



# the CLARIFIER

## CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Claremont Rotary Year 92 | Week 27 | July 4, 2020

### Program: Independence Day!

*Submitted by Club President Buff Wright*

The Fourth of July! The preparation, the set up, the dunking, the take down, the parade.... all in service of community and the celebration of an independent nation. That's what we all love to do during most celebrations — Claremont's 4th of July celebration is true small town fun. Typically we bring in \$600 -700 dollars from citizen's payments to cheerfully dunk the city's finest, which is used in support of community projects.

Have you heard about the year we had a ferris wheel that broke down? Remember manually operating the dunk tank because the trigger wouldn't trip? Remember the year we couldn't have a dunk tank because of the drought? It's always something! But a good time was had by all of us together!

This year is different, of course. We're each celebrating in our own ways, without the small town parade viewed from the gathering at the Tulac home on Indian Hill. Some of us are watching Hamilton, streaming on Disney Plus. Some are having a back-yard BBQ with family, as always. Our pets are happy as can be, with only occasional bursts of scary light and booms instead of steady terror.

This year may be a good time to reflect on what each of us can do to celebrate the promise of our nation.



*PP Anita Hughes, IPP Cameron Troxell, PDG Sylvia Whitlock and PP Roger House would have been happy to take the first shift!*



*Our dunk tank alternative in 2015. Opoku Acheompong supervises the .... CocaCola ring toss???*



### RI 2020-21 Theme: Rotary Opens Opportunities

RI President Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need.

We're beginning a new Rotary year. I am proud that Rotary manages to avoid controversy while effectively serving above self and working for peace. Consider: what will our best contributions be to service and peace as individuals and as Rotarians as we move through this time of great community and global need?

We might begin with Rotary's simple, profound 4 Way Test, which applies not only to Americans, but to all Rotarians across the globe.

And on this 4th of July in particular, I'll remember the fellowship and fun that have sustained us after past Independence Day celebrations. Our Club sure knows how to have a good time!



**The Four Way Test**  
of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



### Object of Rotary

First formulated in 1910, the Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotary E-Learning Center- Guiding Principles





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Rotary Opens Opportunities

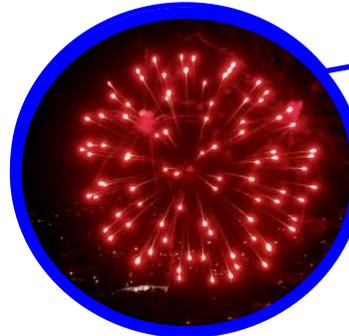
## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

July 10	President Wright's Club Assembly
July 17	TBA
July 24	Having Difficult Conversations, Leah Zimmerman
July 31	Chaos & Ash, Kendall Johnson

### Photo of the 4th



If my possible use of this as a bully pulpit concerns you, I could easily create an editor vacancy!



### Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!

7-4-15 photo, submitted by Buff Wright

### Website

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

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

### Taste of Claremont

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

### July Birthdays

- Marc Winter 7/4
- Cameron Troxell 7/9
- Karen Sapio 7/12
- James Elsasser 7/14
- Carole Dorsey 7/18
- John Bifone 7/19
- Jack Schuster 7/23
- Abe Esquibel, Felix Villanueva 7/24



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!!

### Clarifier Committee

- Mike DeWees,
- Lark Gerry
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- Jim Lehman
- Steve Schenck
- Chris Shaner
- Harry Sparrow
- Peter Weinberger
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*The Claremont Rotary Club meets at the Claremont DoubleTree on Foothill at 12:10pm*