor plaza, the Lounge will offer specialized Valentine's Day-themed menus at each concert from Claud & Co., fine wines by Michero Wines serving Riboli Family Wines, plus music before the concert and during intermission.

All concerts are held at the auditorium at 131 S. St. John Ave. in Pasadena. Subscription packages start as low as \$99. Single tickets start at \$35 and may be purchased online at pasadenasympphony-pops.org or by calling (626) 793-7172.