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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My fellow Rotarians,

Happy New Year! I feel like time is flying by. It's hard to believe my term as your club president is already half over. As I reflect on the past six months it's truly inspiring all that we have accomplished together. From acts of Community Service like participating in the James Project with Olive



Branch Church, the Art for Peace Contest, stocking the Parkridge Elementary food pantry, passing out Thanksgiving meals with Giving 365, filling bags with school supplies for kids in need, passing out candy at the city's Trunk or Treat, and collecting toys for the Kid's and Cops program. We have been working with the youth at Santiago High and JFK Middle College Interact Clubs. Our club had the privilege of sending 8 Junior High students to P.R.Y.D.E. camp this past November and we plan to send 14 High School students to R.Y.L.A. in March. Collectively we donated \$388 in October for Polio Plus awareness month. Then in November we



awarded \$30,000 to various volunteer groups from the funds we raised at our June 2025 Lobsterfest. Incredible! We also celebrated the many of you that received Paul Harris Fellow pins for your generosity to the Rotary Foundation. With all that hard work we've had a lot of fun and fellowship along the way as well. Including trips

to the Del Mar horse races, a paint and sip night, Rotary foundation dinner in Rancho Mirage and our awesome Holiday Party at the Elks. Just to name a few. There has been so much greatness in 2025 that I'm excited for all that 2026 has in store for us all.

Please save these dates for the last 3 major projects of the year. Our annual Allan R. Wakefield Golf Tournament is on Friday, February 20, 2026 at Dos Lagos Golf Course. We will be taking a trip to Tijuana,



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Next Meeting
is January 9th
at 11:00am at
Shamrocks

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Programs - Dean Seif, Eugene Montanez, Lester Li

Foundation - Kenny Sell

Community Service - Relindis Mbu

Youth Service - JoAnn Brenton

Membership -
John Peterson

Vocational Service - James Cameron

Public Relations -
Kim Mabon

International Service -
Biren Shukla

Scholarships - Open

Art Contest - Kim Mabon

Music Contest - John Cleghorn

Speech Contest - Linda White

Literacy - Ross Newhan

Lobsterfest 2026 Chair -
Roy Edwards-Van Muyen

Social Committee - Marilyn Marrero

Allocations - Daniel Verdugo & George Guayante

JANUARY

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04 Michael Hestrin
05 Sid Chand
05 Marilyn Marrero
14 C.C. Vest
15 Yolanda Carrillo
22 George Johnstone
28 Jonathan Castillo
31 Tom Donatoni

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

07 Michael Stock
21 Vaman Ganu
23 Vince Amatulli
23 Mareena Miller
27 Ross Newhan

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

01 Stephen Quartararo
3 Years
03 Ray Russell
29 Years
03 Trevor Walsh
8 Years
12 Brian Tressen
15 Years
12 Daniel Hake
15 Years
12 Dean Seif
15 Years
18 Monica Fiallos
2 Years
23 Mimosa Lam-My
3 Years
26 Waldo Bracamontes
1 Year
31 Marilyn Marrero
1 Year



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Mexico for another home build with Project Corazon on Saturday, March 28, 2026. Then our 16th annual Lobsterfest will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at Dos Lagos. That's right, Dos Lagos not the City Lawn. As a club we discussed, then took a vote and optimistically decided to move forward with a change in venue. With hopes of an earlier date and fresh location we will grow, reenergize, reengage and reintroduce our beloved signature event to the community. Our Lobsterfest Chairperson this year is Roy Edwards-Van Muyen and our first planning meeting will take place at the YMCA Hub (268 N. Lincoln #8, Corona) on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 11:00am.

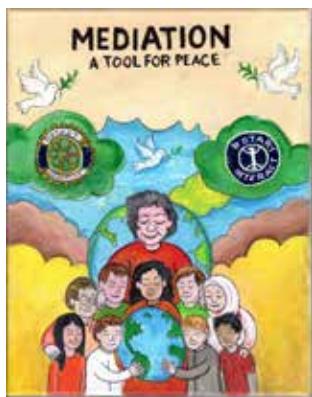
Lastly, Rotary International has claimed January as Vocational Service Month!

The Object of Rotary defines our purpose and reminds us of the responsibility every Rotarian carries in their profession and community. Vocational Service, rooted in Rotary's Second Object, calls on us to encourage and foster ethical standards, dignity in all occupations, and service through our work.

Thank you for your dedicated service, love and support so far this year. Now let's finish with a bang and remind everyone why we are "The World's Greatest Rotary Club".

*Mandie Hamilton
Corona Rotary President
25-26*

2025 ART FOR PEACE WINNERS:



JANUARY CLUB EVENTS

January 9, 2025
Shamrocks
Chief Newman -Police
Drone Program

January 15, 2025
YMCA Hub
**268 N. Lincoln #8,
Corona, CA. 92882**
Lobsterfest Planning
Meeting 11:00am

January 16, 2025
Shamrocks
Jeff Fraser -Fraser Life
Sciences Part 2

January 23, 2025
Shamrocks
Roopa Sharma, Dental
Care Nonprofit (RR Root
Partner)

January 30, 2025
Flabob Airport
Tom Wathen Center
Club Social 11:45 am
(Tour & Lunch)
4130 Mennes Ave,
Riverside, CA. 92509

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