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CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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Claremont Rotary Year 91 | Week 6 | February 7, 2020

Program: City of Hope: Dr. Larry Wagman

submitted by Chris Shaner



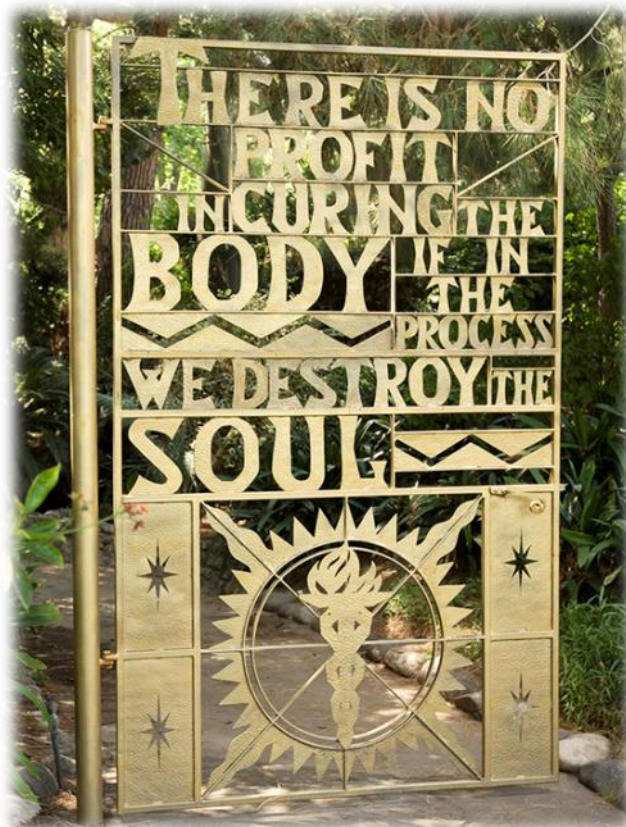
Dr. Larry Wagman works with the City of Hope cancer program at San Antonio Hospital. He calls City of Hope the Miracle of Service with a Soul. Wagman was at the Center for Cancer prevention and Treatment in Orange, CA and then moved to San Antonio as a Surgical Oncologist, and is now the City of Hope's Regional Medical Director for the Inland Empire. His favorite saying is Foolish Consistency is the Hobgoblin of Little Minds by Ralph Waldo Emerson. You can't just sit and watch what is going by! Ask questions, and consider whether there is a better way for the patient.

He talked about the time line for the 100 years of growth and successes of City of Hope. The hospital had its roots in 1913 when a Tuberculosis Sanatorium was founded. In 1947, national fundraising efforts began and in 1951, the treatment focus shifted to cancer. Scientific advances significantly affected the growth. For example, in 1976, a bone marrow transplantation program was established and in 1978 a human insulin protein was synthesized. In 1983 the Beckman Research Institute was established, helping City of Hope to make further advances and file important patents, including several in partnership with Genentech that brought revenue to support further work. In 2017, City of Hope won a \$50M grant to cure Type I Diabetes.

Dr Wagman highlighted several City of Hope Points of Distinction:

- Ranked as one of the nation's "Best Cancer Hospitals" by U.S. News & World Report for over 10 years
- Founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, meaning our research and treatment protocols advance care throughout the nation
- Awarded more than \$71.7 million in research grants and received approximately \$290.9 million in revenues from patented technologies in 2015
- Earned its eighth consecutive Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award

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FELIX VILLANUEVA EARNS HIS BLUE BADGE

President Cameron and Susie Ilsley presented Felix Villanueva with his Blue Badge, which he earned in record time! Not his first time around the Rotary block!



CLAREMONT ROTARY: THE MEETING *submitted by Bill Burrows*

President Cameron played the piano while Randy Prout led the group in "Smile" and "God Bless America." John Howland led us in the Pledge. The Four-Way Test reading was front and center.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Don Gould kindly stepped forward to provide an inspirational thought, and asked for a moment of silence for the Corona Virus sufferers in Wuhan Province particularly, but worldwide as well. Don then reminded the group how helpful and constructive it would be if current and future political leaders could follow the points of the "4-Way Test" (Hear Hear!).

WELCOME GUESTS

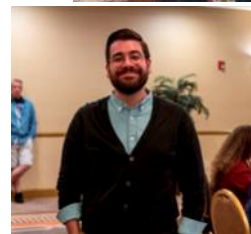
Barbara Troxell recognized Cameron's mother, Claire Troxell.

Susie Ilsley introduced returning guest, Consultant and Educator **Mary Segawa**, who was the Rotary Club President in Lacey, WA.

Felix Villanueva introduced his guest, Alexander Ruiz from "Link" who is interested in learning more about Rotary

President Cameron introduced El Roble Principal Scott Martinez and Assistant Vice Principal Chantel Welch.

We are happy to welcome honorary member **Butch Henderson** who came with his granddaughter Claire Tucker.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have a DoubleTree conflict on **March 6** so stay tuned for information about a potential social instead of a meeting.

Susie Ilsley and **Nona Tirre** hosted another fun and productive Networking Mixer last week at El Ranchero restaurant.

Dr. **Jim Elsasser** hosted a successful Dan Stover Music Contest at Claremont High School on Monday, Jan. 20.

CHAP Claremont Senior Nutrition Program still needs volunteers.



The District Assembly and District Conference will be held in Pasadena at the Westin Hotel this year, May 1-3. All are welcome!

There will be a Graber Olive House tour on Sunday 2/9/20 at 2pm, led by Clare Troxell.

