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# HIGHLIGHTER

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## HIGHLIGHTS from DG Michael Soden



I extend my utmost gratitude to the RYLA committee led by Celeste Kelley and to the Clubs for making this year's event a huge success. RYLA has made a comeback after a four-year hiatus, and it was remarkable. More than 200 students attended the event, which was made possible because of the clubs' support and the contributions of over 50 adult volunteers. Despite the terrible weather prediction, the weekend was fantastic, and we managed to overcome the challenges. On Saturday night, we saw approximately two inches of snowfall that made me a little apprehensive about Sunday's bus situation, but I was relieved when everything went just as planned. The buses arrived early and ensured that everyone got home safely.

We have always talked about how RYLA is a life-changing experience for the students, but we should not forget that volunteers also benefit from this experience. A Rotary moment testimonial from one of the volunteers clarifies this point. "It was an honor and a privilege to be a part of such a transformative and enriching experience at RYLA. I was filled with a sense of purpose and excitement, knowing that I would have the chance to make a meaningful impact on the lives of the young and future leaders. Throughout the duration of the camp, I was continually inspired by the passion, enthusiasm, and potential exhibited by each and every participant." GW – Facilitator

You can enjoy the images from RYLA 2024 by going to:  
[https://www.district5300.org/service/youth\\_services/index/](https://www.district5300.org/service/youth_services/index/)



**Mark Mariscal**  
District  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair

<https://www.gildarotary5300.org/service/you-are-service/flyer/>

I am thrilled to announce that the cabinets reserved for DC24 - "A cruise to service" scheduled from June 21-24, 2024, are sold out. However, if anyone is still interested in joining the event, they can contact Royal Caribbean to [book a cabin](#) out of the block.

Last, I am pleased to inform you that the Rotary Club of Aerospace Valley, sponsored by Lancaster Sunrise, is now an official Rotary club. The club is based in Antelope Valley (Lancaster) and has chartered with 20 new members. Their charter President is Venjie Jones Tolentino Fonbuena. Soon, we will be adding their membership to DACdb and RI, and we are excited to attend their charter night. They will also be present at DTA and the Foundation Gala on May 18th. Kindly give the Rotary Club of Aerospace Valley a warm District 5300 welcome.

### MEMBERSHIP CORNER: Club Building

*By Golda Moshir, current District Membership Chair*

Your District Membership Committee is gearing up for two fantastic trainings being offered by Rotary Coordinators John Chase & Jennifer Deroin on **April 20** and **May 9**. Be sure to [register using this link](#). We are also putting together our District Action Plan for Membership and will be sharing it at the District Assembly in May (be sure to register for that training too). Between now and then we will share links with you to our District Website to check out various membership opportunities.

Did you ever wonder what a satellite club is? Have you heard of an E-club and how they are formed and meet? Do you have younger Rotarians who are not attending your lunch meetings and you fear they may leave if you don't change your meeting format? (See the UNLV Rotaract Article below.) Do you have a passion for a cause that you want to pursue and want the power of Rotary behind you? Do you know about cause-based clubs? Do you have young business owners who want to promote their business and respect the Rotary service model?

If you said yes to any of the questions above, the Membership Resource Page we will be creating for our District is FOR YOU. We want you THINK OUT OF THE BOX!! This kind of thinking will help us grow Rotary beyond the traditional types of clubs. But do not wait. If you want to explore any of these ideas, reach out to Gilda Moshir at 818-807-6060 or [gildarotary5300@gmail.com](mailto:gildarotary5300@gmail.com) to learn more about how you can get involved.

[Link to Membership Event flyer](#)

#### Club Events

April 1 - 27  
**Claremont - TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW for Taste of Claremont 4/27**

April 6th  
**LV After Hours with Las Vegas Club - Touch the Truck**

April 6th  
**Altadena - Multi-Club Service Project - Local Trail Repair**

April 6th  
**Ont-Montclair: Cornhole Contest and Beerfest**

April 11th  
**Ontario-Montclair Students of the Month**

April 13th  
**RLI Southern California-Nevada - Parts I and 11**

April 15th  
**Lancaster West Club Service "Rags or Riches" Event**

April 16th  
**ALV-Red Rock Aviators Social**

April 17th  
**LV After Hours - Agassi Birthday Hour**

April 17th  
**LV After Hours - Book Cleaning for Spread the Word Nevada**

April 19th  
**Montebello - 100th Anniversary Dinner**

April 19th  
**Downtown Las Vegas Rotary Casino Night**

April 25th  
[Eat to Support  
Azusa Rotary](#)

