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COVINA - Sunrise 7:15 am South Hills Country Club 2655 N. Citrus Ave., West Covina

RANCHO DEL CHINO - 7:15 am Papachinos Grill & Greens 14501 Ramona Ave., Chino

WALNUT VALLEY - 7:15 am The Diamond Bar Golf Club 22751 Golden Springs Dr., Diamond Bar

WEDNESDAY:

CHINO - 12:00 pm Chino Community Building

CLAREMONT - Sunrise 7:15 am St. Ambrose Episcopal Church 830 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont

SAN DIMAS - 12:00 pm Via Verde Country Club 1400 Avenida Entrada, San Dimas

UPLAND - 12:00 pm Landecena Community Center 1325 E. San Bernardino Rd., Upland

WEST COVINA - 12:15 pm South Hills Country Club 2655 S. Citrus Ave., West Covina

THURSDAY.

COVINA - 12:10 pm South Hills Country Club 2655 S. Citrus St., West Covina

LA VERNE - 7:30 am Univ. of La Verne President's Dining Room 1950 3rd St., La Verne

ONTARIO - 12:00 pm DoubleTree Hotel 222 N. Vineyard Ave., Ontario

FRIDAY

ARCADIA - 12:00 pm Embassy Suites 211 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia

CLAREMONT - 12:00 pm DoubleTree Hotel 555 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont

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ROTARY AND FAIRPLEX - Pomona Rotarians had a strong hand in the formation of the Fair in 1922, the year after the club was chartered.

Charter President Fred W. Whyte brought a group of businessmen together for what was to become the Los Angeles County Fair Association which remains active today. Through the years, Rotarians have always been members of the Association, as well as serving on the board of directors.

Rotary Club of Pomona Meets on Tuesdays @ 12:10 PM



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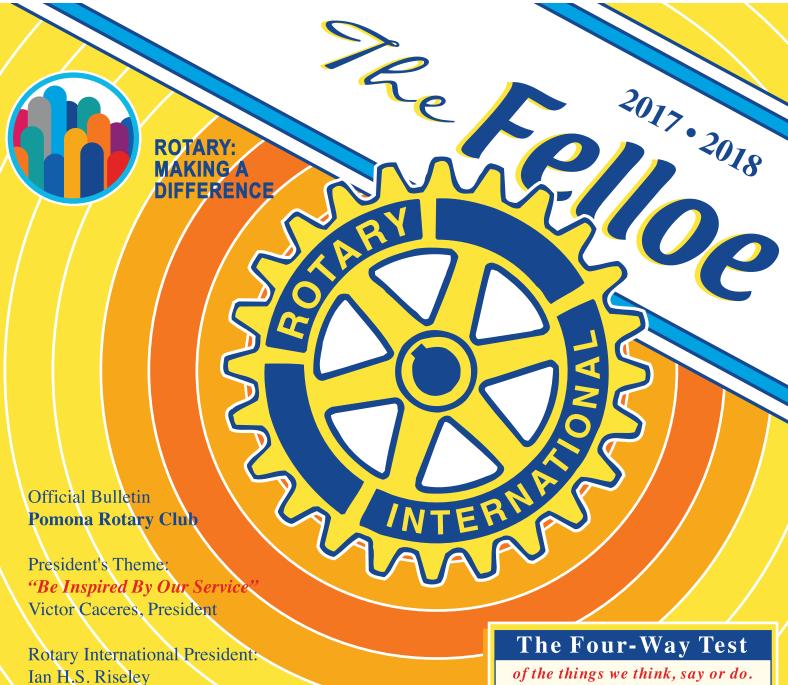
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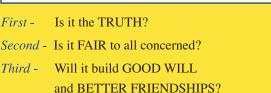




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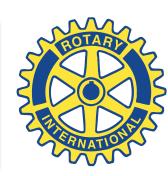
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#### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Sep 26 - Senator Connie Leyva

#### **FUTURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

Oct 3 - Andrew Quinones - Service Corps

Oct 10 - Students

Oct 17 - Mary Jean Neault - Mt. San Antonio Gardens

Oct 24 - Brandi Carter - Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.

