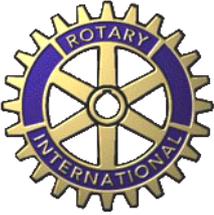


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I have made this issue longer than usual because I lack the time to make it shorter.

—Editor

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OSC Sets Record @ 34,129!

Way back in 1994, when a new Rotary project called Operation Santa Clothes put new clothes on 73 children, some thought that we had addressed the needs of every school kid in town. Obviously, they were wrong and the project has grown a bit.



With the help of dozens of volunteers, we have now provided new clothes and self esteem to nearly 500 times that many! This February, our volunteers walked the aisles with 1,354 needy kids that had a dream come true at the Kmart. CSR owes a huge thank you to our friends, family, and citizens of the area that make this project amazing. Today's Afterglow Awards honor all of them.

“4Way Test” Speech Contest



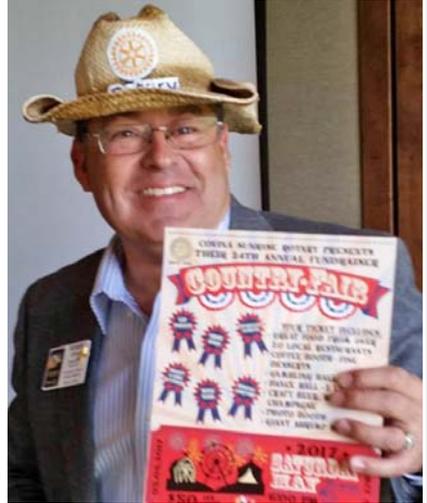
It's not easy to write and deliver a great speech. Particularly when the topic is the Rotary Four Way Test! This century old dictum (with some rather awkward wording) was the topic of the annual contest that ultimately awards \$5000 scholarship for the best speech. Here, junior Tiffany Liao, from Los Altos High accepts her award for the district championship.

Is This Some Kind of a Joke?

A hysterical man calls 911 and yells, "Please come quickly! Kelly is pregnant and her labor's started, it's really intense!" "Is this her first child?" asks the operator. "No, you dummy! It's her husband!"

The President's (wordy) Jewels & Gems

Another big month for CSR!! A packed house saw our yearly Covina Police, LA county fire dept and citizen of the year nominees for their great service in our community. The highlight was fireman Humberto singing the national anthem and everyone's jaws dropping on the energy and pride he sang with..... Sorry Sunrise singers, this was true talent!!! LoL. The exchange between the two chiefs was subdued this year but the police chief did thank the fire chief for his lengthy introduction and calling the event a "lunch meeting". Great day to be a Rotarian. First a big thank you to Hugh Ledford for keeping the tradition of this event alive for now 17years and Manny Perez doing a great job taking over the last three years. All went well and a proud community was present. Our new police fire and citizen of the year banner was a nice new edition.



Our new Rotary infomercial has been a success with members learning more about Rotarians business or hobbies. John Espinoza and his copier business, Manny Perez with reverse mortgages and Shannon Hidalgo with Pacific Western Bank..... Let's give business back to our members!!!

Country Fair is May 6th and right around the corner. This is our main fundraiser for the year and let's all assist Shannon and make this event "bigger and better" than last year as she says!! Keep selling tickets, giving Judy gift cards, finding sponsors for John Espimendoza and VIP tables for Pam. Many of you are going over and beyond the call of duty so Thank you, Thank You, Thank you!!!

One of our biggest morning events will be the OSC Afterglow this month. Truly thanking many of our sponsors, from individuals to school districts to corporate sponsors for all their partnerships with OSC. What an honor to be a part of this legacy project called Operation Santa Clothes. Starting with clothing a handful of children the first year to over 34,000 now....All you can say is, "Unbelievable"!!! Thank you Jon and Pam for having the vision and the fortitude to continue this incredible project. As we know, without our sponsors and donors there would be no OSC.

Much appreciation to all!!!! Lastly, Rotary's night out was a morning day out at Kara's Corner in Glendora.....what a great breakfast thanking them for sponsoring us and next onto Aldolinos April 20th. Great speakers and energy this month with our Sunrise Singers and Johnny P. It keeps getting better with three months left in my presidency. Thanks for putting up with me.....

— Robert

Speaking About That...

TODAY: OSC donors “Afterglow” Awards Presentation.

The Line Up:

- 4/25 Maryanne Cirrito — Forest Lawn Covina Update
- 5/09 Country Fair Recap
- 5/23 The Shannon & Leslie Show — Doing “Who Knows What”
- 5/30 Drexel Smith — West Covina Rotary, Dream Team India Polio Project
- 6/27 Sarita Jackson — Improving Educational Initiatives to Prepare Students



Top Cop - Fireman - Citizen Honored

After 9/11, as a gesture to honor our local first responders, Hugh Ledford came up with the idea that CSR should bestow an award to these local servants that protect us daily. Since then, we’ve done just that annually and added an award for a local citizen that goes above and beyond.



Congratulations to officer Adrian Villalobos, fireman Humberto Aguilar, and our new Citizen of the Year Jean Adair for their efforts in making Covina Great Again! Here, Citizen Jean is highly excited about receiving an authentic CSR coffee mug along with her plaque!

Future Forecast



- 4/20 Rotary Night Out—Aldolino’s 6pm
- 4/25 Country Fair Meeting @Judy’s 5:30pm
- 5/06 Country Fair Fundraiser @ Hurst Ranch 6pm
- 5/20 Wine Walk 5-8pm
- 6/24 Kickout Party (tentative date)!

Weather Report: Chili Today

OK, so you try to come up with creative headlines for these stories! So, CSR held its Annual Chili Cook-Off this month at Arrow Lodge Brewing. Guaranteeing a CSR member would win this year, all other applications were misplaced! Galen Metz thus walked away with People’s Choice and the judges’ 1st place awards.



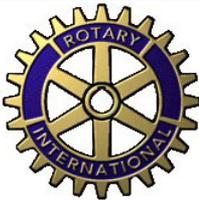
Hugh's History Hutch

Covina Sunrise's first fundraiser in 1983 was a Mexican Fiesta with great food, Mariachi Band and games of chance. Covina's police chief John Lentz was aghast to witness folks dropping big bucks gambling on the odds of a captive mouse scrambling to complete a maze! The first Fiesta was held on Hank Vagt's



property on Grand, just north of Rowland in this house. Hank was a Charter member and father of Patricia Vagt of the noon Rotary Club. Our last "Fiesta" was at Tex Ever-son's real estate office in back of the building on Grand and Rowland. Eventually, our

fundraiser became the *High Heels And Handcarts* auctions which ran through 2004. We then followed with WWII Victory Parties, Bootleggers Balls, and Snake, Rattle and Roll parties to raise funds in the recent past. Now the Country Fair party at Hurst Ranch is our primary fundraiser for OSC.



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