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CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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Program: President Ron's Club Assembly

Submitted by Mike DeWees

President Ron Coleman presided over the Club Assembly meeting Friday, marking the halfway point through his term. Armed with a 40 slide presentation and the management team, the past accomplishments and future goals were reviewed. Ron went down the list of Club Officers and Directors of 2018-19 with the highlight being the new PEEE **Mark Carson**. The Club Management Team was also introduced.

Ron listed a few of the goals attained by Operations and Administration including raising dues \$3 to reflect the International dues increase, changing bank accounts to California Bank & Trust and conducting a club member survey.

The Membership Committee reported 1 new member against a goal of 5. Teaming up for Membership and Public Relations, **Nona Tirre** and **Susie Ilsley** discussed the new and ongoing monthly Meet Ups including the next one at Claremont Craft Ales at 6pm, Jan. 22.



Over a dozen Youth Program goals were reviewed including distributing 29 bikes through Bill's Bikes for Kids and the new CHS Wrestling Team mat. There are also a dozen active youth and community programs in progress.



John Tulac was called up to discuss International Foundation projects. He emphasized the importance of examining long term viability of projects before we raise money for them. The Club has attained goals with both the Karen Institute School for the Deaf in Nairobi, Kenya and the Jeff C. Domond Foundation in Mar-



bai, Haiti. There are six more international projects currently in development.

Ron noted that the next Rotary International Convention will be held June 1-5 in Hamburg, Germany. Cameron will represent the Club. All Rotarians are welcome.

Ron then provided a District 5300 update including our own **Nona Tirre** winning the People of Action award from the District, the success of the recent Teen Leadership Camp, and upcoming RYLA. Also upcoming are the District Foundation dinner in Las Vegas on March 17, District Conference in Anaheim on May 3 and 4, and Corazon Superbuild in Mexico on May 18.

At the Club level there are exciting administrative plans: to make it easier to pay by credit card at meetings; planning based on member surveys; partnering with SOURCE for strategic planning; and as always, a membership drive that depends on you! We've had great social events in the past six months and have three more coming up including: a Winter Social March 8, Taste of Claremont, April 27; and our 90th anniversary celebration at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden on May 11. Speaking of which, **Anita Hughes** addressed the group to ask Rotarians to join the 90th Anniversary Celebration Committee asap!

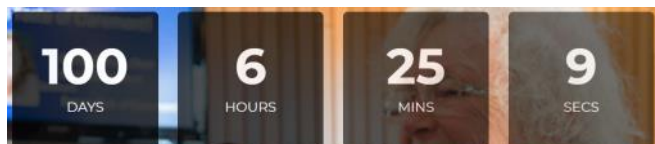


As if often the case with these meetings, Ron was not able to cover all his slides, including the results of a member survey that received a 54% response. Overall, it appears to be a strong first half with a matching second on the way. Great job Ron! (No joke)

AWARDS: Immediate Past President **Bonita Ramos** presented the Nelson C. Bell and James Stickels Awards. Story on p. 3!



Countdown to the Taste of Claremont April 27, 2019



Claremont Rotary: The Meeting *(submitted by Jim Lehman)*

Lulled by **Don Gould's** dulcet improvisations at the keyboard, **President Ron Coleman** was late to the start, smacking the bell so vigorously he appeared to sprain his wrist, prompting **Chris Shaner** to bring us all to our feet with a "Smile," and **Jerry Tambe** to show us how the pledge is done. In honor of January's birthdays, "Happy Birthday" was offered up to **Anita Boling**, **Doug McGoon**, **Chuck Cable**, **Frank Hungerford**, and **Butch Henderson**.

WELCOME GUESTS



Greeter **Ron Murphy** called on **Arman Ariane** to introduce his guest, Allan Bock, an ER physician at San Antonio Hospital and originally from Canada, where Allan's dad was a member of the Edmonton Rotary Club. **Betty Sheldon** brought her frequent guest, husband, Bill.



SHOUT OUT AND THANKS!

President Ron read a card from **PDG Roger Schulte** of the Upland Rotary Club, thanking Claremont Rotary for our support for Rotoplast (\$1,000).

Ron offered a tip of the hat to **Cameron Troxell** for leading the meeting last week while Ron (and family) went to Mexicali for a work project with Rotarians from Districts 5300, 5330, and 4100—including our own **Lyn Childress** and her daughter Annie. (See article in 1/4 edition)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Ron reminded us about the Celebration of Life for **PDG Randy Pote's** late wife, **Beth Pote**, which will be held on January 12th at 10:00 am at St. Finbar Catholic Church, 2010 W. Olive Ave., Burbank CA. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Las Vegas Rotary Club's foundation have been requested. You can contribute online at www.lasvegaswonrotary.com/foundation/registration.jsp.

