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PROGRAM: LEIGH CORNELL, PVHMC UPDATE

Submitted by Buff Wright



IN Alan Jack introduced Leigh Cornell, the VP for Administration at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center (PVHMC). Leigh graduated from USC with major in communication and MA in administration in 2000. She took an internship at PV Hospital and has been there since. The Cancer

Center, Volunteers/Auxiliary, PPX Operators, and Food and Nutrition Services are all under her wing. Alan, as a volunteer of 15 years, reports to her. Leigh says she now works for the volunteers. She welcomes new ones! She knows first-hand the value of volunteering.

Leigh, who was once a Candy Striper, had a lot to say about her current responsibilities and the remarkable growth and reputation of PVHMC. PVHMC, a non-profit hospital, was founded 120 years ago as a community hospital in a two-and-a-half story house equipped to accommodate 12 patients. (below left)

PVHC is proud of the longevity of its staff. Such loyalty and commitment has resulted in excellent continuity of

care. CEO Richard Yochum just celebrated 45 years at PVHMC, and has been in his current role since 1993. PVHMC has more than 700 Physicians and 3,900 Associates who are supported by more than 500 volunteers.

The hospital Emergency and Trauma Center sees over 100,000 community members every year. A lot of the injuries seen are automobile injuries. The Trauma Center is a recent addition. They also now have a helipad; staff still marvel at the helicopter arrivals. The center is approved for emergency pediatrics. In a disaster, PVHMC is a resource in the county.

The trauma center is one of 15 in LA County, and the largest non-County center. Three are County centers and the other 12 are private.

Stroke care in the Comprehensive Stroke Center, is remarkable. The PVHMC center has been ranked #1 in LA and San Bernardino Counties. This is aided by a new MRI in a modular building on campus, which is used for stroke care and other purposes. It will eventually be moved to a new building.

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WE'RE DARK FRIDAY

Come to the Club Social

October 21 @ 5:30 at the Troxell residence

Next Hybrid Meeting Oct 27

12:10 pm @ HUGHES CENTER
ZOOM LINK

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Rotary (the hybrid) Meeting.

Submitted by Mike DeWees

President Nona brought the meeting to order this week in a blue wig! **Ron Coleman** sang us in with "Smile" with **Cameron Troxell** on piano. **Roger House** led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron and Cameron returned with some unwelcomed jabs at the Dodgers and "Take Me Out to the Ballgame".



WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

Zoe TeBeau introduced Rotarians and Guests. **Alan Jack** introduced our speaker **Leigh Cornell** from PVHMC. **Marla Lefler** introduced her son **Paul Lefler** and his American Bully dog, Trent. **Biffy Danckwerts** joined on zoom from South Africa.



Ron led the Welcome song!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oktoberfest this Saturday Oct. 21st. Oktoberfest with Polka Band and Bratwurst is happening this Saturday Oct 21st. Flyers with more information and a sign up genius have been distributed.



Tour de Foothills Rest Stop on Nov. 11. Tom Shelley announced that we will be sponsoring "Tour de Foothills" on Nov. 11th Saturday morning 9am to 11am or so. Last year our club and Interact had a great turnout and there is a lot to do with snack prep and distribution and a lot of grateful bike riders.

Ophelia's Jump CHS Fundraiser Oct 21st. Claremont High School Night at Ophelia's Jump production of "Nevermore" where 20% of proceeds are going to the High School. <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=ophi>

POLIO UPDATE: Our Polio Eradication efforts are not over! The 2023 Wild Polio Case Total to date is 8: Afghanistan 6, Pakistan 2

Don't forget — donations in the month of October to Polio Plus or the pig go toward our Club's donation to World Polio Day.



Join a A Global Get Together in Aid of Polio Plus On October 26th, 2023: Biffy Danckwerts, our honorary member from Claremont South Africa urges us to participate in a zoom event for Polio. Clubs and individuals from the US, UK, Spain, India, South Africa, Uganda, Germany and Belarus are planning to join in online with their personal choices from the collection of recipes gathered from around the globe for the

INSPIRATION FOR THE DAY

Submitted by Lisa Hahn

Lisa tried to offer some optimism during these difficult times.

In The Month Of October

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

In the month of October, a season's tale unfolds,
As nature's palette shifts, vibrant colors behold.
The weather turns cooler, a crispness fills the air,
Leaves cascade like confetti, a dance without a care.