Bonita Ramos and **Rich Laughton** reminded us that Together We Prepare (TWP) is coming up fast on Feb. 19-21 at El Roble

Intermediate School, and volunteers are really needed for Friday the 21st.

Bonita shared with us that there is a useful free First Aid app available from the Red Cross.



Teen Leadership Camp (TLC) Report

El Roble Intermediate School Principal Scott Martinez, thanked the Club for sponsoring 14 students to attend Teen Leadership Camp December 6 - 8, 2019. The students had a great time at Camp Cedar Crest in Running Springs and it even snowed that weekend! Seven students — Natalie De Wees, Claire Tucker, Micah Endo, Jack Warren, Noah Flowers, Jonathan Coleman, and Caleb Sapp, shared their thoughts and feelings about what they learned at TLC. Shared themes included: making great new friends, interesting and motivational guest speakers, fun challenges and team building experiences. The students noted that they learned a lot about themselves and Rotary too.

Principal Martinez concluded by thanking TLC Chair, **Bernadette Kendall** along with Rotarians: **Mike DeWees, Sean Harrison, Frank Hungerford, and Jenna Irish** for interviewing and selecting the students.



3 Truths and a Lie

Today's Contestant: Peter Weinberger

1. When I was a teenager I climbed Mt. Baldy in the winter and slept overnight on the summit in an igloo.
2. I was on the Johnny Carson show with my dog Stubby to sing in the show's animal follies competition. I would start to howl and Stubby would join in with me.
3. When I was a photojournalist my colleagues called me pyro-Pete because I had a knack for showing up to live fire scenes before anyone else.
4. At the Super Bowl in the Twin Cities, I was escorted off the field during the game after getting into an argument with a security guard with attitude. They later apologized for the incident. *Imagine that! Peter was there, but he was not escorted off the field and therefore no apology was needed.*



A Fine Day with Sergeant John Tulac

John Tulac was prepared to read his list, and **Nona Tirre** was ready to collect fines for the pig, but **Bonita Ramos** jumped up to remind the Club about the Chocolate-Dipped Strawberries for Valentine's Day fundraiser in support of Ability First.

Honorary Member Rev. **Butch Henderson** was fined for having been so long in not attending with us. His excuse? – he said “the food at Pilgrim Place is GREAT!”

Mike DeWees was fined for his poor “whiff rate” in his efforts to wallop a shy electrical piñata last week (John said it was better than the Super Bowl halftime show).

Peter Weinberger was fined for his over-the-top editorial license in describing a local new eatery as having a “burrito delicacy.”

Bridget Healy was fined for being the producer of the great production of “Westside Story” at the Inland Valley Repertory Theater.

All of the Network Mixer attendees at El Rancho had to stand-and-pay. Where were the rest of you?

Marla Lefler was fined, in order to give her an opportunity to provide an update on how she's doing.

Anyone NOT wearing their Rotary pin had to pay up.

Peter Weinberger was fined, again, for an article about his recent tussle with the Claremont PD over his avoidance maneuver on the road to avoid intrusive tree roots (that have now been removed).

CITY OF HOPE, continued

- Earned the highest rating — 4 stars — from the nation's leading watchdog, Charity Navigator. The four-star rating reflects City of Hope's sound fiscal management and financial growth and stability
- Performed more than 13,000 bone marrow and stem cell transplants

City of Hope is now located at 31 sites in Southern California, across the Inland Empire and from Palm Springs to Lancaster. City of Hope today is an elite hospital for Clinical Programs. The locations each provides services in Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Pediatric Oncology and conduct research in direct interaction with the main campus.

Dr. Wagman primarily focusses on breast, liver, melanoma, and colon cancer. He is very active with clinical trials and research. If a case becomes too complex, then it is referred to the primary hospital campus in Duarte. City of Hope practices precision medicine, which includes tracking genetic information for patients and their families, and treating each patient a unique case. There is much interaction between the community and patients and doctors. They adhere to a seven day rule, requiring someone see a new patient during that 7 day period.

We are fortunate to have City of Hope in our Community!





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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Feb 14	4-Way Speech Contest
Feb 19-21	Together We Prepare, El Roble Intermediate School (sign up with Rich Laughton)
Feb 28	Unmasking Suicide, Abe Esquibel (Craft talk)
March 6	Social — TBD

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Photo of the Week



Sutro Heights, San Francisco

Photo by Steve Schenck

Taste of Claremont
tickets are available
online now at [http://
www.tasteofclaremo
nt.org/](http://www.tasteofclaremont.org/).

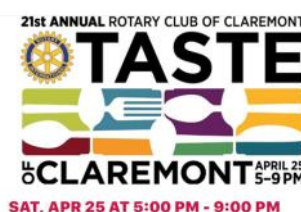


And paper tickets are coming soon!



Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!



On line:

Information about the club and back editions of this newsletter are always available on DACdb and www.claremontRotary.org

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Club [Bylaws/Policies](#) are posted for member access on DACdb

February Birthdays

Anna Torres 2/9
Pat Hauducoeur 2/11
John Allen 2/12
Corina Christiansen & Anita Hughes 2/16
Bernadette Kendall 2/17
Ian Standley 2/18
Roger House & MJ Neault 2/23



Notes: Bill Burrows (meeting), Chris Shaner (program). Most Photos: Steve Schenck
The Claremont Rotary Club meets at the Claremont DoubleTree on Foothill at 12:10pm

**Sergeants committee
meets every Friday at
11:30 AM in the
Orchard Lounge at the
DoubleTree Hotel
and anyone
with information to
share is welcome!!**

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