April 27th  
[Claremont -  
Taste of  
Claremont](#)

April 30th  
[Alhambra Club  
SOCIAL](#)

May

May 4th  
[Lancaster  
Sunrise Bike  
Clinic](#)

May 9th  
[Ontario-  
Montclair  
Students of the  
Year](#)

May 11th  
[RLI - Southern  
California-  
Nevada - Part I,  
II, III - w 5330](#)

## California Rotary Clubs Honored For Giving

*By Mark Mariscal, District Rotary Club Foundation Chair*

I am down to my last three months of a three-year term as the District Rotary Foundation Chair. It all started with "the ask". My first district role was serving on the DDF Grant Review Committee back in 2018-2019. I was asked by our current DG Soden while he was the chair of the District Club Grant DDF Committee. After two years, I then served under DRFCC Susan Johnson as the Annual Fund Sub-Chair before beginning my current position on July 1, 2021.

An item recently showed up in my inbox - an invitation from the Network of California Community College Foundations via Zoom. They are awarding The Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Clubs of California the ***Bernard Osher Philanthropist of the Year Award*** on **April 3, 2024**. The Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Clubs of California are honored for their generous contributions that have provided invaluable support in the form of student scholarships, funding for college programs, and active engagement through volunteering initiatives on campuses statewide. Rotary International Director Dan Himelspace will represent us along with District Governor Marta G. Brown from District 5240.



My own Altadena Rotary Club has provided more than \$10,000 in Vocational and Veteran Scholarships in each of the last 15 years. We actually started awarding Vocational Scholarships at Pasadena City College in the early 1960s. Many of our Clubs have such contributions to be proud of!

## Welcome Home District 5300 Rotaplast Team!

*By Linda Bertuzzi, Las Vegas After Hours*

Volunteers from District 5300 recently returned from an extraordinary two-week cleft lip and palate surgery mission in Cebu City, Philippines. Bonita Ramos, Richard Ramos, Rae Kearney, Linda Bertuzzi, Soren Jarabelo, Terry Pickens, Vicky Abbott and Daryl Beans joined the 26 member team in San Francisco on February 24th, and departed with nearly one ton of medical supplies, from gauze to anesthesia equipment. From the time the team arrived at Adventist Hospital, they were fully immersed in organizing the medical records area, PACU, pediatrics, and the operating rooms. After screening just over 100 families, some of whom had come from miles and hours away, the patients, from babies to 14-year-olds, were selected and the procedures scheduled.

After seven full days of surgeries by some of the nation's finest plastic surgeons, assisted by a highly experienced nursing team, 69 children received life-changing surgeries to improve their chances for a brighter future. The success of this mission was made possible by remarkable support of a cleft lip and palate fund established within District 5300, along with Cebu Port Centre Rotary, Abounding in Love (a US charity that helps provide free cleft lip and palate surgery for poor children in the Philippines), and, of course, Rotaplast. As one parent wrote in her thank you - "Thank you for everything and for the wonderful and successful surgery to my son. We are so happy that now our son is free from bullying and discrimination. May God bless you for your kind hearts." Saving Smiles. Changing Lives!

You can follow the team's mission at [Rotaplast.org](https://Rotaplast.org)



## DISTRICT REMINDERS

## Corazon Superbuild -- May 4: Register or Donate NOW

The 2024 Corazon SuperBuild is approaching FAST and we urge you to support our next build on Saturday, **May 4th**.

Members (and Clubs) can financially support the Corazon SuperBuild even if one can't make the trip! No experience nor extraordinary effort is required. This trip has provided many Rotary Moments and changes lives!

Each home costs \$15,500 and clubs and participants have raised enough to build one home. Based on last year's response, we would like to build two homes this year!

Each home takes 40 volunteers and you (and friends and family) are authorized to sign up for the Rotary teams on the Corazon.org site. We have project numbers 3449 & 3450 (We need to fill up 3449 before we start on 3450)

### Rotary Volunteer registration pages:

<https://www.corazon.org/3449> rotary5300

<https://www.corazon.org/3450> rotary5300

More information can be found on the [Corazon.org website](https://www.corazon.org) or email District 5300 Superbuild Chair [Robin Smith](#).