Children's hearts flutter, counting days with glee,
Anticipating Halloween, a night of mystery.
The sun's rays wane, as twilight gently sweeps,
Shorter hours of daylight, as the world slowly sleeps.

October's charm enchants, a magical embrace,
A symphony of change, in this transient space.
With each passing day, a glimpse of nature's art,
October's beauty whispers, etching memories in the



event. You can donate and download the international cook book by registering for the event.

Rotarians can join the new **RI Polio Plus Society** ([donate online](#)) and help strengthen our effort to eradicate polio forever. If you donate a hundred dollars a year, you get a pin for the polio plus society and the funds will go to a good cause. **Nona** sent out a PayPal link or you can give by check, cash, or charge.

Fine Time with Beatrice Casagran

With John Tulac on pig duty

Ron Coleman was fined for bad juju for the Dodgers and rumors about management meeting \$1,000

Francis Limbe was fined \$5 for not working out with his wife who was spotted at the gym.

Bridget Healy was fined \$5 for all her amazing work with Interact.

Anita Hughes was fined for extensive hockey activity for her grandson including trips to Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia. Look for the draft soon!

John Tulac was fined for his weekly radio gig on Monday nights on KMET 1490AM

Mike DeWees was fined for being related to two Interact members.

Rich Laughton celebrated his birthday on Friday 13th and gave good reports from his wife, Fran, who recently tripped on a bag of fertilizer that Rich may or may not have left on ground.

Anybody who is attending the Fall Social but not signed up to bring a dish was fined. Beatrice even put all the recipes on Sign Up Genius for easy access. Link on the Oktoberfest flyer.

Zoe TeBeau was called on to promote her estate sales but then fined for it! (Isn't that entrapment?) Look for her branded signs in Newport Beach, Whittier, Claremont and Pomona.

Beatrice tried out some October Trivia:

Bobby Hyde- Where does Oktoberfest take place every year? Munich- correct, but \$5 anyway

Brett O'Connor- In what year did first Oktoberfest take place? 1810 was correct— \$5

Chuck Cable- What did the first Oktoberfest celebrate? The Mad Prince's wedding! Correct— \$5

Mark Carson- What is the traditional cheer during the opening ceremony of Oktoberfest? "O'zapft is!" meaning "the keg is open." \$5

Finally, **Cameron Troxell** was fined for extensive explanation of the parking situation at his house for the Fall Social. Park on Mary Place nearby! Good luck — carpool!

Bonita Ramos also attracted a Presidential fine for taking a call during Sergeant's time. (She muted herself on zoom but was still fined.



CHS Interact Club Visit

Bridget Healy introduced CHS Interact Club after thanking Dr. O'Connor and plugging "Nevermore" and "Addams Family" at Ophelia's Jump and IVRT. We also were treated to a little trivia on where "Mama B" got her nickname. The Interact president-elect Zoe's aunt is Bridget's daughter's best friend from high school Carolina Garcia gave Bridget that nickname over 20 years ago when they were in High School. Life is a circle...or a Rotary Wheel!

Upcoming Interact events include Scare Away Hunger at Wheeler Steffen on Oct 29th from 6pm to 8pm. Interactors are setting up all day Saturday and Sunday, so drop by and support. It's also Drive Away Hunger— collecting your canned goods.

Bill's Bikes for Kids is also on the calendar as Interact is such a big part of making this event work!

Attendance has been steady! Interact has had a great turnout.

On Nov. 11th they will be supporting our "Tour de Foot-hills" rest stop; they pretty much run snack support. Nov. 11th is also the Pilgrim Place Festival where they will be volunteering and supporting.

In December they are working the Courier newspaper subscription booth where they get a significant portion of proceeds that go to help CLASP as well. So if you don't have a subscription, this would be a good time to sign up.

In August Interact held its back to school officers retreat at the DeWees house where they planned their goals for the year as a club and as individuals and they looking forward to a great year!

CHS Interact Officers present today: President Natalie DeWees, Senior; President Elect Zoe Abergal, Junior; Publicity Emma DeWees, Sophomore; Publicity Isabelle Shie, Junior; Secretary & CLASP rep Naisaa Khedia, Senior; Secretary Amanda Lai, Senior; Secretary Abbygale Sanchez, Senior; Officer at Arms Ryan Fass, Sophomore; Freshman Rep Dashun Feng, Freshman; Historian Jazzy Lyn, Junior; Sophomore Rep Ella Santiago, Sophomore. Teacher Advisor David Sawhill wasn't able to attend.

