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## CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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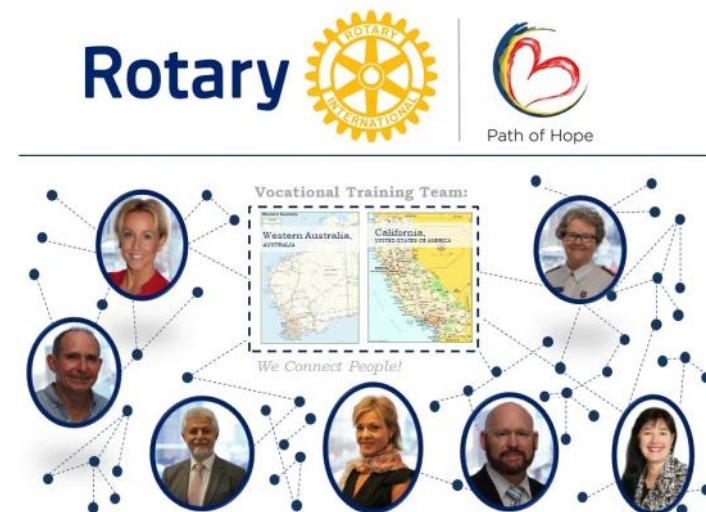
Claremont Rotary Year 90 | Week 15 | April 12, 2019

### Program: Vocational Training Team, Rotary Club of Perth, Western Australia

Submitted by Jim Lehman

The Vocational Training Team (VTT) from Perth, Western Australia, is visiting thanks to the efforts of District 5300's **Michael Driebe**, Vocational Training Team Chair, and District 9455's **Jerry Pilcher**, who holds the same title. The multi-disciplinary team is touring here for three weeks. Its focus is on family and domestic violence (FDV), and members bring diverse and extensive experience and a variety of approaches to that issue from their related professional fields. The Team members are all affiliated with [Path of Hope](#) in Western Australia. Path of Hope is an approach that mobilizes the organizational capacity of Rotarians to support agencies and services that provide safety and empowerment to women and their children escaping family and domestic violence.

In 2008 two friends offered to volunteer at a Salvation Army women's safe house in Perth, Western Australia. These two women were members of the [Rotary Club of Perth](#), and with the generous support of the club and the guidance of Salvation Army leaders, developed a strategy



to support the Salvation Army's work with survivors of FDV. In 2013 Path of Hope was formally launched as a collaboration between the Rotary Club of Perth and the Salvation Army in Western Australia.

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### 20th Annual Taste of Claremont *Final Countdown!*

**We're almost there! The Community Event of the Year!** Chair **Cameron Troxell** and his trusty team have done a great job organizing for this event. There are more sponsors and vendors, raffle prizes and art than ever, which means great food, drink and permanent keepsakes available to all who attend!

Cameron has postcards and yard signs for THE TASTE of CLAREMONT, and a new edition of posters and flyers listing the most current sponsors. Tell **Anita Hughes** when you can volunteer on Friday afternoon, Saturday, or Sunday morning. **AND Sell tickets! Whether you can attend or not, please make sure you invite family, friends, neighbors and colleagues.** [Tickets are available online](#) and from **Brett O'Connor**. **New features this year** are Rotary bags, a water station to reduce use of plastic bottles, and reusable steel Rotary International water bottles (*Clean water for everyone*) that will be sold at the Taste at cost -- only \$10.



Countdown to the  
Taste of Claremont !!

7

DAYS

22

HOURS

27

MINS

54

SECS

April 27, 2019

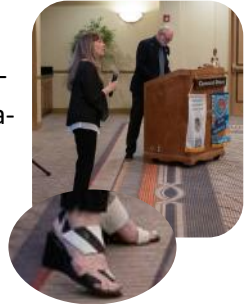
Yikes!



## ROTARY: THE MEETING

*submitted by Jim Lehman*

**President Ron Coleman** opened the meeting. **Chris Shaner** led us through a rendition of "Smile," followed by some artful gymnastics, including a high kick for President Ron to show off her stylish shoes, **Lyn Childress's** pledge and "America the Beautiful" were followed by **Karen Sapio's** thought—Easter Sunday, which last year fell on April Fools Day, this year falls on 4/21, which happens to be National Tea Day (and National Kindergarten Day). So if you don't celebrate Easter, please enjoy a cup of tea and hug a child. Chris Shaner was so inspired by the message she got caught up in a vagrant hanger lurking on the floor and took a magnificent, acrobatic tumble that brought the room to its feet. OK, we were already standing, but metaphorically, right? Anyway, athlete that she is, she gracefully rebounded not *too* much the worse for wear, and thoughts turned to food.



## WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS!

**Greeter Ron Murphy** turned our attention to our guests and visiting Rotarians.

**Cameron Troxell** introduced guest **Wayne Wright**.

**Mark Carson** was accompanied by his wife, **Kelly**.



Guests of the Club included two representatives from Crossroads, Inc, **Rev. Sarah Averette-Phillips**, Associate Director, and **Dinny Rasmussen**, as well as a contingent from House of Ruth including **Pat Bell**, Executive Director, **Kimberly Mason**, Resident Services Director, **Sabrina Almaraz**, Community Services Director, and **Brenda Olivas**, Development Associate (Brenda and Pat shown at right).



