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District Governor  
Raghada Khoury

## District Governor Raghada Khoury's End of Year Thoughts

By Raghada Khoury

2018-06-29

There are many thoughts that have passed through my mind as my year as District Governor comes to a close. I have thought about the many times I've met with Rotarians throughout the year, and the miles that have been traveled across state lines. But more importantly, I have thought about the honor it was to serve you and your clubs.

I have thought about the respect, honor and recognition received at every Rotary Club in our District. I have thought about the privilege of "Making a Difference" together with more than 2300 other like-minded Rotarians of District 5300. We have 65 unique clubs, each with their own personalities, their own priorities, but all in tune with the theme, "Service Above Self." I have marveled to see you all live life with a focus on making a difference in the lives of others. I have thought about the unity of service evident in the District 5300 regardless of the uniqueness of each club.

I have thoroughly loved RI President Ian Riseley's theme, "Making a Difference," which defines not only what we do but also who we are as true Rotarians. The theme has guided our service, and will be the inspiration to do so for many years to come.

Every single thing that's ever moved you about Rotary — every project, every program, every smile on some child's face — they all began by you, in a Rotary club. When you do something meaningful in Rotary, Rotary becomes meaningful to you

The need in this word, and in your community, is not abstract. It is urgent, and it is real. Rotary is needed now more than ever before, and I commend you for your commitment and selflessness. Many special thanks to all of you, and especially the Rotary Club of Apple Valley for supporting my application to serve all of you as District Governor for 2017-18

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"*

*My personal congratulations to, soon-to-be Governor John and Elizabeth Chase. Thank you for your support, your friendship and your service.*

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## Rotary Wins Best Nonprofit Act

By Raghada Khoury

2018-06-29

<https://www.endpolio.org/rotary-wins-best-nonprofit-act-for-its-polio-eradication-work>  
Rotary wins Best Nonprofit Act

## Club Highlights 2017-2018 Alhambra 2017-2018

2017-2018 will be one of my most memorable year because I had the honor and privilege of being the Alhambra Rotary President. We kicked off the year with co-sponsoring an educational training trailer for the Alhambra Fire Department. The week after, we had a social at one of our member Peppy Sciarra's house. In August, we had our Interact Officers and youth leaders in the community came to speak. We had a line up of two inspiring speakers Rick Yamamoto, and Police Chief, Tim Vu. Our Club Assembly with our District Governor Raghada Khoury was a big success. That was just the first two months of fun filled activities. We participated in so many local, community, district serve events. Some of the highlights are Teacher's Minigrants, YMCA & Spark of Love Toy and Shoes Drive, Thanksgiving food baskets, Christmas Adopt-A-Family, Senior Christmas Luncheon, Rose Queen & Court Luncheon, TLC, RYLA, 4-Way Test Contest, Dan Stover Music Contest, Tim Siu Scholarship Contest. One of my favorite was our Rotary Family Reunion, where we had five different clubs that the Alhambra Rotary Club sponsored to comeback and share their activities in their communities. As a result of that event, we will be join sponsoring a Rotaract Club at Cal State Los Angeles and doing more collaborative services together. We gained 8 new members this year. The friendships and services we participated in will last a life time. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. What a blessing it was.

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## Arcadia 2017-2018

By Anthony P. Parrille

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The last is maybe the best. On Saturday, June 16, at the Community Center in Arcadia, we had the dedication of the Veterans Memorial honoring all services. There are seven granite monuments dedicated to each service with an etching of a service member. On the back are slogans and mementos involving each service. Arcadia Rotary sponsored this memorial and gave it to the City of Arcadia as a perpetual monument to those who have or will serve our country. It is lit during the night, so it can be viewed day or night. Arcadia Rotary initiated this project through its Field of Honor, whereby we installed 1000 US flags at the corner of Huntington Drive and Santa Anita Avenue. Through sales of the flags for the last three years and generous donations, we were able to contract for the design, purchase of granite monuments, etchings and the installation. The City completed the foundation and has taken possession of the monuments. The dedication ceremony was attended by members of City Council, a representative of the County Supervisor, various City officials and numerous veterans. A history of projects created and installed throughout the City by Arcadia Rotary was given at the event.