Lucinda McDade announced that Sunday, the only dry day out of the next five or six, will be free admission day for Claremont residents at the Botanic Garden. Come see Origami in the Garden, a unique installation. Claremont Rotary sponsored the bison (which is not a buffalo, Ron!).

Chris Shaner announced a fundraiser for the Jeff Domond Foundation, which supports a village in Haiti, having built a school and an orphanage and sponsored yearly medical outreach trips. The group is now planning a medical center to be staffed by local medical professionals. President Ron presented a \$500 check to Chris for the Foundation.



John Howland reminds us to bring a donation of food, toiletries or cash for Hope Partners to the next meeting.

CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Together We Prepare—Feb. 13, 14, & 15 Past President **Bonita Ramos**, channeling **Rich Laughton**, flagged our upcoming 40th Annual TWP at El Roble Middle School, an all-club activity that really needs all hands on deck. Sign-up at a meeting or contact [Rich Laughton](#).

Taste of Claremont—April 26, 27, 28

The Taste is the BIGGEST opportunity to volunteer every year! Sig up sheets will circulate soon, but don't hesitate to step up and volunteer for what you'd like to do.

Bonita Ramos is leading the sponsorship committee, which has been working for two months already. **Cameron Troxell** will call ALL members to service! If you can't attend, there's plenty to do right now!



Inspiration of the Day



Don Gould offered some word stylings to supplement his harmonies.

From *Karen Joy Fowler*—"Lots of people go mad in January. Not as Many as in May, of course. Nor June. But January is your third most common month for madness."

And from *Charmaine J. Forde*—"January. The first month of the year. A perfect time to start all over again, changing energies and deserting old moods. New beginnings, new attitudes."

Fine Time for the Sergeant

Finally, it was time for **Harry Sparrow** to take his 2 minute trial run as Sergeant. But first, a thought from **President Ron**: A woman in labor was shouting out in a strained voice—*"Shouldn't; couldn't; wouldn't, CAN'T!"* Don't worry, chirped the obstetrician, they're just contractions. (appreciative groans)

Since Ron was insisting on being noticed, Harry asked him about the new \$5800 sweatshirt he was seen sporting in the January 4 Courier. Ron admitted it was the Club's sweatshirt, in acknowledgement of our gift to provide the new wrestling mat for CHS Wrestling. At the edge of the mat is the Rotary logo underscored by Claremont Rotary. Very cool. **Doug McGoon** was called out for perfecting his "away" game—just back from Hawaii, now off to Florida, then the Philippines, then South Africa. **John Howland** was recognized for a mobile phone interruption in last week's meeting. **Arman Ariane** was teased about the 2007 labels he used for holiday wrapping at the store—seems a great bargain from a decade ago is still irresistible. He claims it was a vintage wine—timeless. **John Tulac** was recognized for impersonating **Ron Coleman...** (the joke is quarantined below). **Susie Ilsley** was thanked for keeping wine glasses topped up at the January Management Team meeting (over-service above self), and took the opportunity to remind everyone about husband Ken Johnson's upcoming show in the Arts District in Pomona. **Bonita Ramos** was fined for dereliction of award duty (See below). And to close, **Harry** asked **Ron** to identify the person who'd recently made a lunch date with him and failed to show. It was Harry! A first—the Sergeant fining himself! Where's **Susie Ilsley** with the carafe?



*Wait, Is Harry praying?
First time jitters.....*

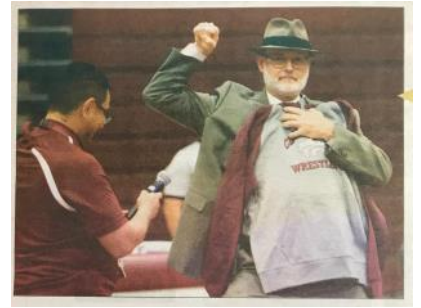


Photo: Courier, 1/1/19



Harry should have fined political science professor **Juli Minoves-Triquell**, who told **Buff Wright** he's off soon for a sabbatical from the University of LaVerne, this time to Barcelona and Singapore. Can you say "great makeups"? Juli has just finished serving as the 13th President of *Liberal International*, the World Federation of Liberal Political Parties, and has travelled quite a lot since he transferred to our club last year. We look forward to seeing him more in August when he returns! It's high time for his craft talk!

BELL AND STICKLES AWARDS

Past President **Bonita Ramos**, wrapping up a couple of not-so-minor items from her Presidential Year, announced two important awards.

The Nelson C. Bell Award, given to a Rotarian of more than 5 years' standing in the club, with an exemplary record of attendance and participation and sustained service went to **Bridget Healy**.

The James Stickels Award, given to a Rotarian new to the club (within the first 3 years), for outstanding initiative and service was given to **Nona Tirre**.