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#### **GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS**

Rotarians Chuck Althouse from Upland, Chris Haddow from Arcadia, and Karen Jones from Rancho Cucamonga joined our meeting.

#### PRESIDENT'S MOMENT

Pomona Rotarians influence our business community.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Rotary Club of Upland is presenting the Rotary Roundup on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 7pm at Cable Airport with activities including a zorb ball derby, obstacle course, pie-eating contest, and more. All of the \$5 admission proceeds (kids 5 and under are free) will benefit local nonprofit organizations.
- The Club is hosting a Mariachi benefit dinner and

live concert on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 to 9pm with the band, Voces De Mi Tierra, from Colima, Mexico. Tickets are \$45 for individuals and \$80 for couples. The Club is looking for table sponsors to be able to invite the children from The Club and their families. Tickets are still available at the door or from Monique Manzanares.

- The Club will be hosting its 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Achievement Awards Gala this fall, honoring Cal Poly Pomona President Soraya Coley. Details will follow soon.
- We will be feeding the homeless on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Pomona Armory. If you are available to help out, contact Carol Wilt for information.
- Mayor Tim Sandoval's city clean-up events that meet every Tuesday at 8am at Pomona City Hall are a great experience and provide a good opportunity for handson Rotary involvement in the community.
- We will continue having Rotary gatherings outside of our regular meetings, but future gatherings will be in addition to, rather than instead of, our lunch meetings.

## **MEMBER RECOGNITION - Gary George**

- Congratulations to **Erica Frausto** for receiving the Pomona City Council's unanimous approval of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce's \$50,000 budget.
- Congratulations to **Dutch Anhaeuser** on the birth of his first great-granddaughter.
- Congratulations also to **Monique Manzanares** on her new position with the San Gabriel Valley

Rotary is a dynamic community service organization which supports charitable causes locally and world-wide. Rotary International has over 1.2 million members in over 100 countries.

Care to see all photos from last week? They can be viewed and downloaded from here: bit.ly/PRotary91917 or scan QR Code



# Sep 26th, 2017

Conservation Corps.

## PROGRAM - Anthony Cali - NHRA

The National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) was founded in 1951 in Pomona by Wally Parks to move hot rod enthusiast drag races off the streets into a dedicated safe environment and turn them into a formalized sport.

The NHRA has since grown into the world's largest motorsports sanctioning body with over 40,000 drivers in its rosters. Drag racing is the most diverse sport in the world with women and men of different ethnicities covering a large age range all competing directly against each other in the same races. Its rapidly growing fan base is also among the most diverse with significantly more Hispanic and African-American viewers than NASCAR or IndyCar. Drag racing is also the sport with the most accessible athletes with every ticket also functioning as a pit-pass at no extra charge. This allows fans to meet drivers and get a close-up look at the crew and vehicles and watch engine rebuilds, etc. Kids 12 years and under even receive their tickets for free. On Sundays during Pomona's races, fans can walk the race-track before the races,

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but should wear appropriate shoes as the track is quite sticky. The NHRA's strong push into the area of digital content and social media is

helping to further accelerate the fan base growth.

The NHRA season consists of 24 annual races across the country between February and November of each year. To pay homage to its



birthplace, the NHRA begins and ends each season in Pomona. Cars and motorcycles compete in different categories, including the Top Fuel Dragster and Funny Car categories with cars with up to 1,100hp that can reach 330mph in under 4 seconds.

In addition to providing a full-immersion experience for spectators that involves all senses (even taste if you accidentally happen to get one of the pieces of tirerubber into your mouth!), the NHRA is also heavily involved in the communities where the races are held. Not only do they sponsor school visits and invite kids from the local boys' and girls' clubs, they also frequently work with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Infinite Hero Foundation, and the Army. The next race in Pomona will conclude this year's season on the weekend of November 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum located on the Fairplex grounds near Gate 1 is open year-round (excluding most holidays) from Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 5pm (extended hours exist during the LA County Fair and the NHRA Winternationals and Finals).





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