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Claremont Rotary Year 90 | Week 12 | March 22, 2019

# **Program: Americanism in Action Awards**

Today's program was the presentation of our annual Rick Whyte Americanism In Action awards to deserving students from the 7th and 8th grades. We welcomed 48 students, parents, and administrators from three local schools. The awards are based on the ten marks of a good citizen, as listed by Rotary International. These include being aware of local and world affairs, being courteous, unselfish, sincere, productive, a good example for other youth in the community and takes an active leadership role in school.

The administration and teachers of the Western Christian Middle School, El Roble Intermediate School, and Our Lady of the Assumption School selected the four students who best met the award criteria. The students were described in strong positive terms: industrious, well-balanced, excellent academic qualities, charitable, enthusiastic, fine citizens in school and community. They were nearly all involved as leaders in sports and student organizations. After receiving the award each student recognized parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings who were proudly in attendance at the meeting.

Kudos to first-e Youth Awards Chair **Armando Armenta**, and Youth Co-Chairs **Mark Carson** and **Lyn Childress**, whose diligent preparation over the preceding months ensured a smooth ceremony. Ron closed commenting that that this award has been given for 50 years and this is his 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of joining the club. He noted that the club's next president, **Cameron Troxell**, got a youth award while at Webb School.

We're so proud of all our recipients, and offer our thanks and applause for the supportive families.

### **Western Christian Middle School Awardees**



Superintendent Blair Bryant introduced the 7<sup>th</sup> grade recipients, Abigail Atwood and Ryder Burdett, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade recipients, Alexander Morente and Eliana Sagastume.

# **El Roble Intermediate School Awardees**



Principal Scott Martinez introduced the 7<sup>th</sup> grade recipients, Claire Tucker and Christian Garcia, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade recipients, Isha Raheja and John Lee.

### **Our Lady of the Assumption School Awardees**



Principal Bernadette Boyle introduced the 7<sup>th</sup> grade recipients, Claire Serna and Nicolaas Grobler, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade recipients, Hannah Swiatek and Matthew Higareda.

Countdown to the Taste of Claremont **30**DAYS

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April 27, 2019

# **ROTARY: THE MEETING**

**President Ron** banged the gavel and **Karen Sapio** opened with our Smile song and followed the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Honorary Rotarian Butch Henderson**, with America the Beautiful.

### **WELCOME GUESTS!**

Susie Illsley introduced frequent guest, Wayne Wright.

**Susie** also introduced **Dominic Valdez**, who is **John Tulac's** guest (John wasn't here...family visiting from London).



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The 90 year Anniversary party will be August 17 at RSABG.

**President Ron** offered a Tip of his hat to **Don Ralls, Zoe TeBeau, Buff Wright** and others who helped arrange the emergency venue last week. This was the second annual boot to the restaurant. It should be the last!

**Doug McGoon** is resting at home after a hospital stay for flu folling his first chemotherapy. Doug has been a member since 1984! Keep him in your thoughts.

Claremont Rotary Networking event this Thursday, 6-8PM, at the Packing House Wine Merchants!

### **Best BETT**

**President Ron** introduced **Randy Lopez**, who will be the MC for the TOC, and **Jim Elsasser**, who is on the Chamber Board, to talk about the Chamber program, Best BETT. Standing between Ron and Jim, Randy noted that he didn't realize there was a height requirement for Rotary.

Randy explained that the program collects funds from community and chamber members for grants for teachers to help with extra costs of providing excellent instruction. He gave thanks for Rotary's participation and support, accepting a \$5000 check from Ron from the Club Foundation.

Ron asked students whether they know who Jim Elsasser is. Someone shouted out, he's our AWESOME Superintendent. Yes!

# **News: 20th Annual Taste of Claremont**

**Cameron Troxell** distributed posters and flyers for the Taste of Claremont and will have yard signs soon. If you can help distribute the word about this great event, contact him!! **Brett O'Connor** has Taste of Claremont tickets for members to sell to family, friends, and colleagues. <u>Tickets are also online</u>.