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## Azusa 2017-2018

By Rae Kearney

2018-06-29

Azusa Rotary was delighted to provide Rotary youth experiences to a record number of students this past year, sending 8 to TLC and 14 to RYLA. And when the 4-Way Speech Contest rolled around, we were thrilled when one of our contestants, Nelly Alfaro, placed second at the Regional level. She was confident and poised and embraced the 4-Way Test throughout her speech. In November 2017, we held our 2nd Annual Field of Glory fundraiser and community event over Veterans week to pay tribute to veterans, active military men and women, and local heroes. We were honored to have County Supervisor Hilda Solis speak at our Opening Ceremony and to recognize seven Azusa police officers for their courage when they responded to an active shooting incident on Election Day in 2016. This patriotic event also attracted passers-by who were intrigued by the mass display of U.S. flags in front of Azusa City Hall. President Harry Heflin jumped at the opportunity to share the mission of Azusa Rotary, inspiring two residents to join our club. Azusa Rotarians, together with our valued local partners, will continue to

strive to make a positive difference in our community.

## Chino 2017-2018

By Zeb Welborn

2018-06-29

In 2017/2018, the Chino Rotary Club hosted a Charity Golf Tournament which raised \$14,401.87 for local charities, participated in a softball tournament for special needs via the Love Them All Foundation, wrote cards for terminally ill children through the United Way, secured a Rotary International Global Grant Scholarship for Anna Casalme for \$61,000, fed needy families through Isaiah's Rock, President Zeb Welborn spoke at the Peace Conference, supported Big Brothers Big Sisters, put together Blue Star Boxes, added 14 new members, supported Steven's Hope, helped build the Rotary Rose Parade float, failed to escape from a room, secured a donation of 600 children's books for local schools, raised around \$20,000 through our annual Chino Rotary Dinner & Auction, delivered Sweet Cases to the Together We Rise program, attended RYLA, supported a Honduras Water Project, hosted the Stepping Up for Boys Program, awarded \$2,500 in teacher mini-grants, we secured donations for human trafficking via the Every One Free program, and are planting a tree this week in honor of Dave King, a Rotarian who passed away this year

## Claremont 2017-2018

By Bonita Ramos

2018-06-29

The Rotary Club of Claremont had an amazing year. We were awarded the following grants: matching Global Grant of \$25K for the Karen Technical Training Institute for the Deaf near Karen-Nairobi, Kenya (process started in 2015); District Designated Grant of \$2,337 toward our \$10K donation toward the Joslyn and Blaisdell Senior Centers Patio Projects; and a Lefler Grant of \$1K toward our \$9,138 donation for the climbing wall at El Roble Intermediate School. We logged countless man-hours planting 94 trees over a four month period for Sustainable Claremont. We spent three days teaching disaster preparedness, first aid, and CPR to all of the 8 graders at El Roble Intermediate School. We participated in the house builds in Mexico in both the fall and this month. Our club supported the following district projects: RYLA (sent 16 students); TLC (sent 8+ students); Stover Music Competition; and 4 Way Speech Contest (our finalist won at the District Conference). We sponsor 2 VERY active and large Interact Clubs (one at the intermediate school and one at the high school). Our club raised more money than any other club in our district for the RI Foundation with our Wheels in Heels fundraiser (over \$6K). We gave away over 30 bikes, helmets, and locks to deserving students and sponsored three families at Christmas time. We supported the high school's cross country team, Chamber Singers, and Comedy Sports Clubs. We gave \$5K in teacher grants to elementary school teachers, three \$1,000 Community College Scholarships, and six \$1,000 Interact College Scholarships. We made donations to eight other charitable organizations plus monthly food donations to our local food bank. We had fun at our Summer Family Picnic, Fall BBQ, Winter Holiday Party, and each meeting as we learned fun and interesting facts about different club members with our game "Three Truths & a Lie". Our signature fundraising event in April, The Taste of Claremont, raised over \$70K (over \$50K net) for our club's foundation account which will be used for all our good works during the next Rotary year. What an amazing club! I am honored to have been their president this year.

