



Save
the
Date!



Faces of Hope Team, 2024

Purpose
Connection
Pride!

September 4: Business
Lunch, **12:00-1:30**
Oriental Tea House
604 MacArthur Blvd

September 25: Social
'Are you Smarter than a
5th Grader' from **6-7:30**
with our Interactors
B&GC San Leandro

Add Rotary Calendar to
your Google or Outlook
Calendars!

<https://bit.ly/SLRotaryCalendar>

Upcoming Service Opportunities

Rock the Block
September 7, 12-5

Okdroberfest
September 14, 9-6
Volunteer for shifts [here](#)

Message from Our President

Congratulations to **Jennifer Reed** for being our **August Rotarian of the Month!** Jennifer was recognized for bringing her deep institutional knowledge, skills, and time to virtually every thing we do at the club. Jennifer is our bulletin editor and just returned from volunteering at **Faces of Hope** in Guatemala (see below for more information!). I will announce September's Rotarian of the Month at our **September 4, 12-1:30 lunch meeting** at the Oriental Tea House. Jinn has promised to curate an excellent menu for us; I can't wait! We will also have hands-on training of our new club app, iGNITE!

September is a packed month for our club, so please plan on supporting our service activities, including **Rock the Block on September 7, 12 - 5 p.m.** at the Boys and Girls Club. **September 14** will be our first club fundraiser of the year. We will be selling brats, dogs, pretzels, and dessert at the 2nd Annual **OKDROBERFEST**. There are **volunteer shifts from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.**, and all proceeds will support our club. We will be one of just two food vendors!

Finally, this is Rotary International's **Basic Literacy and Education month!** To celebrate, we will be having our first joint social of the year with our Interactors. This will be held at the **Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday, September 25, 6 - 7:30 pm.** We will test everyone's wits with our own team version of **"Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?"** Kim Pace has agreed to be our game host and we will enjoy gourmet pizza and salad with the teens. There may even be a trophy!



For twenty years, our club has helped bring smiles to more than **1,200** children in Antigua, Guatemala. The **Faces of Hope Project**, led by our very own **Rose Padilla Johnson** and **Jolene Bortz** (Member of Oakland Sunrise Rotary), provides life-changing surgery to Guatemalan children born with cleft lips and/or palates. Children born with a cleft experience many serious challenges, such as difficulty feeding, poor growth and overall development, dental issues, and speech issues.

The 2024 team, comprised of surgeons, anesthesiologists, pediatricians, nurses, and interpreters, kicked off our mission during the week of August 11. An entirely volunteer group, we were all committed to helping bring smiles to children and families, completing **43 surgeries** during the week. A long-standing partnership with 'Asociación Compañero Para Cirugía' (ACPC) is critical to our success. This local boots-on-the-ground organization works to identify children needing surgery. Additionally, their dedicated staff is multi-lingual, speaking the many dialects of the region such as Q'eqchi', Poqomchi', Ixil, and Quiché, helping our team with vital interpreting services.

To hear how lives have been changed, check out this [video](#) and see several families' journeys as they leave their homes, receive the life-changing surgery, and then make the long trek back to their villages, joyful, facing a new life! Their journeys were both challenging and rewarding, daunting and inspiring, heartbreaking and joyful.



Congratulations, Luana, for running the Wonderland Trail around Mt. Rainier.
She ran 93 miles in three days!



City Manager, Janelle Cameron, was our speaker for our August evening meeting, held at La Pinata in San Leandro

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dev Mahadevan - 9/3 Ivan Cornelius - 9/14 Jennifer Reed - 9/16 Ed Hernandez - 9/18