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The hospital has added more ambulatory services – urgent care facilities in recent years. In addition to the one on Monte Vista in Claremont, there are now two in Chino Hills and one in LaVerne. And more are coming.

The Lewis Cancer Center houses Radiation and Medical Oncology and has the latest and greatest technology. Their goal is to have people treated at PVHMC. They use the same protocols as other major hospitals in the County.

The GI Lab is doing well – following the standards set by our member, Dr. Jerry Goldman!

The Women's Center has been ranked 7th in the state, doing 5500 deliveries a year. Deliveries peaked at over 8000. But 5500 is still a large number! (See chart on p. 5 for other numbers for PVHMC)

The Pediatric Unit was anticipated by building a general purpose space adjacent to the Women's Center. A \$15M state grant a few years ago helped with further developing the unit. The facility is bright and happy, intended to help the healing process.

The goal of all the centers is to get patients successfully home.



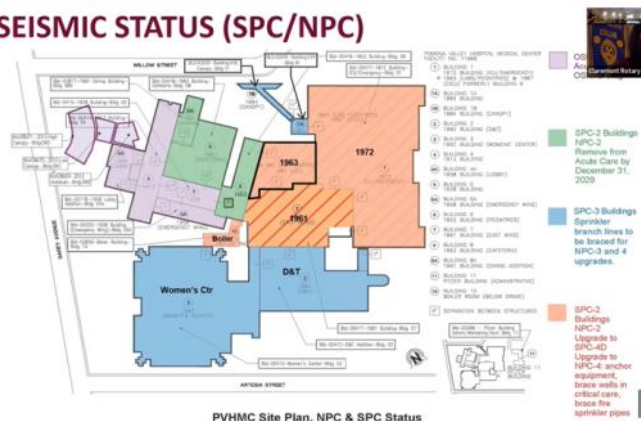
Recent facility improvements have been made and more are needed. They have installed a new MRI. The Medical Staff Office has been remodeled and is important for staff rest and morale. The new Pediatrics unit will be completed this year. A Master Plan is in process to take PVHMC through 2027-28 and to make sure that quality care continues.

The mandates to do seismic mitigation by the end of 2029 are substantial at \$118 M and are unfunded. As this proceeds, you won't see external evidence since this is mostly interior work.

In the map at right, Leigh pointed out that the Blue Building with the Women's Center (in Blue) is fully compliant, and the Purple and Green Buildings, constructed in 1913, 1928 and the 1950's serving non-patient care needs, have stood the test of time. It is the orange area, incorporating

buildings constructed in 1961 and 1972 that will be retrofitted to the latest codes at an estimated \$118M.

SEISMIC STATUS (SPC/NPC)



Leigh told about two community events coming up. An October invitation to take advantage of a \$50 mammogram stresses the importance of mammograms to save lives. Early detection is important. Anyone can access the mammograms irrespective of insurance. Schedule by calling 909-469-9395 for any of the locations.

The second event is a Kids Health and Safety Fair. Among other fun things, they will provide flu shots for children and adults. Volunteers make these events possible.

PVHMC is in the middle of accreditation, an intensive process. To Pomona Valley's credit, they have won a number of awards and are very proud. US News and World Report named PV one of the Best Regional Hospitals in the nation. PVHMC is among the elite 12% of hospitals in the nation that achieved "Best" honors. She attributes this to community support to recruit the best doctors and staff. Also a high rating for stroke care, etc. The hospital also earned "High Performing" ratings for excellence in eight adult specialties, procedures and conditions:

- Heart attack
- Heart bypass surgery
- Heart failure
- Diabetes
- Kidney failure
- Stroke
- Hip fracture
- Pneumonia



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As a non-profit, they must provide an annual Community Benefit Report including what they do for the community. There are many measures. For example, \$100M is spent on charity care – the hospital receives no funding for this. A total of 9.5 million is provided in community benefits including charity care, Medicaid, subsidized care, community education and other unreimbursed services.

The Hospital is tax exempt but pays a lot of state fees and licensures. They recently paid \$2M to the state, for example.

