

Rotaract

City Heights



Quarterly Newsletter

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A Message from our Vice President ...



Taking on leadership roles was not something I anticipated when first joining City Heights Rotaract Club, yet three years later I find myself with the privilege and distinction of serving as Vice President. That is the power of Rotary!

Given I work for Cardinals Interact, the program that was fundamental to the formation of City Heights Rotaract, I felt welcomed long before becoming a member so last year as Secretary I carried that sense of belonging and committed my best efforts to ensuring every potential and active member felt equally as welcomed and comfortable.

My role as the Vice President has not been without its challenges, but as we hit the halfway mark I am thankful to have a wonderful Board of Directors to work alongside! Supportive is the best word I could use to describe this year's board. Although there are many fresh faces filling these positions with much to learn, myself included, all are unwavering and eager in their determination to impart the best they can to our club whether that be in keeping our

books accurate while raising funds, providing service events that members feel an integral part of, seeking out varying avenues to progress professionally, or extending invitations and welcoming friends to join. Thank you to the board for their hard work, it is not without notice.

The past couple of years the most significant change to our club has been the insurgence of members who have no previous ties to Interact, Rotaract, or Rotary. This unprecedented shift in members has led to many questions as to what direction City Heights Rotaract Club is headed. One thing is sure, it has lead to a dialogue of what long term goals will be in our path. As a result we are beginning to inquire how best to ensure fellow members, recent, founding or somewhere in between, continue to feel as passionate to this club as we continue to be.

I would like to end by acknowledging members both past and present, without your participation and efforts there would be no City Heights Rotaract Club and nothing to look forward to. I hope we enjoy the remainder of this Rotary year and do great service along the way!

Stacey Ulloa, 2019-20 Vice President

October

Rotaractor of the Month - Nancy Heredia



Nancy is one of our newest members this year! She is passionate about our club and

service! You can always find Nancy in attendance at our monthly meetings with a welcoming smile on her face or at service events ready to get to work! We are so excited to have her in our club. Congrats on being our Rotaractor of the Month!

Welcoming our 2019-2020 Peace Chair!



In October our club welcomed its fourth Peace Chair, Yesenia Barragan! Yesenia is an active member of our club and is continuously finding ways to stay involved in City Heights. When she is not attending club events, she works in the community to empower youth and fight against injustices. We are excited to see Yesenia's work in promoting peace and unity within Rotaract and our community!

Interested in learning more about Rotary's efforts behind Peace and Conflict Resolution and how you can get involved? Connect with our Peace Chair, Yesenia and learn about our Peace Committee!

Project Mercy 2019



Project Mercy is an annual international service project that Rotaractors look forward to. This service event provides Rotaractors the opportunity to build an entire home in one day for a family in Tijuana, Mexico! Its a lot of work, but very much worth



Our Rotaractors had the opportunity to build one home from the ground up. (Right) CHR rotaractors along with Rotarians and locals holding up one of the walls for the new home!

Project Mercy was a huge success! Our Rotaractors contributed significant funds and a day of labor to make this family's dream of a home come true!

In October, Project Mercy built over 20 homes for 20 families!!!



November



Happy Birthday!

Yesenia Barragan
November 18th



Rotaractor of the Month

Koala Balderas, Club Member

Koala joined our club in August 2019! Immediately, he fully embraced what it means to be a Rotaractor. Koala is not only an active member of our club, outside of CHR, Koala works to create scholarships for current Hoover students through his organization, Koala's Mobile Recycling!



(above) CHR kicked off the month by participating in Point Loma Rotary Club's 7th Annual Ride the Point, a ride in honor of Rotarian Jim Krause and an effort to raise funds for pancreatic cancer research.

(below) Our annual Friendsgiving celebration was a huge success hosted by Rotarian, Paul Nestor!



A few of our Rotaractors joined San Diego Rotary Club 33 President David Oates to hand out turkeys and put on a Thanksgiving event for families in City Heights.



(above) Rotaractor Frank handing out turkeys to families at the City Heights Recreation Center.

December



Happy Birthday!

Rudy Vargas
December 26th



The month of December included an annual favorite, the Copley-Price YMCA's annual Holiday Party. Families in City Heights are able to receive gifts for their children and then participate in various activities, such as arts and crafts and taking a photo with Santa Claus!

The most wonderful part of the holiday season is spending time with family and friends. We hope you had a warm and cozy holiday season.

We look forward to seeing you in 2020!



If you would like to join us at our monthly meetings, take part in our events or would like more information about our club, please email us at chrotaractclub@gmail.com.