## RLI Institute AND Beer

*By Dennis Franklin*

**On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, weâ€™ll be holding Rotary Leadership Institute Parts I and II** training from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. **in Azusa California**. After the event, participants can join us at **Angry Horse Brewing in Montebello**. Weâ€™ll provide dinner, take our guests on a tour of the brewery, and enjoy a tasting session with the owners. Itâ€™s all included in your \$45 registration fee. Youâ€™ll end the day understanding how to be a more effective Rotarian, not to mention what goes into a quality beer and how to find the flavors that you love.

To register:

## District Training Assembly and Foundation Gala, May 18

Use the link below to register now for the District Training Assembly (DTA), followed by the Foundation Gala held at the Sheraton Fairplex Conference Center in Pomona. (separate or joint registrations) The DTA is a (free) program for the training of incoming club presidents and club members to serve in key leadership roles in their clubs in the upcoming year. After the Assembly, weâ€™ll be treated to the finals in the 4-WAY Test Speech Contest and the Hensel Ethics Essay Contest at the luncheon, and to the Dan Stover Music Contest performances at the Gala dinner.

*DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY*

*10:00 AM - 4:15 PM (No Charge)*

*LUNCH 12:15 PM - 1:25 PM (\$60.00 Per Person)*

*FOUNDATION GALA*

*NO HOST RECEPTION 5:45 PM*

*DINNER 6:45 PM (125.00 Per Person)*

Register for the DTA and/or the Foundation Gala below.

Do you need a room for the night? We have reserved a limited number of rooms at the Sheraton Fairplex. Use this link to [book your discounted room rate for Rotary District Assembly and Foundation Gala](#)

## INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE

## Montebello Centennial Dinner

*Denise Hagopian, Montebello President Elect & Centennial Dinner Chair*

Montebello Rotary is celebrating its 100-year anniversary with a Centennial Dinner on Friday, **April 19**, 2024 at 6:00 pm. The event will be held at the Crystal Ballroom at the Quiet Cannon Banquet Center, 901 Via San Clemente, Montebello 90640. Past District Governor Gene Hernandez will be our Keynote speaker and current DG Michael Soden has confirmed his attendance.

Please join us in appreciating the amazing contributions Rotary club of Montebello has made to the Montebello school district and youth community. [Tickets \(\\$135.00\) are available online.](#)

## You're Invited to A Taste of Claremont

*By Karen Sapio, Taste of Claremont Chair and PNE*

Welcome one and all to the 2024 Taste of Claremont on April 27, from 5-9pm! This annual event is the spring's best party in Claremont! Dozens of vendors offering food, wine, beer, and other delights and hundreds of community members come together to socialize, enjoy the best of our local food scene and, most importantly, raise funds that Claremont Rotary will distribute to nonprofit organizations doing good and making change in our community. I and the rest of this year's Taste of Claremont Committee are working together to make the 2024 event the best ever. We are looking forward to seeing YOU and enjoying an evening that celebrates, connects, and contributes to our whole community. [TOC Website](#)

[Tickets are available online](#) for \$90 through Friday, and are then \$100 through the event.



## Covina -- April 27, 2024 Annual Fun Run and Health Fair

By Samantha Davis

On **April 27th**, Covina Rotary will host its annual 5K Fun Run. This is Covina Rotary's largest fundraiser. Proceeds from the event help fund many of our programs and events such as:



1. *Back To School Extravaganza* - A personal shopping experience providing new clothes and new shoes for area children. Each child is personally escorted by a Rotarian or family/friends of Rotarians to assist in their choices.

2. *Endless Smiles* - Our Christmas program which helps more than a thousand children to enjoy an afternoon of crafts and presents, many otherwise may not receive Christmas gifts.

3. *Teacher Mini Grants* - Grants for teachers to provide items that are not funded by the school district.

4. *RYLA and TLC* (a Leadership camp for 8th grade students started by Roger Schulte, a middle-school principal who saw the need).

This will be a day of fun. After the run is a pancake breakfast, awards ceremony, music, entertainment/games and health fair. More information and registration at [www.covinafunrun.com](http://www.covinafunrun.com).

## Greater Chino Hills -- Multicultural Festival June 15

By Ginny Mondoneda, Club Administrator

The Rotary Club of Greater Chino Hills will host its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Festival on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Chino Hills Community Center, 14250 Peyton Drive, Chino Hills. The Multicultural Festival is the Rotary Club Foundation's signature fundraising event. The event's main purposes are to unite the various cultural groups in Chino Hills and nearby cities and to raise funds for the Club Foundation's various local and international community projects.