How we can help? Currently PVHMC is preparing a presentation and tours for businesses and others regarding the hospital's petition to the state to push back the 2029 deadline for seismic improvements. What they could have done before the pandemic is now much more expensive. They have also applied to the federal government – FEMA for some of the money needed, \$100M, but none has come yet. No hospital has the kind of money needed. Leigh would appreciate our voices being added to the process.

Chuck Cable asked whether a burn center was in the works, since there are none between LA and Phoenix. Services are currently scarce. As a trauma center, a fair number of burn victims come into the Emergency Room. Leigh thanked Chuck for his input, as they are trying to be responsive to community needs.

How is the hospital attending to trends related to single payers and others. Medicare and Medicaid payments do not adequately support hospital operations. Hospitals compete for private payers. The pandemic taught that we all can benefit from telemedicine, which is often effective, and certainly more efficient and convenient. Leigh noted that they are happy to do new things to better serve patients and make their services more convenient.

Nona closed the meeting, noting that we are donating \$500 to the local scout troop in Leigh's name.

PVHMC Statistics	2020	2021	2022
Total Patient Days	87,417	93,479	95,638
Total Admissions	18,431	19,253	20,689
Overall Hospital Length of Stay	4.7	4.8	4.6
Average Daily Census	239	256	262
Emergency Visits	79,025	85,785	96,510
Emergency Room Admissions	11,674	12,141	13,466
Deliveries	5,272	5,529	5,593
Inpatient Surgery	5,045	5,446	5,805
Outpatient Surgery	4,667	5,727	6,277
Cardiac Surgeries	121	159	150
Cath Lab Procedures (inpatient & outpatient)	1,748	1,717	1,810
Radiology Procedures (inpatient & outpatient)	205,933	228,881	243,092
Laboratory Procedures (inpatient & outpatient)	1,576,109	1,681,898	1,718,089
Physical Therapy and Rehab Visits (inpatient & outpatient)	102,731	125,287	129,833
Radiation Oncology Procedures	28,010	25,114	22,494
Urgent Care & Primary Care Visits	143,672	153,135	167,344



2023-25: Joint Commission Reaccreditation for Sepsis

2023-25: Joint Commission Reaccreditation for Advanced Comprehensive Stroke Care

2023-25: Joint Commission Reaccreditation for Advanced Palliative Care

2023-25: Joint Commission Reaccreditation for Laboratory

2023-25: American Association of Critical Care Nurses Silver-Level Beacon Award for Excellence, Telemetry 2 & 3 Units

2023-25: American College of Surgeons, Verification as a Level II Adult Trauma Center

2023: Healthgrades, Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Diabetic Emergencies

2023: Healthgrades, Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Stroke

2023: Healthgrades, Five-Star Recipient for Total Knee Replacement

2023: Healthgrades, Five-Star Recipient for Hip Fracture Treatment

2023: Healthgrades, Five-Star Recipient for Pacemaker Procedures for 3 Years in a Row (2021-2023)

2023: Healthgrades, Stroke Care Excellence Award

2022-23: US News & World Report, Best Regional Hospital

2022-23: US News & World Report, High Performing Rating for Urology, Stroke, Heart Failure, Heart Attack, Heart Bypass Surgery, Diabetes, Kidney Failure and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease





Nona Tirre Miranda
Claremont Rotary
President
2023-2024

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Oct 21	Fall Social at the Troxell's (Dark on Oct 20)
Oct 27	C & E Lumber — Bryan Callaway (tent)
Nov 3	Claremont Police Chief, Aaron Fate



Help Rotary fight disease! Feed the pig at the meeting, send fines and donations for Polio Plus [here](#), or mail your check to:
Claremont Rotary Foundation
PO Box 357
Claremont 91711



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Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!

The Rotary Foundation established a Morocco Earthquake Response Fund to support immediate relief efforts for people affected by the devastating earthquake that killed thousands and destroyed more than 50,000 homes. By sending a [donation to the Fund](#), donors can give directly to relief efforts led by Rotarians.

Website

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October Birthdays

Betty Sheldon (H) 10-1
Tom Shelley 10-7
Sean Gallagher 10-13
Rich Laughton 10-13
Jim Lehman 10-20
Chuck Carpenter (H) 10-25
Nona Tirre 10-30



Submitted by Buff Wright and Mike DeWees; photos by Buff Wright

Claremont Rotary Club meets on Friday at 12:10 at the Hughes Center and on zoom

Sergeants committee
gathers before each meeting .

Anyone is welcome to share information!!

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