Congratulations to both Bridget and Nona for deserved recognition!



President Ron's Joke Quarantine

Why did the can crusher quit work? *It was so-da pressing.*
Have you heard about a new Merlot written up by Coke Roth in the Wine Press Northwest? *No? Really? You haven't heard about the Grapes of Roth?*

Oink2!



There is absolutely no evidence that Anita Hughes was fined, but she looks like she was, no?



Interactors Planting Trees!

Aided by Rotarians **Ron Coleman** and **Mike DeWees**, on Saturday, Jan. 12, a group of Interactors planted trees in Claremont. As Ron says, it can't continue to be a city of trees and PhDs if we don't keep planting and producing them! The group shot below is the City Arborist training the group, with 5 pointers for planting trees. The others show Mike's daughters Natalie and Emma, another Interactor, Cat, and notorious photobomber Ron. (photos by Mike DeWees.)



District 5300 and RI News and Events

29th Annual Peace Conference—February 23. In conjunction with the [Peace Conference](#), hosted by the University of LaVerne, we will be hosting an interact Symposium, working with our high school students on becoming peacemakers.

District 5300 Foundation Gala—March 16th in Las Vegas will be a great time to meet with area Rotarians, learn more about the Rotary Foundation, and hear from a dynamic speaker about his experience with polio. [Register online!](#)

District 5300 District Conference, May 3-4 in Anaheim. It's so close by....you should consider attending. Included in programming are the final rounds of the 4-Way Test Speech and Stover Music Competitions, speakers who inspire, and good fun and fellowship.

You can sign up for these events by going into DACdb or checking email from Thomas Novotny on Jan. 3. He makes it easy!

Rotary International Convention-Hamburg Germany, June 1-5.

PE Cameron Troxell will represent the Club at the convention. It's a remarkable confluence of Rotarians from around the globe, with world class speakers. And what a great excuse for a trip to Europe! (Your editor is taking the bait) Any Rotarian is welcome to attend.



Sign up online through myrotary using your rotary login, or start at the convention page at <http://www.riconvention.org/en>. Registration is \$495. You will find information about lodging on the site.

If you have questions about RI Conventions, as **Ron, Bonita, Sylvia**, and other past presidents who can share experiences.

Club Board Meeting January 15

The Board met in its regular fashion on the third Tuesday of the month. Routine business included an attendance report (68.22% in December) and financial reports (we're in good health). We heard an update on international projects, principally background detail on securing financing from partners to augment **John Tulac's** substantive report to the Club on Friday, and the Board approved the joint project recommended by Doug McGoon. We also had updates from the management committee on Together We Prepare, Taste of Claremont and the 90th Anniversary Celebration. Members are always welcome to attend the open session of Board meetings. Those of you attending the regular meeting on the 11th heard most of this — in advance (no surprises), but you missed the popcorn and other snacks!

ROTARY MAGAZINE

The January edition of Rotary Magazine (which you receive as a benefit of membership in RI) is always a good read! This month's feature included stories of Rotarians' involvement in extraordinary circumstances, like: surviving a plane crash in the Andes; making a hockey rink in Afghanistan; and bringing comfort after tragedy.

Foundation Nets Honors. Tucked away in small quiet corners are important tidbits, like the fact that the Rotary Foundation scored the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an organization that evaluates charities in the US. This rating demonstrates strong financial health, commitment to accountability, transparency, and mission. Remember this when friends ask where to invest their philanthropic dollars. *Anyone* can do good by giving to the RI Foundation!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Jan 18	Whither China, an economic and political update John Tulac
Jan 25	Claremont Rotary Bites Back Levy Sun, Public Information
Feb 1	Four Way Speech Contest
Feb 8	City of Claremont Youth Programs Skylar Sugura, Human Services Supervisor



Ron Coleman
Claremont Rotary
President
2018-2019



Photo of the Week



Surfers Rio Del Mar Beach Aptos, CA

photo: Barbara Schenck

Photo by Steve Schenck

Have you heard what they serve at the Karma restaurant?



There's no menu. You get what you deserve!

I tried to grab the mic to stop this from happening!



Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!

Website

Information about the club and back editions of this newsletter are always available on DACdb and www.claremontrotary.org

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January Birthdays

Doug McGoon—Jan 12
Frank Hungerford—Jan 16
Anita Boling—Jan 17
Butch Henderson —Jan 21
Chuck Cable—Jan 22



Notes: Jim Lehman (meeting), Mike DeWees (program). Photos: Steve Schenck
The Claremont Rotary Club meets at the Claremont DoubleTree on Foothill at 12:10pm

Sergeants committee meets every Friday at 11:30 AM in the Orchard Lounge at the DoubleTree Hotel and anyone with information to share is welcome!!

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