## Claremont Sunrise 2017-2018

By Karina D. Anderson

2018-06-29

This year has been quite an incredible journey for our small but mighty club. We celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Turkey Trot (our big fundraiser 5-K on Thanksgiving morning), provided 1,000 prosthetic arms/hands with the support of one of our members significant other in collaboration with Ellen 4 Hands to individuals in third world countries we may never meet; thanks to this one time project we had youth attend our arm building socials which lead to an incredible and philanthropic student inquiring and having us start our first ever Interact Club at Upland Christian. We celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday as a club and was asked by the City Baseball Sports Community to sponsor the new regulated bats so on opening day (which was delayed a little due to rain) we presented a \$6,000 check and then divided and concurred with our booth in another part of town for Earth Day. Thanks to our RI president's mission we were able to achieve our goal of making a difference with walking with a local organization The Green Crew of Sustainable Claremont walking door to door to plant city trees in the yards of our neighbors. We cannot forget about the holidays with a fellow member's husband who brings life to the holidays by being the best Santa ever and in February at Presidents Elect Training our very own incoming club president being brought onto the stage as he had his

wife and youngest son in attendance what an incredible way to show for 2018-2019 to be the inspiration.

## Covina Sunrise 2017-2018

By Shannon Hidalgo

2018-06-29

Our most proud event of this rotary year! We set out to create a Group Service Club Project back in the fall. We were joined by Covina Rotary, West Covina Rotary and Governor Raghada too! We combined with Pauly's Project, a non-profit group that helps the homeless on skid row every other Sunday and provides music headsets, food and hygiene kits. Our group went on Sunday, November 19 and we had over 50 volunteers join in! We also received monetary and other donations of clothing, snack and food items which we distributed! The project is ongoing...Our club has gone again -right after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Easter morning. Covina Rotary also continues to make the journey and help bring comfort to the homeless on skid row.

## Duarte 2017-2018

By Lydia L. Carswell

2018-06-29

This was a very special year for the Rotary Club of Duarte in that we, and the rest of the Rotary World, were celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision to allow women in service organizations. What made it so special for us? Rotarians everywhere know that it was **OUR CLUB** that was the little club that "disobeyed" Rotary International and allowed women in the Club back in 1977. And so the story continues, R.I "threw us out", revoked our charter on March 27, 1978, and we changed our name to Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte. I won't convey the story anymore because I know that all Rotarians have heard it over and over again . But May 4, 1987 will always have a special place in the Duarte Rotarians heart---the day of the U.S. Supreme Court Decision allowing women in all service organizations. We may be small, but we are mighty and very famous!

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## Glendora 2017-2018

By Todd Launchbaugh

2018-06-29

This year was a great year for Glendora rotary . We are working to meet the expectations of club members and prospective members so that membership has value . We are continuing to work with our satellite club to forecast growth and marriage of ideals between them and the parent club. The current board and incoming president, Marc Chaldu, are working to continue to refine what activities are important to our members and how to best serve our members and the others

## Greater Chino Hills 2017-2018

By Maria Dolores R. Dalusong

2018-06-29

Here are the highlights of the Rotary Club of Greater Chino Hills.

1. Organized the club's signature project and major fundraiser , the Multicultural Festival and Presentation of the Excellence in Professional and Community Service Awards to deserving community leaders.

2. Sponsoring a family Disneyland

who can't afford to go there.