Our program was provided by the next group of visitors, a Rotary Vocational Training Team from Australia that visited Crossroads and House of Ruth earlier in the day: **Rebecca Tolstoy**, **Darrell Hagan**, **Sarah-Jane Sharpe**, **Mark Crake**, and **Alison Kirby**.

Finally, joining us were TWO Past District Governors, Rotarians **Randy Pote** from Las Vegas WON and **Luciano de Sylva**, Walnut Valley, supplementing our own PDG **Jerry Tambe**. (PDG **Sylvia Whitlock** was at a Rotary meeting in Tennessee.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) nor April 26<sup>th</sup> (Taste of Claremont). Enjoy the 19th off, but don't miss the opportunity to help out with the Taste on April 26, 27, and 28. Contact **Anita Hughes** to volunteer. Many hands make lighter work for all.

**PDG Randy Pote** announced a July 13 fete sponsored by Las Vegas WON Rotary Club honoring outgoing District Governor **John Chase**. It'll be at Ricardo's Mexican Restaurant in Las Vegas, 4-6 pm, with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, prizes, etc. Tickets are \$20 before the event and \$25 at the door. Online info at [www.LasVegasWonRotary.com/DGparty](http://www.LasVegasWonRotary.com/DGparty). A flyer with details for registering is attached.



**PDG Luciano de Silva** reminded all that District Assembly and District Conference are coming up on May 3 and May 3 & 4, respectively, both at the Sheraton Park Hotel at the Anaheim Resort. You can attend District Assembly without charge but you must register. Details are at <https://district5300.org/>. Note: the District Conference ends on Saturday this year!

**Paul Steffen** announced that Corazon Super Build will take place on May 18, and asked prior participants to stand and be recognized. All agreed it is an experience to remember. Contact Paul to sign up or to get more info. You can sign up on the [Corazon website](http://Corazon website).



**Susie Ilsley** thanked those who have signed up for **Doug McGoon's** Meal Train and put the word out that if you know of anyone in our Rotary Circle who is ill or in need of help, you should please communicate with Susie or with **President Ron Coleman**.



At the mention of his name, **President Ron** recited a list of coming events, including a Craft Talk by new member **Bill Burrows** on May 3.



## Perth VTT, *continued*

Team Leader **Rebecca Tolstoy**, with a background in financial and human resource management, runs a business consulting firm and is Founding Chair of Path of Hope. She was Rotarian of the Year for District 9455 in 2017.

**Mark Crake**, Senior Policy Officer for the Office of the Public Advocate in Western Australia, has worked in child protection and family support services virtually his entire career.

**Sarah-Jane Sharpe**, an interior design and marketing specialist, is an active Rotarian and a project leader for Path of Hope.

**Darrell Hagen**, Police Sergeant with the Western Australia Police Force, has commanded metropolitan and rural police teams and has worked as a police prosecutor and trainer. He is a specialist in family protection and the response to family and domestic violence and has a deep understanding of forensic issues in addressing domestic violence.

**Alison Kirby**, coach and presentation expert, talked about the [Purple Purse](#) of the Allstate Foundation, an initiative that our local [House of Ruth](#) highlights in its annual fundraising.

Team members identified several of the area programs that they are exploring for insights to take back home: [Tri-Cities Mental Health](#), which has made presentations to our club, House of Ruth and Pomona Valley Hospital, for protocols on identifying and interdicting human trafficking, to name a few. They'll be exploring throughout the district over these three weeks, which will no doubt fly by too fast and leave them looking forward to a sequel. It is heartening to see our Rotary friends from Australia tackling this issue with such a broad, multi-pronged, humane approach.



*Ron exchanges flags with Rebecca Tolstoy for the Rotary Club of Perth, Western Australia,*

## A Fine Day with Sergeant John Tulac

Sergeant **John Tulac**, wearing Dodgers jersey emblazoned with # 42, took the floor and the microphone, observing that Monday would be Tax Day and Jackie Robinson Day, fining **Don Gould**, his favorite target for consecutive meetings with a fine a few years back. Don told the crowd that a new record had just been set by Chris Davis of the Orioles: 47 games without a hit. **Cameron Troxell** came into view for running last week's meeting without bad jokes, though there was something about his comment on **Ron Coleman's** "flamingo" dancing. **John Howland** was recognized for arranging a Rotary Work Day with Hope Partners—details will be forthcoming. **Bridget Healy** was in NYC last week and of course caught several shows. Her visit included a couple of Hillary Clinton sightings and Brett and Ann O'Connor at High School Prom! (As if they needed to travel that far to see a prom!) **Buff Wright** was called out for a sticky keyboard issue. Spelling of aardvark, vacuum, and now Ilsley? She got them all, of course. Typos in the Clarifier get noticed. Should we add John to the Clarifier Committee? **Frank Hungerford's** granddaughter was admitted to the Medical School at the University of Utah, Salt Lake. **Jerry Goldman**, in an excess of zeal, shattered his water glass last week during the welcome song. Reminder: our text is "Welcome guests and visiting Rotarians...."