**Bonita Ramos,** Chair for TOC sponsorship committee, announced that we are nearing the end of the period for accepting sponsors for the Taste of Claremont. The Taste is a great opportunity to advertise your business.

Also welcomed were **Anita Boling's** guest, **Jenna Boling**, and **Randy Lopez**, new Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

We happily welcomed back Honorary Rotarian **Butch Henderson** and his wife **Rosemary**, attending to support their granddaughter who was receiving an award.



The welcome song was directed as well to all the students and families in attendance.

# Inspiration for the day

PP and PDG Sylvia Whitlock

Sylvia spoke extemporaneously to the students in attendance. She praised their civic activity and let them know that we recognize them as a beacon of hope for our collective future. Students'dreams are important to the world.



# Ron's PG Joke Quarantine

Did you hear about the dyslexic, agnostic insomniac? He stayed up all night wondering if there was a dog.

What do you call Fish with two knees? Two knee fish.

What kind of nut has no shell?(Nona guessed: Ron!) *A donut!* 

What's the best part of living in Switzerland? I'm not sure, but the flag is a big plus! Not that funny, but true!



What has two legs but can't walk? A pair of pants!

# **CHS Interact Club**

# **Mid Year Report**

Bridget Healy introduced the leadership of the Claremont High School Interact Club, which we sponsor. The officers report in to the club three times a year. They also meet once a week. At this meeting they will tell us what they've done and what's coming up.

The reports were quick but substantive.

The membership is now at 100, slightly smaller than the beginning of the year.

The President stated that she recently fielded calls from parents who called to ask why their kids were booted from the club. Answer? They didn't complete the required hours of service!

Next year's officers election is coming up. Clearly these student leaders take their work seriously!

Assisting with CLASP continues to be a club project.

The club has put in 200 hours of volunteer work this semester.

They continue to be involved in planting trees with Sustainable Claremont.

They also help with a freshman-summer camp for the arts and work with homeless shelters and pantry

In short, the Club is having a meaningful impact!

Ron, understanding that Interact is not a singing (or joking) club, wanted to fix that! We were led in a rendition of "You are my sunshine."

Reporting in were Stella Wong, Faris Banihani, Anindita Singh, OK Joo Yoo, Cailin Lorek, Abby Chaput, Andrea Chen, Payton Whitney, Isabelle Winnick, and Lily Nguyen'







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# Americanism in Action Awards, continued

# With Proud Parents of Deserving Students!















**District 5300 Rotoplast Mission Update** (submitted by PDG Roger Schulte to the Highlighter)

District 5300 is well on its way to providing a medical team to Arusha, Tanzania to provide cleft lip and palate surgeries. 37 Rotary clubs and 5 Interact clubs have contributed or pledged funds for this mission. We encourage the rest of the clubs in the district to donate funds at whatever level to help us reach our \$60,000 goal. Additionally 40 individuals have personally given to the cause. This international humanitarian project was selected by the presidents-elect last spring. Club funds, especially those allocated to international projects or the Governor's Project may be used for this project. To contribute click here.



# **UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

March 29	Out of the Garden and into the Wild (RSABG) Dr. Naomi Fraga, Dir. Of Conservation Programs
April 5	The Mission of Forever Kids
April 12	When Ophelia Says Jump
April 19 & 26	Dark for Easter and Taste of Claremont (Apr. 27th)
April 27 eve	A TASTE OF CLAREMONT!



Ron Coleman Claremont Rotary President 2018-2019



### Photo of the Week



California Poppies

What's the difference between bird flu and swine flu?



**Bacon Bits** Let's fill up the pig!

Sergeants' committee gathers before each meeting at 11:30 AM in the Orchard Lounge at the DoubleTree Hotel and anyone with information to

# share is welcome!!

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Spring photo by Steve Schenck

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# **March Birthdays**

Jerry Tambe 3/09 Don Gould 3/13 Dale Christensen 3/17 Michael Fay 3/21 Tim Harrison 3/21 Ron Murphy 3/22 Lark Gerry 3/24

Jerry Goldman 3/24

Stan Barnes 3/30

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The Claremont Rotary Club meets at the Claremont DoubleTree on Foothill at 12:10pm