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Having joined the club little over a year ago many things were still new to me. Being part of the board allows me to understand behind the scenes of what goes on in the club from service events to fellowship events to fundraising and everything in between.

It is important to note that many things would not be possible without the work of each and every board member. Even though each has a specific role, everyone is always ready to lend a hand when needed, and that is what makes our club unique.

As the president, Sonya has been working tirelessly to make sure each board member is supported as well as running business and board meetings. Stacey, our Secretary, keeps everyone updated on

events and goes above and beyond to make everyone feel welcome. Our treasurer, Stephanie works on keeping our finances in line whilst fundraising to give back to our community. Our Director of Service, Rudy continues to provide incredible opportunities to serve our community. Paulina heads Professional Development, coordinating guest speakers for meetings and planning workshops for members. Our director of membership, Genesis works in retaining members and recruiting interested individuals. Our Director of Marketing, Erika has worked endlessly on recording what we do as a club to our social media outlets. All of this is done with support from Immediate Past President, Lizbeth who continues to assist and guide us with her past experience.

Most importantly, all of this hard work would be nothing if it were not for our awesome members. Our members contribute tremendously to our club's success and it is because of them that we continue to work to provide great experiences to benefit from. My hope for the remainder of this Rotaract year is to continue our great work as a club. I wish for our members to feel an integral part of the family that we have created. I also hope that our club continues to grow so that more members have the opportunity to make a difference within our community.

*~ Josefina Lopez*

*Vice President 2018-2019*

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# October



## Project Mercy

Members traveled to Tijuana to partake in helping improve lives of impoverished families by constructing basic sturdy homes. Members created and helped install wall panels and windows and painted the interior of homes among many other things. We were also able to donate over 135 lbs of rice and beans to families while we were there. Some of the best moments were interacting with the families and seeing the joy in their faces.



## Big West Rotaract Conference: Portland, Oregon

Plenty of fun was had at this year's Big West Rotaract Conference. Members fell in love with Portland! All 7 members who attended enjoyed strolling around town and learning all that the city has to offer. One of the memorable moments was walking over, Tilikum



Crossing, the first major bridge in the U.S. to allow access to transit vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians but not cars!



### Day of the Dead

Members made the City Heights Day of the Dead Celebration possible while enjoying a beautiful day with our community! This year our Secretary, Stacey, decorated our very first altar with the help of Immediate Past President, Lizbeth! Many members did a great job painting faces to create catrines and catrinas as seen in the top right picture above with members Lizette, right, and Yesenia, left.

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## November





### **Ride the Point**

Our fourth year supporting bike riders in their efforts to raise awareness and funds for Pancreatic Cancer Research! We cheered on bikers while enthusiastically directing riders and boosting morale.



### **Friendsgiving**

One of our favorite celebrations went off without a hitch! Families and loved ones joined our Rotaractors in celebrating a warm and loving Thanksgiving.

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## ***DECEMBER***



### **Copley-Price YMCA Gift Wrapping and Party**

Keeping with the Holiday season, members wrapped plenty of toys and were able to gift the presents the following weekend to children in need within City Heights. Longstanding members Elena, left, and Jocelyn, right, were experts in wrapping the oddly shaped toys!



### **White Elephant**

Prior to celebrating the holidays with loved ones, our City Heights Rotaract family gathered one last time before the new year and shared laughter, smiles and experienced the savagery of White Elephant.

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## *Rotaractor Highlights*



### **October: Genesis Maganda**

Genesis has been a rock star Rotaractor! During our Fellowship event, she was feeling under the weather, but endured in



### **November: Domini Nguyen**

Dom has been an outstanding member of our club! He is an active member of the Peace Committee and attended the Peace



order to ensure a successful event and a fun time for everyone in attendance! In addition, she regularly looks out for new members to join our City Heights Rotaract Club and actively looks for ways to improve to best meet our members' needs!

Leadership Seminar. He regularly participates in service events and just recently played a key role in setting up the Day of the Dead event. Dom always makes an effort to do his best in everything. We are lucky to have such a committed member!



### **December: Jose Hernandez**

Jose has been a star member of City Heights Rotaract Club. Since he joined, he has made his presence known by always being eager to meet members, participate in service events, and help wherever he can. His enthusiasm is truly contagious and we could not be more proud to have him as a member of our club!



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2nd Tuesday of the Month  
City Heights Center, Suite 640  
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