The Multicultural Festival showcases the culture of the various national groups residing in Chino Hills and surrounding cities and celebrates the diversity of people in the form of ethnic food, national dress, songs and dances. The free event features food vendors, entertainment from artists of different cultures, martial arts demonstrations and foreign fashions both traditional and modern.



Performers from prior years' Festivals include the Ayala High School Chinese Club, Xing Yun Taiji Club, Halau Na Pua Lehua Ka Ua Noe (Hawaiian), Korean American Youth Performing Artists, Esperanza Flores Ballet Folklorico Dance Group, Filipino Catholics of St. Paul Dancers, Shaolin Kung Fu and the World of Music Singers.

For more information about the event, please email [rotary.chinohills@gmail.com](mailto:rotary.chinohills@gmail.com).

## THIRD QUARTER CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

### Altadena Club Celebrates 75th Anniversary

*By Dawn Smith, Altadena Club President*

On Saturday, February 10th, our club celebrated 75 years of service. We were chartered on Valentine's Day, 1949. District Governor Michael Soden and his wife attended our Celebration Dinner, and shared the importance of all Rotary Clubs making a difference. With more than 120 in attendance (the majority being local community members supporting our club), the club raised \$11,000 that will be used to create two additional Annual Scholarships for Pasadena City College. These two scholarships will be specific for those receiving a CTE in Library Technology.



Also in February, our club used funds from The Rotary Foundation (DDF dollars) to help our local Friends of the Altadena Library at their sale of used books. In March, we again used funding from The Rotary Foundation to support our "Reading To Children" program at Families Forward Learning Center. At that event, we provided supplies for children under 5, club members read to the children, and we made a contribution to their pre-school programs.





## Greater Chino Hills: LIFELINE Global Grant

The Global Grant application (GG2454374 LIFELINE) for funding to provide an ambulance to General Trias Medicare Hospital in the Philippines, submitted by the Rotary Club of Cavite Centro (Host) and the Rotary Club of Greater Chino Hills (International Partner), was recently approved by The Rotary Foundation.



The Lifeline Global Grant is a humanitarian project that will provide an ambulance to General Trias Medicare Hospital in Cavite, Philippines. The total population of General Trias City is 450,583 to date. This hospital has only one ambulance serving the people in the city and cannot meet the demand for emergency and urgent patient care response. There is an urgent need for an additional ambulance for this hospital.

The total award is in the amount of \$36,112. The grant has a generous endowment gift of \$15,000 from the Herminio Esguerra and Joyce Michelle Socorro Loyola Ambrary Disease Prevention and Treatment Directed Gift. The grant is funded by District Designated Funds from Rotary Districts 3810 and 5300; cash contributions from the Rotary Clubs of Cavite Centro, Cavite Uptown, Chinatown-Manila and Greater Chino Hills; and the World Fund.



*Rotarians Bob Spence (Ontario-Montclair) and Dolly Dalusong (Greater Chino Hills) met with the Rotary Club of Cavite Centro officers PP Arvin, IPP Mylene Rodriguez, and P Leticia San Antonio during their trip to Manila, Philippines in February 2023.*

## Las Vegas - Hydroponics Project

From the [VEGAS BUSINESS DIGEST](#), March 13, 2024

The Las Vegas Rotary Club donated \$10,000 to Green Our Planet's "Hydro Connect" program to install a hydroponics program at Kermit R. Booker Elementary School. Hydro Connect is designed to encourage STEM education nationwide and to connect students with the science behind sustainable farming practices, encouraging a hands-on approach to learning and environmental stewardship.

"We are proud to continue to support Green Our Planet," said Toni Kern, president of Las Vegas Rotary Club, a civic service organization that has been supporting Green Our Planet for the past three years. "It's more than a donation, it's an investment in our children and our planet's future. It's amazing what we can achieve when we come together for a common purpose."

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The Las Vegas Rotary Club's donation supplied the school with 19 table-top hydroponics systems, a large commercial hydroponics system and a diverse range of curricula covering K-12 Hydroponics STEM, MS-HS Health, K-12 Financial Literacy and a culturally responsive hydroponics framework.

