



August 31, 2022 Newsletter Service, Social & Fun

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August Service, Social & Fun Tidbits

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Service, Social and Fun in action during the month of August as we took on a new program, and revisited some favorites.

On August 15 we distributed diapers to 200 underserved families from the Baby's Bounty Warehouse. It's a very well run operation and very fulfilling to know that we were providing a vital service to the families. If they don't have diapers, they can't take the baby to day care. No day care, they can't go to work. Thanks to **Julie Stemple, Linda Bertuzzi, Cat Brame**, and the birthday girl and co-founder **Colleen Malany** for donating their time!



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Uvalde Healing Pillows Delivered

By Linda Bertuzzi on Thursday, August 25, 2022

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On August 24 and 25, **Linda Bertuzzi & Cat Brame** flew to Uvalde, TX, to deliver the Healing Pillows to families of the victims killed on May 24th. After being met by **President Mayra Vasquez** of the 100-year-old *Uvalde Rotary Club*, along with the immediate **Past President Roberta Walden** they were given a tour of the memorials in the town, along with the beautiful murals honoring each victim. The details in the murals highlighting each person's passion were done beautifully and tied in with the same thought and details that went into the pillows designed by Linda and created/assembled by our members. After attending the Uvalde Rotary meeting on Thursday, Cat and Linda met seven of the families at the local library. It was amazing to witness the strength and resilience the families have and very heart-warming and emotional to spend time with each of them. A presentation will be given at a Club meeting very soon to go into more details about the trip. Thank you to **Rob Beck** for supplying the pillow inserts, to **Linda Bertuzzi** for proposing the idea to the Club, to **Andrew Prodigalidad, Maria Madrid, Julie Stemple, Kimberly Collum, and Cat Brame** for so carefully crafting the pillows, and to **High Desert Embroidery** for the center square embroidery.



2021-22 Rotarian of the Year

Friday, August 12, 2022



Congratulations to our **Catherine "Cat" Brame** who was selected by **Immed Past Pres Terry Zakanycz** as the *2021-22 Rotarian of the Year*. Fairly new to Las Vegas, Cat met two of our members, **Louise Faure** and **Julie Stemple**, at a networking event and was invited to check out our Rotary Club. Cat was in awe of our close-knit group, fellowship, and the service programs we were involved with. She joined on 4/14/2021 and hasn't looked back! Within a matter of months of joining she volunteered for the other half of the Cruise Director team, helping coordinate all our Service, Social & Fun activities. She stepped up as Fundraising Chair, organizing our *Spring Swing Golf Tourney*, which netted over \$10,000 for a 9-hole tournament. She "shows up" to nearly every service project and club meeting – always with a smile and "what do you need me to do?" attitude. The requirements to be considered our Rotarian of the Year, besides serving at the Club level on a committee, showing up to serve, and attending District training and events, requires the Rotarian to support Rotary International's Foundation. Cat made her first full commitment to the *Paul Harris Society*, earning her membership in that prestigious group. PP Terry believes in the difference one Rotarian can make in the world, like the Starfish story – and our Cat had a tremendous impact on so many Starfish, exemplifying Service Above Self for the Rotary Club with the Biggest Heart!

Prez Terry's Debunking

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The mischievous Past Presidents **Linda Bertuzzi** and **Rob**

Beck planned the perfect debunking at the home of **PK & Renato Ritter** to send Past President **Terry Zakanycz** into retirement after completing her very successful 2021-22 Rotary year as our fearless leader. Terry's infectious energy and quirky sayings allowed the Past Pres's to set up the perfect theme of *Terry in RotaryLand*, very loosely tied to the *Alice in Wonderland* story. Alarm clocks went off during the party sending her off in a frenzy to hunt for random Rotary questions, which she had 30 seconds to find, read, and answer. 90% failure rate and the members happily showered her with water from the squirt guns. Terry read the newly published book *Terry in RotaryLand*, which followed her journey to find a tiny Rotarian and to "fit in". Through her misadventures, she finally found all the crazy characters assembled for a Rotary meeting at the end, eating & drinking! We were treated to Terry's favorite foods – salads prepared by the members, mushroom cupcakes by **Dawn Reese** and scrumptious fresh-made pizzas by our resident chef **Andrew Prodigalidad**. Terry presented her Board with gifts, as well as her Committee Chairs, and then she announced the "People of Action" aka "Starfish" awards for each quarter, as well as Rotarian of the Year. (click read more to continue)



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Club Meeting with Kathleen Miller, Living Grace Homes

Wednesday, August 10, 2022



Our August 10th meeting opened with our educator **Sarah Tavernetti** as our Meeting Captain, which was a perfect tie-in to the first week of school in Clark County, prompting Treasurer **Cat Brame** to share her inspirational moment reflecting on teachers. Sarah shared she has been teaching since graduating from UNLV and she even took time off to teach in the Panamanian rain forest for 3 months. She left CCSD to start *Bloom Academy*, which opened in 2020, and it is now in its second year.

We welcomed visitors – **Felicity**, first-grader and daughter of **Maria Madrid**, **Eli Mizrahi**, guest of

Renato Ritter, **Marta** who was visiting our speaker **Kathleen Miller** from Europe, and **Kelly Camacho**, guest of **Linda Bertuzzi**.

Pres Giles Zollar announced the Board of Directors had recently proposed a price increase for meals of \$25 per person. An email will be sent out to the membership for input and the Board will revisit at the next Board meeting. Additionally, the Board approved **Charter Member Renato Ritter** as the new Sergeant-at-Arms, which places him on the Board of Directors as a voting member.

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