3. The Casino Turn-around Fundraising for the club's service projects

4. Roadside adoption project in the city of chino Hills where the club team up with the Boy Scouts in regularly cleaning and maintaining the road.

5. Valentine fundraising event that benefited the medical mission of a non-profit organization to the poor people in Catanduanes, Philippines and for Our Lady of Peace Center Van project of Gov Raghada.

6. Sponsored a day with the 5 visitors from India- socialized and took them around churches and had lunch together.
7. Organized informative talks about Rotary.
8. Sponsored and Inducted one new member of the club, Randy Tan.
9. Organized joint projects with the other organization such as the Catanduanes Association USA to distribute school supplies for the poor towns in Catanduanes, Philippines

## Industry Hills 2017-2018

By Cartha Tennille

2018-06-29

In no particular order, the accomplishments are:

1. Golf Tournament was very successful and raised more funds than last year.
2. Four new members joined.
3. A mixer was held to introduce our club to potential new members.
4. Thanksgiving food baskets weighing about 50 pounds each were assembled and delivered to 300 needy families.
5. Some 200 third graders were treated to backpacks filled with school supplies at the beginning of the school year.
6. The 3 high school Interact Clubs were supported by the Club and students served as volunteers at the annual rodeo, building the Rotarian float for the Rose Parade, supporting Del Haven Community Center with its annual Halloween event, and with the Golf Tournament.
7. Awarding \$1000 Ken and Lillian Roggy Scholarships to 4 outstanding high school students and a \$300 Interact Student who excelled in community service.
8. Sending 6 students to RYLA and 4 to TLC.
9. Taking 1 student to the regional 4-Way Speech Contest.
10. Awarding approximately 10 Teacher Mini Grants.

## Lancaster 2017-2018

By Donna Giddens

2018-06-29

"Ahhhhhhhh, I take a deep sigh to take it all in", as I sit here exhaling, seated at the window, staring at the day, I have to take a moment to reflect. As I reflect on all the things that our "small but mighty" club has accomplished this past year, it make my heart happy. We have done so many wonderful things and changed many lives in our community for the better one person at a time; the purest form of "Service Above Self".

Thank you all for helping me to make 2017-2018 a great year for the Rotary Club of Lancaster. I've enjoyed leading our club as president and look forward to handing over the gavel to Mark Hadden, our incoming President.

## Lancaster Sunrise 2017-2018

By Leona Smith

2018-06-29

Lancaster Sunrise Rotary held 2 Bike Repair Clinics at different school districts. This is an increase of one additional Bike Repair Clinic with the support from the District 5300 Matching Grant. We also continued our support to the Homeless Community by donating money to purchase 500 jars of spaghetti sauce. We partnered with the Rotary Club of Mactan, CEBU-Philippines in the Gift of Health to help feed the undernourished children in that area. They were given vitamins, soy milk & food! We also are helping sponsor a community Back to School event that will provide new backpacks and school supplies, shoes, clothes, haircuts, and immunizations at the event.

These are the highlights and we have several more sponsors and donations as well. It was a great year and the Club had Fun and gave from their hearts.

## Las Vegas 2017-2018

By Michael J. Gordon

2018-06-29

### Social Events:

- Shakespeare Festival trip to Cedar City, UT (8/26-27)
- Tailgate party at UNLV football (9/30)
- Halloween party at Henderson Distillery (10/27)
- Holiday party at Treasure Island (12/7)
- Volunteering at Magical Forest, Opportunity Village (12/14)
- Family of Rotary – Gordon & Lozano baby shower (1/7)
- Quarterly Family of Rotary luncheons
- 25Club socials on 8/23; 1/16 & 2/14
- Creech AFB tour (5/29)
- Three New Member Orientations (10/17; 2/6; 5/2)

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## Las Vegas Summerlin 2017-2018

By Dave Orbie Padgett

2018-06-29

2018 has been an incredible year for the Summerlin Rotary Club. We have grown our club membership by 8 and our service projects continue to grow in quantity as well as scope.