Kern said Green Our Planet is one of the hundreds of local organizations the club has sponsored in recent years (*the Club raised over \$40,000 this year*) and supports its mission of teaching youth to succeed through literacy, education and life skills development. ....

Hydroponics is a popular method of growing produce without soil or natural light "instead using water, a nutrient solution and LED grow lights. Ideal for small spaces, hydroponic systems can be used year-round and are an easy, efficient way to grow produce without the upkeep required by a traditional garden.

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Green Our Planet hosts a semi-annual student farmer's market where students can sell the produce they have grown throughout the year and learn valuable life skills. All profits from the farmer's market are re-invested into school garden programs. The next market will be held on April 19.

Read the article in the [Vegas Business Digest](#).



## Las Vegas Rotary Park Clean Up

On February 3rd the Las Vegas Rotary Club, together with City Councilman Brian Knudsen, had a successful clean up of Rotary Park, recently confirmed "a Children's Park", rededicating The Paul Harris Friendship Tree and a tree in honor of PDG Joe Buckley.



## LV After Hours Buddy Benches dedicated at Robert Lunt Elementary

*By Linda Bertuzzi, LV After Hours President*

Thanks to generous funding provided by the Las Vegas After Hours Rotary Club, as well as two rounds of DDF funding from District 5300, a heartwarming project has come to fruition at Robert Lunt Elementary: the installation of two Buddy Benches. These benches are designed to bring students together and foster new connections.

Local Master Woodworker Scott Hawley designed and crafted the benches with meticulous care and three talented local high school students assisted with the metal work and custom engraving. Perhaps the most touching aspect of these benches lies in their legs. Crafted from various sizes of steel pieces fused together and mounted under the center of the bench, they represent the different sizes and shapes of every individual, serving as a poignant reminder that each person is valuable and plays a crucial role in supporting one another.



Through the installation of these Buddy Benches, the Las Vegas After Hours Rotary Club has not only provided a tangible reminder of inclusivity and friendship but has also contributed to creating a more welcoming and supportive environment for the students of Robert Lunt Elementary, tying in perfectly with Rotary International's 2023-24 focus on mental health.

## San Marino -- Note from a former Global Scholar

*By Bill Payne, San Marino Chair of Global Grants*

Gaelen Stanford-Moore was a San Marino Club-supported 2016-17 Global Grant scholar to Cambridge (UK). She grew up in South Pasadena (her folks still live there), was a former Rose Princess, and graduated from UC-Berkeley. She continues to work with Rotarians in the good work she does for the underserved. She recently responded to the San Marino Foundation Luncheon invitation. (below)

*Hi Bill, My old apartment in SF said I received a letter from Rotary, though I now live in Portland! For just one year (ends in July 2024), I am doing subspecialty surgery training in facial reconstructive surgery at a big hospital in Portland.*

*I just returned from 10 days in Peru performing cleft lip and palate surgery in a remote town in the north. The local Rotary and Lions clubs were instrumental in helping the non-profit I worked with to facilitate patient care. Hope all is well with you! Hoping to land a job back in California to start this fall. Still tbd!*

*Gaelen Britton Stanford-Moore, MD MPhil  
Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery  
Fellow*

*Oregon Health & Science University*

We're so proud!



## LV Southwest -- Q3 Highlights of a Busy Club

By Keith Thomas

The Southwest Rotary Club was busy during the third quarter beginning with:

- Our “Feed the Homeless” dinner on January 31 at Christ Church Episcopal. We always have lots of volunteers and this year our volunteers include members of the Interact Club that we sponsor.
- Each year, we schedule our “Dan Stover Music Contest” around Valentine’s Day and invite all our spouses, significant others, and also our past Presidents to attend the meeting and to enjoy what is one of the meeting highlights of our year.
- On February 13, six members and spouses traveled to Puerto Vallarta where they participated in a water filter project in conjunction with the local Rotary Club and with Rotarians from Ohio, Wisconsin, and Canada. Filters were assembled and installed in 5-gallon buckets for over 200 families in a small village about two hours from Puerto Vallarta.
- Also in February, we provided new shoes (from Skechers) and socks to all kindergarteners at a local at-risk elementary school. Around 75 pairs of shoes were given out. It was rewarding to see the happiness in children’s eyes.
- We also made time for some fun and games at our annual “Golf Outing” which was held this year at the Green Springs Golf Course in St. George, Utah. This weekend event started with a reception on Friday night, golf Saturday morning, and a dinner and reception Saturday evening.
- And finally, our annual major fundraiser, a “Gold Raffle”, was held on March 28. The name of the event this year was “Kula Hula” in honor of its Hawaiian theme. Aloha attire was in abundance along with leis and hula dancers.



