



# Quarterly Newsletter

Sponsored by San Diego Rotary Club and Mission Valley Sunset Rotary Club

## A Message from our President ...



I cannot believe another year has come and gone! The past few months have been a whirlwind to say the least. Our world is currently in a place of unknown and uncertainty, it's a reality that is tough to grapple with for many of us. Some days I feel optimistic and others I feel devastated. On either of these occasions, I try to remind myself how lucky I am to be a

Rotaractor. Being part of the Rotary family means that all over the world there are individuals who may be feeling the way I am, BUT they are also thinking about ways to bring about positive change. If you didn't already know, Rotary is full of people of action!

This year, I had the privilege of being President of the City Heights Rotaract Club. It truly has been the greatest honor! I have been witness to the amazing things young people can accomplish when they put community at the center of it all! Our members completed over 500 hours of

community service, raised funds for the Rotary Foundation and other organizations, welcomed eight new members to our club and most importantly, built relationships I am sure will last a lifetime. Four and a half years ago, I joined Rotaract because I wanted to connect with like minded individuals and give back to my community. Today, those are still goals I strive toward and share with others who join our club.

As I conclude my duties, I want to thank our sponsors and supporters, San Diego Rotary Club, Mission Valley Sunset Rotary Club and Price Philanthropies, who work so hard to ensure our club continues to succeed. To our advisors, our club is truly appreciative of your guidance, we hope to continue making you proud. To the 2019-2020 Board of Directors, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, thank you for your time and dedication.

Lastly, I want to recognize that this all would not have been possible without the contributions of each and every one of our members. Thank you for allowing me to lead you this past year, it's a year I will never forget!

*Stephanie Perez, 2019-20 President*

# April

We could have not foreseen the extensive effects that COVID-19 would have on our lives and community, but our Rotaractors did not let it stop them. Zoom has become the way to conduct business and board meetings and even social events. Even with a lot of changes, our members have continued to be active!



(above) Our first virtual business meeting took place in April. COVID-19 could not stop us from gathering ... look at all those smiling faces!



# Happy Birthday!

Frank Feeney  
April 3rd

## Rotaractor of the Month

Linh Le, Club Member



Linh has been one of the most active members of our club. She is someone our club can depend on! You can always count on Linh to be the first at an event to lend a hand and offer her support when an event ends. She truly embodies "service above self."



(above) Our first virtual service project took place during our April Business Meeting.



(above) Our members sent some sweet treats to local nurses for Nurses Week!



In light of COVID-19, Rotary District 5340 made it possible for clubs to apply for emergency grants to fund a project of their choice that would help during the global pandemic. Our club moved to support the Jewish Family Service's Migrant Family Shelter. Since 2018, JFS's Migrant Family Shelter has served 23,289 individuals seeking asylum. In these difficult times, our club aimed to support an already vulnerable population.

Our club applied for the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant. Our members contributed \$250, matched by Rotary District 5340, which was then matched by JFS for a total donation of \$1000! We are proud to support a local organization helping those in need during this time.

To learn more about JFS's Migrant Family Shelter and how you can help, go to [jfssd.org](http://jfssd.org).

# May

## No Quarantine Birthdays!



### Rotaractor of the Month

Lizette Alvarado, Secretary

In addition to her work as a board member, Lizette is always finding ways to stay involved. It was important to Lizette to create new service opportunities for our members, one of those was taking part in the Diana Venable Scholarship Selection Committee. Lizette is looking forward to finding ways to support these students through a mentorship

## Congratulations, 2020-2021 Board of Directors!

 <b>Rudy Vargas</b> President	 <b>Genesis Maganda</b> Vice President	 <b>Lizbeth Pastenes</b> Secretary
 <b>Josefina Lopez</b> Treasurer	 <b>Tristen Cain</b> Director of Service	 <b>Jesus Herrera</b> Director of Professional Development

Thank you to our District Rotaract Representative, Jessie Case for visiting our May Virtual Business Meeting and speaking to us about Rotaract District 5340 and the various ways our members are able to participate in Rotaract at a larger scale!



# June



## Happy Birthday!

Stephanie Perez  
June 5th



### Rotaractor of the Month

Omar Guzman, Club Member

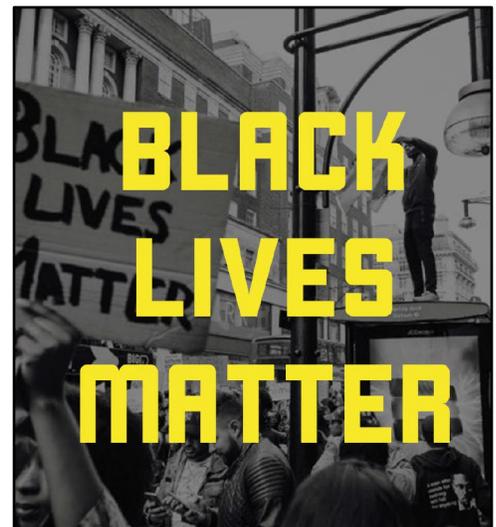
Omar is one of our newest members! Since joining Omar has attended every service event. Additionally, he seeks out new opportunities in Rotary and Rotaract and finds ways to make connections! We are lucky to have him!



Our neighborhood looking clean!



(above) This June we held our first in-person, socially distant, service event. The 18th annual Creek to Bay clean up was a success. Rotaractors participated in a neighborhood clean up in our own backyard, City Heights!



Every month our members donate "Happy Dollars" towards different causes or organizations. During our June meeting, our members raised over \$250 for the Black Lives Matter organization fighting towards Freedom, Liberation, and Justice!

# End of the Year Celebration

After a few months of stay at home orders and virtual events, gathering for a social distancing picnic was the perfect way to celebrate our members and their accomplishments. Cheers to another great year!!!



A very special thank you to our advisors, sponsoring clubs, partners and supporters! All of this wouldn't be possible without your support and guidance. We can't wait to see what we are able to accomplish in the next year together!

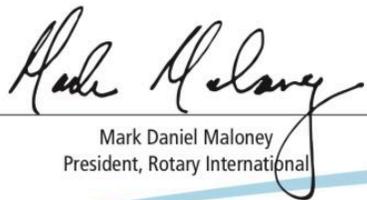
# 2019-2020 ROTARY CITATION WITH PLATINUM DISTINCTION



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## City Heights

for helping **Rotary connect the world** in the lives  
of people all over the world.



Mark Daniel Maloney  
President, Rotary International

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](mailto:chrotaractclub@gmail.com). Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram with CHR!