We started the year with our annual parade float and balloon sponsorship in the Summerlin Patriotic parade attended by over 50,000. Our theme this year was Rotary Curing the World.

Our signature project continues to be maintaining Police Memorial Park. This year we increased our involvement with Project 150 supporting homeless high school children throughout the valley.

This year's 150 project included packaging 1900 Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. In addition we supplied and packaged 70 plus hygiene bags, and supported with many hands the Prom Closet program.

Our Interact clubs continue to grow and prosper at Palo Verde high school and Johnson Middle School.

These are just a few of the many programs and efforts our club supported this past year.

Summerlin Rotary is excited about our past accomplishments and energized about our clubs future.

## Las Vegas West 2017-2018

By Lynn M. Purdue

2018-06-29

A small but mighty club, Las Vegas West Rotary had an incredibly successful year, adding four new members and participating in 19 service projects totaling more than 749 volunteer hours! In addition to all the District programs like RYLA, TLC, Hensel Essay, Four Way Speech, Group Cultural Exchange, Rotary Youth Exchange, Dan Stover and Wheels in Heels, our club members continued to support our three adopted schools to the tune of more than \$32,000. Our goal this year was to reach further out into our community and we accomplished that with various service projects like supporting our first responders after the October 1 shooting, serving dinner at The Shade Tree Women's Shelter, painting and cleaning at the Nevada Blind Children's Foundation and Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia & Lymphoma

Foundation.

## Mesquite Sunrise 2017-2018

By Debra A. Parsley

2018-06-29

We took over the program "Mesquite Reads", as the Chamber of Commerce didn't want to handle it any more.

The Highlight of the Year is we were able to take on Mesquite Reads, a program here in Mesquite that the Eureka Casino created. The Chamber handled it formerly and no longer wanted to so we took it on! Virgin Valley Elementary students were set to repeat first grade but instead were able to move to the next grade with their classmates after completing the five-week Mesquite Reads program. In November, we do a book sale (donated books) and 100% of the funds goes to this program. Also, from our golf tournament in Oct, we donate 20% of those funds to the program as well.

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## Monrovia 2017-2018

By Robert G. Helbing

2018-06-29

In the course of the past Rotary year, the Monrovia Rotary Club provided scholarships, talent contests, RYLA and TLC experiences to dozens of local school youths. We collected school supplies and provided winter clothing to 70 children in our community and over 100 sweaters to students in South Africa. We ran a blood drive, provided volunteers for Make A Difference day, and packaged over 20,000 meals for the organization Rise Against Hunger. We also had a lot of fun with our members, hosting Christmas parties, the Presidential Demotion, a College Football Championship party and regular monthly social events at local watering holes. 2017-18 was full of fun, service and fellowship.

## Pasadena 2017-2018

By PHIL MILES

2018-06-29

This year was another busy year for the Districts Largest Club. We finished the year with 210 members, little down from the prior year but with great optimism that we can start to build. We may be following Chino Hills' Zeb Welborn's example of stellar growth, but each percentage point requires many more people.

Major Accomplishments:

Global Grant funded for 212 open heart surgeries for infants and young children In Chennai, Madre India

300 Bikes assembled Given away to Poor Families for Christmas through the Salvation Army. Last year we gave away 200 but joined forces with San Marino for another 100 using District Grants. Altadena and local hospital chipped in with funds, catering

Weekend back pack Program continued helping with nutrition for poor families In Pasadena Unified SD

Community Grants by our foundation totaling \$44,000 given to local charities

Sponsored District and Overall Winner of Dan Stover Musical Contest for \$6000 check to support winner's college education

Sent Youth and Teenagers to RYLA and Teen Leadership Camps

Foundation funded Major Club event "teachers of Excellence to help Teachers in the Pasadena Unified School District