Pictures from all our events are posted on our [Facebook page](#) and on our website ([www.lvswr.org](http://www.lvswr.org)).

## Duarte -- Programs Celebrating Women in Rotary

Two excellent articles were published in local newspapers in March in honor of the Duarte Club's program discussing its role in inviting women to join Rotary. The Club's efforts to ensure that local students understand the momentous change a small town brought about in membership worldwide was stellar. Thank you Duarte Rotary Club!

Duarte High School government class students took a page out of the community's own history to celebrate International Women's Day "Inspire Inclusion" on March 8. The community was invited to see, hear, and experience how the Duarte Rotary fought Rotary International all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1987, and won, to end gender discrimination against women in service clubs. The victory opened the doors to membership for women in Rotary and all other formerly restricted all-male service clubs in the nation, and eventually, the world. That's why the Duarte Rotary is known as "The Mouse that Roared." Students revisited key arguments in the landmark Civil rights case. The program also included historic videos (linked below) and a panel of women in Rotary who discussed how being able to join Rotary years ago influenced their lives. An evening program was free and open to all on Friday, March 8 in the Duarte Performing Arts Center.

Be sure to read this linked front page article! San Gabriel Valley Tribune, March 9: ["Decades ago, the Duarte Rotary Club defied the status quo. The result changed lives and the law"](#)

Another article was published in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, March 14-20 edition, "Duarte Rotary, the Mouse that Roared, Celebrates International Women's Day and Women in Rotary" and included the picture below. And these videos on YouTube are great educational pieces that were played during the program: Donna Georgino on <https://youtu.be/EJd8adW1nEQ>; History, with national news clips on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKDiODxmhB4>



Photo by Marc M Pijuan

Mary Barrow-Documentarian/Publicist, panel members Rosie Mares-Arcadia, Sheila Gutierrez-Glendorra, Marilyn Diaz-Sierra Madre, Mary Wilson-Pasadena and panel moderator Lydia Carswell from the Duarte Rotary Club.

## Monrovia -- "Feeding Friends" Service Project

*By Karen Lujan, Monrovia Rotary President*

The Monrovia Rotary Club held its annual service project, "Feeding Friends," in collaboration with the Outreach Program, on February 10. This year, the goal was to package 35,000 meals to support the many people in need in Ukraine. The impactful event was filled with music, teamwork, and a shared sense of community, and will make a real difference in the lives of others.



## Claremont DDF Project -- Emergency Shut-Off Wrenches

*By Nona Tirre, President*

Following on the heels of the annual 3-day emergency preparedness training for all Claremont 8<sup>th</sup> graders in February, our Club carried out a 2023-24 district grant-supported project to distribute wrenches for homes to turn off the gas in the event of an emergency. (Adults need training too!) A group of members and El Roble Intermediate School Interactors assembled to pull together the packets, and El Roble and Claremont High Interactors were much in evidence as we distributed the wrenches to the general public on March 24 and 25. Photos were taken with City officials and members of the Claremont Chamber of Commerce.



## UNLV Rotaract â€™ NEW!

*Submitted by Liz Rothwell, Las Vegas Rotary*

The Las Vegas Rotary Club is spearheading an effort to start a new, university-based, Rotaract chapter at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Recent Rotary International (RI) rule changes no longer require a Rotary Club sponsor, but The Las Vegas Rotary Club sees the importance of maintaining a close relationship with future Rotary members. By creating a close partnership between their club and the university, LV Rotary has an opportunity to increase the number of younger members in Vegas and beyond. By attracting younger members, LV Rotary can ensure the continuation of its chapter and RI.

With no specific obligations to UNLV Rotaract, LV Rotary has decided to engage the students in two ways. First, by inviting the students to participate in volunteer activities such as trash pick-up, canned food drive, Santa Clothes, and Green Our Planet. Second, they are establishing a mentorship program between students and current members.

The Las Vegas Rotary Club worked in cooperation with the interested students to complete the charter application in January in order to apply for campus club status in February. If you know a student who would be interested in joining, please contact Liz Rothwell at [lizzyrothwell2@gmail.com](mailto:lizzyrothwell2@gmail.com).