

Rotary Club of Rancho Cucamonga Monthly Newsletter

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Upcoming Club Meetings & Events

September 3

Rotary Board Meeting

September 17

Rotary Lunch @12 noon;
Speakers Mandy Parks, IERCD
and Dr. Sherry Smith, sharing
upcoming Alta Loma Bond
Extension

October 1

Rotary Board Meeting

October 15

Rotary Lunch @12 noon;
Guest Speaker District
Governor Mike Driebe



Stepping Into Success: Rotary's Annual "Happy Feet" Event Brings Smiles

On August 2, 2024, the Rotary Club of Rancho Cucamonga hosted our annual "Happy Feet" event in partnership with the Alta Loma School District and with the support of the staff of Burlington at the Ontario Mills Mall. Together, we transformed a hot summer day into a bright hub of hope and happiness for local children in need.

The event provided new shoes, socks, backpacks, and school supplies to the children who attended. Eyes lit up and smiles widened as each child tried on their perfect pair of shoes, many experiencing the joy of new footwear for the first time in a long while.

Recognizing the ongoing need in our community, we also donated an additional 20 pairs of shoes and socks of various sizes to the Alta Loma School District. These will be kept on hand at the District Office to address students' lasting impact and reach those children who were unable to attend the event in person.

The success of "Happy Feet" is a testament to the power of community partnership and the generosity of our Rotary members. As these children step into the new school year with confidence and comfort, we're reminded of why we serve: to create positive change, one step at a time.

Thank you to all our volunteers, donors, and partners who made this event possible. Together, we're not just providing shoes – we're providing hope, dignity, and a path to a brighter future.

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Member Spotlight

A Dynamic Duo Joins Our Ranks



This month, we're excited to introduce not one, but two new faces to our Rotary family. Please join us in welcoming the dynamic duo of Kristen Bowers and Daniel Paraszky.

Kristen and Daniel are business partners at Life Design Education, where they also work as professional trainers and coaches. Kristen is also the owner of Simply Novel, an educational publishing company.

In addition to their collaborative work, both offer private coaching services. Kristen specializes in coaching professional women on organization, productivity, and mindset, while Daniel focuses on leadership coaching for professionals.

When asked about their decision to join Rotary, both Kristen and Daniel echoed a shared commitment to service and community involvement. "Our programs at Life Design are highly centered around service and leadership," Daniel explains. "Joining Rotary felt like a natural extension of our professional work and personal values."

As new members, Kristen and Daniel are eager to dive in, give back to the community, expand their network of service-minded individuals, and apply their professional skills to benefit Rotary initiatives. Kristen has already even taken on a leadership role as the new Communications Chairperson and the editor of our new newsletter. We're thrilled to have them on board and can't wait to see the positive impact they'll make in our club and community!

RC Rotary Cheers on Quakes to Victory!

On Tuesday, August 6, 2024, members of the Rotary Club of Rancho Cucamonga traded their usual meeting space for the exciting atmosphere of a minor league baseball game. Our club turned out in force to watch the hometown Rancho Cucamonga Quakes take on the Fresno Grizzlies at LoanMart Field.

The evening was filled with highlights both on and off the field. In a special moment of recognition, our Rotary Club was featured on the Quakes' scoreboard, showcasing our community presence to all in attendance.

As the game unfolded, our members enjoyed the opportunity for fellowship and camaraderie, strengthening the bonds that make our club so special. The festive atmosphere of the ballpark provided the perfect backdrop for Rotarians to connect outside of our regular meetings and service projects.

And as if the night wasn't already a home run, the Quakes didn't disappoint on the diamond. They secured a decisive victory over the Grizzlies, with a final score of 9 to 3. The win was the cherry on top of an already memorable evening.

Events like these remind us that while service is at the heart of Rotary, the friendships we forge and the fun we have together are what make our club truly special. Here's to more nights of community, camaraderie, and maybe a few more Quakes victories!



Message from the President, Rick Gomez

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to the inaugural issue of our Rotary Club newsletter! This new initiative represents an exciting step forward in our ongoing mission to serve our community and make a positive impact in the world around us.