As a visiting PDG, **Randy Pote** continues to enjoy immunity from fines, so Sergeant Tulac deputized PDG and Claremont Rotarian **Jerry Tambe** to pay a fine on his behalf. You can tell Jerry is delighted!





**Ron Coleman**  
Claremont Rotary  
President  
2018-2019



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| April 19 & 26 | Dark for Easter and Taste of Claremont (Apr. 27th) |
| April 27 eve  | A TASTE OF CLAREMONT!                              |
| May 3         | Craft talks  |
| May 3-4       | District Assembly and Conference in Anaheim        |

## Photo of the Week



Leave it to Jim Lehman  
to leave out my **great**  
tax accounting jokes.  
How's this one: Did you  
hear about the cannibal  
CPA? *She charges  
an arm and a leg!*



BOINK!



## Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!

*Photo by M. Standifer Shreve*

## Website

Information about the club and back editions of this newsletter are always available on DACdb and [www.claremontRotary.org](http://www.claremontRotary.org)

**Join us on Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/RotaryofClaremont](http://www.facebook.com/RotaryofClaremont)

## Taste of Claremont

[tasteofclaremont.org/](http://tasteofclaremont.org/)

## April - May Birthdays

Pete Robertson 4-21  
Suzanne Christian 4-28  
Sylvia Whitlock 4-28  
Lyn Childress 5-16  
Bill McAllister 5-18  
Frank Bedoya 5-19  
Chris Shaner 5-20  
Bob Hauducœur 5-26

John Regan 5-31



**Notes: Jim Lehman. Photos: Steve Schenck**

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

**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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**Clarifier Committee**

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July 13, 2019  
4:00p to 6:00p

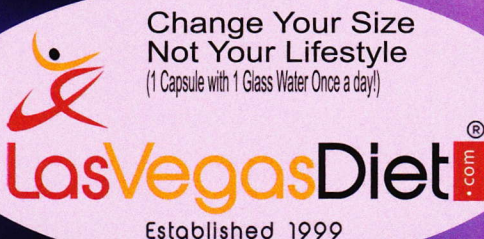
Cocktails  
hors d'oeuvres  
prizes, cash bar  
and more!

Venue:  
**Ricardo's  
Mexican  
Restaurant  
Las Vegas**

4930 W Flamingo Rd.,  
Las Vegas, NV 89103

\$20 Per Person  
prior to July 13  
\$25 day of event

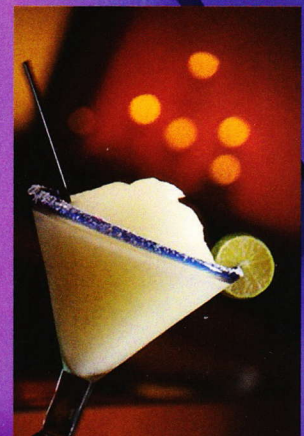
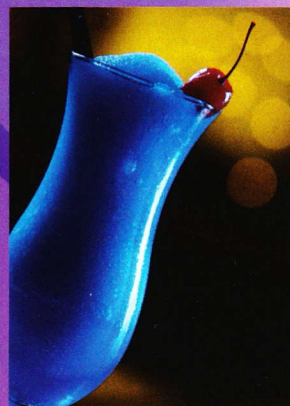
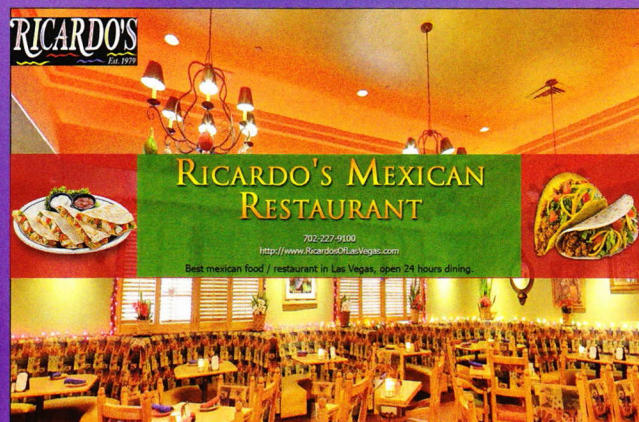
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FOR  
AN EXCITING EVENT  
OF APPRECIATION  
FOR OUR OUTGOING  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
**John Chase**



Ricardo's is a tradition since 1979. Located at the NW corner of Flamingo Rd & Decatur, only 1 mile west of I-15 Freeway.



Event Hosted by: Las Vegas WON Rotary Club

**Order Tickets**  
Call 702-210-4201 or 720-281-2370  
or order online at:  
**LasVegasWonRotary.com/DGparty**