Supported 4-Way speech Contest with event at Club

## San Dimas 2017-2018

By Michael Wallace

2018-06-29

2017/2018 was a great year for the Rotary Club of San Dimas! We increased our membership from 8 to 12, a 50% increase from this same time last year! Our fundraising efforts exceeded prior years' efforts by partnering with other local non-profit and community based groups including the local PTSA, chamber of commerce, high school band, etc. Raising additional funds allowed us to expand our teacher mini-grant program, this year giving away over \$4,000 for teachers to use to enhance the levels of education in their classrooms! We also took on the Teacher of the Year awards banquet from the chamber of commerce, adding prizes, a cocktail hour with a jazz band, and making the event something teachers and administrators look forward to rather than an occupational obligation. We have a lot of momentum and are excited to see Craig Jeong, President Elect, lead us into the 2018/2019 Rotary year!

## San Marino 2017-2018

By Denise Wadsworth

2018-06-29

SanMarinoRotary.org has our 2017-18 highlights under Presidential Year Review, so I'm just going to share how I closed every meeting:

Rotarians and Guests: Thank you for joining us for today's meeting.

Now, go out into the world in peace.

Have courage!

Hold fast to what is good.

Return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the faint-hearted,

Support the weak,

Help the Suffering.

Honor All People.

## South Pasadena 2017-2018

By Dan Watson

2018-06-29

The Rotary Club of South Pasadena participated in some meaningful local community and international service projects.

Locally, South Pasadena Rotary complied with RI President Ian Riseley's request that each club plant a tree for each member. South Pasadena is a tree city and South Pasadena Beautiful, a non-profit, teams up with the City in a tree planting program. The City matches one-for-one each tree purchased through South

Pasadena Beautiful. South Pasadena Rotary has 34 members. They purchased 17 mature boxed trees that were matched with another 17 provided by the City. Each tree costs \$350 and includes planting in a park or parkway. On March 13 two of the trees were planted side-by-side in Garfield Park. They were planted in memory of Fletcher Swan and Robert Kemp, two long time Rotarians and past presidents who passed away in 2017. Next Rotary year the club will purchase a memorial bench to be placed between the trees in honor of Rotarians.

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## Victorville 2017-2018

By Dwight L. Johnson Jr.

2018-06-29

I enjoyed my second year as President more than I did the first. I would like to think that I corrected some of the missteps, got more organized and was able to end the year...next week...on a positive side in Membership, Leadership, Overall Fellowship of the Club. We did well on our local projects, our regional projects and on the international front, and we got the awards to show the District and our Club itself that we did a real good job. I really appreciated the fact that our District Governor was in our backyard and assisted on some of our adventures, and I appreciated her tutelage when it came to Governing and Leading. We have a good team here in Victorville, and with our enthusiastic new members, we will build on our long standing foundation.

## West Covina 2017-2018

By Drexel Smith

2018-06-29

The Rotary Club of West Covina worked hard this year accomplishing many needed tasks and projects. For the Club was an updating of our membership dues and financial system, a detailed plan for the year, review and updating of goals, study on the merits of merging with another Rotary Club and the highlight was re-instituting our Weekly Newsletter, The Trumpet which has been an award winning hit. All club members became Sustaining Members of Paul Harris this year. For projects we started the year holding the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Ribbon Rally in partnership with the West Covina Sunrise club providing over 1,800 complimentary pancake breakfasts to the community with a support public safety message. The club continued supporting a robust Mini-grant program for teachers; the annual food basket program providing a special holiday meal for 75 families in need; a special Garden Gourmet program produced by Kaiser Permanente, Hurst Ranch and West Covian School district; RYLA & TLC sponsorships and the four-way speech contest. Internationally, the club completed a Hands-Across-the-Border project providing needed goods to families in Mexico in partnership with a local club. Lastly the club invited community leaders, service organizations and individuals with a special message to be guest speakers at our weekly meetings. A great year for our club.....

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