The primary goal of this newsletter is threefold: to connect us more closely as a club, to communicate our activities and achievements effectively, and to celebrate the wonderful work we're doing together. By sharing our stories, we not only strengthen the bonds within our club but also provide a window into our world for potential new members who share our passion for service and community involvement.

This newsletter is more than just a communication tool—it's a testament to the vibrant, active, and caring community that is our Rotary Club. Thank you for your continued dedication and support. Here's to many more issues filled with stories of service, fellowship, and positive change!

Blazing Trails: Rotarians Get Fired Up About Cutting-Edge Station 178!

Club members recently had the privilege of an exclusive tour of Rancho Cucamonga's brand-new Fire Station #178. Located at the heart of our city at 10595 Town Center Drive and Terra Vista Parkway, this state-of-the-art facility promises to enhance emergency response capabilities in our growing community.

Fire Chief Mike McCliman led our group through the impressive new building, showcasing the station's cutting-edge, energy-reducing features. The tour included a look at the new Rosenbaum RTX electric fire engine (only the 3rd of its kind in all of North America), a 24/7 self-service Library Kiosk, and a 250-panel solar system that allows the station to use renewable energy and run off the grid for at least 24 hours in an emergency.

Planned for the southern portion of the fire station property, the 1.3-acre 9/11 Memorial Park is designed to incorporate steel from the World Trade Center and remnants from Flight 93 and the Pentagon. The park will provide space for the City of Rancho Cucamonga and surrounding communities across the Southern California region for reflection and remembrance that commemorate the events that took place on September 11, 2001, as well as honor fallen service members.

This exclusive tour not only gave our Rotary Club members insight into the city's emergency services but also reinforced the importance of community investment in public safety infrastructure. This station will significantly improve the ability to serve the central area of Rancho Cucamonga, ensuring faster response times and better coverage for residents.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Chief Mike McCliman and the entire team at Fire Station #178 for this informative tour. As Rotarians, we're proud to see our city taking such significant steps to protect and serve our community.



City Of Rancho Cucamonga Community News and Events

Celebrate National Senior Center Month at the James L. Brute Senior Center

Each year, the James L. Brute Senior Center hosts a variety of free and low-cost activities to celebrate and enrich the lives of Rancho Cucamonga's senior residents. The official kickoff begins on Tuesday, September 3 with a special celebration in the James L. Brute Senior Center lobby (11200 Base Line Road) from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Seniors can enjoy donuts, coffee, and giveaways! Throughout the month, the Senior Center will host classes, workshops, an ice cream social, a health and wellness fair, and more. For a full list of activities, call 1-909-477-2765 or visit RCpark.com.

City of Rancho Cucamonga Hosts the 2024 Hiring Fair

Are you looking for hire talented, skilled employees? Or do you know anyone who may be looking for a career change? The City of Rancho Cucamonga is hosting its annual Hiring Fair on Saturday, September 28 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Central Park in David Dreier Hall (11200 Base Line Rd.). This event is an exceptional opportunity for job seekers to connect with dynamic businesses and explore various career opportunities. If you are a business owner or represent a company interested in participating in the 2024 Hiring Fair, reserve your spot for this year's Hiring Fair, visit <https://cityofrc.prod.acquia-sites.com/form/hiring-fair-2024-business-regist>

Insight of the Month

Are You Living Your Legacy?

As we go about our daily lives, it's easy to forget the profound impact we can have on the world around us. Each of us has the power to shape our legacy - the mark we leave on our families, communities, and the world. This month, we invite you to pause and reflect on your personal journey and the legacy you're creating.

Questions for Reflection:

- What values do you hold most dear, and how are you embodying them in your daily life?
- How do you hope people will remember you? What impact do you want to have had on others' lives?
- What motivated you to engage in community service? How has this decision shaped your life's path?
- Are there any changes you'd like to make in your life to better align with the legacy you want to leave?
- How can you use your unique skills and passions to make a positive difference in the world?

Remember, our legacy isn't just about grand gestures - it's built in the small, everyday choices we make. As you reflect on these questions, consider how you can live your legacy today, tomorrow, and in the years to come. Share your thoughts with fellow members or loved ones. Sometimes, articulating our aspirations can be the first step toward realizing them.