

## Quarterly Newsletter

District 5340 - Sponsored by San Diego Rotary Club 33 and Mission Valley Sunset Rotary Club

### A Message from our President ...

2016 was an amazing year for our Rotaract Club. Our Rotaract members continue to go above and beyond. We have participated in 14 service events, one International Service Event and currently have 29 club members. For the first time CHR

attended Big West Rotaract Conference and we had 13 members attend.

I have been working closely with our Board of Directors and advisors, meeting with them individually on a quarterly basis. Doing so has given me the opportunity to connect on a personal level, to identify goals and to build a strong partnership.

Our club has grown a strong fellowship which our

club chair Micheli Ortega has made sure to offer a variety of social events that promote team building and most of all FUN!

Our International Service Chair, Caroll Vongsouthi, has taken the lead to start our very own Peace Committee. She was inspired after attending The Rotary District Leadership Peace Seminar hosted by District 5340 Pathways to Peace Committee in October. Our Peace Committee members promote peace and understanding within our club and community.

These are just a few of the many things that our club has to celebrate this past year. I can not wait to see what 2017 has in store for us. I truly appreciate our Club Advisors, sponsoring Rotary Clubs and District 5340 for their continued support. May 2017 bring you good health, joy and success!

- Sesy Enriquez

## **October**

October was a busy month for the CH Rotaractors! International service projects, fundraising, and attending the Big West Rotaract Conference in Phoenix, AZ were just a few of the things that occupied our members time.



Rotaractor of the Month - Miguel Magaña, Club Member

Miguel was chosen as Rotaractor of the month for being one of our most active members. City Heights Rotaract can count on him to be present for his community and supportive of fellow Rotaractors! His caring personality makes those around him feel welcomed.

#### Happy Birthday!



Caroll Vongsouthi
October 9th



Allisen Zuniga October 27th



A few of our members took a trip down south to Baja California for Project Mercy Baja Challenge!

Our advisor Marge Cole and Geoff Bogart, Mission Valley Sunset Rotary Club president accompanied by family at Yogurtland for our October fundraiser.



(below) Club members Joaquin Cruz and Belgica Crespo painting their pinky fingers purple in support of End Polio Now!



(above) District 5340 at the first full day of Big West Con.!





Big West Rotaract Conference allowed our members to get to know fellow Rotaractors, learn about the impact Rotary has in the world, and how we can all make a difference in our communities.



City Heights Rotaract had 13 members attend the Big West Rotaract Conference. Way to represent, CHR!

## **November**

The month of November brought an equal amount of service and fun, which our members love. Most importantly, our members took time to be thankful for our Rotaract club and our City Heights community.

### Happy Birthday!



Kevin Tran-Le November 15th



(below) Members enjoyed participating in Point Loma Rotary Club's Ride the Point. Some members cheered riders on, others rode in the 25 mile race!



#### Rotaractor of the Month

Kien Nguyen, Club Member
In such a short period of time,
Kien has become one of our
most active members. He doesn't
think twice to lend a helping hand.

He looks out for his fellow Rotaractors and his dedication to the club has not gone unnoticed.



Facelift came back to City Heigths and our Rotaractors were happy to be able to participate and help out members of the community make their homes look a little more beautiful!

(Pictured left) Club member, Linh Le, working on giving a door a new paint job. This year's FaceLift revatilized nine homes and allowed different community organizations to work together.



Rotaractors like to have socials almost as much as they enjoy service events. Everyone enjoyed the "Friendsgiving" celebration.

# **December**

December marked a half way point in what has been a great year so far for CHR! Our Rotaractors got in the holiday spirit by participating in the YMCA Toy Drive and having their annual white elephant exchange.



Rotaractor of the Month - Micheli Ortega, Club Chair.

Micheli is a dedicated member of our club. She continuously thinks of unique ways to build a strong fellowship for our members. Her enthusiasm and positive energy is contagious. Her hard work does not go unnoticed. Thank you for all that you've done and continue to do.

## Happy Birthday!



Rudy Vargas December 26th



Miguel Magaña December 29th



Micheli Ortega December 31st



For the second year in a row, the YMCA Toy Drive and Holiday Party have been the most popular service events.





We hope you enjoyed your holiday season with your loved ones. Thank you for your continous support, we can't wait to see what 2017 has in store for us!

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**. Like us on Facebook to keep up with City Heights Rotaract Club!