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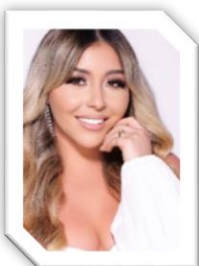
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Wednesday May 08, 2024

Graciela Rodriguez & Richard Shope, Water Stories: Speak Up for Water



Graciela Rodriguez is a proud Mexican-American, native of South East Los Angeles. Best known as "Gracie", she's a performing artist who's passionate about community healing and the environment through the performing arts.

She is the current Co-President of the Whittier Sunrise Rotary Club and in 2021-2022 served as Miss Nevada for the United States National Pageant System. An accomplished actress, Graciela recently appeared in Romeo & Juliet Rolling through East LA, a Shakespearean production adapted by Alex Alphaaroh. She also performs in the Coimmedia Dell'Arte tradition with Mujeres de las Tierras, a grassroots environmental equity non-profit founded in 2004, in the city of Los Angeles. She is currently performing and teaching with the EcoVoices: Speak Up for Water! program of the World Space Foundation, where she teams up with Dr. Shope to

"Error! Reference



Rick Shope is an adventurous man of many talents: an accomplished educator, writer, poet, mime artist, playwright, and performer. He has used his Shope Method of writing as performance to personally reach more than a million urban youth, throughout California and Mexico.

Born into a family of research scientists, Shope has become known for his keen abilities to communicate complex science concepts in exciting and expressive ways. Currently, Dr. Shope is President of the World Space Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to scientific, educational, and literary enterprises. He worked for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), where he coordinated science education and public outreach programs nationwide and developed curriculum for various flight projects (Pluto, Mars, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Europa, the Sun, the Moon). As a Senior

"Shope"



"Service above Self"

The Four Way Test (+1)

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

(+1) Is it **FUN**!

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ROTARY CLUB OF WC MEETING

Rotary Club of West Covina
Established in 1953
Meets in person, Wednesdays
12:15 PM
South Hills Country Club
2655 S. Citrus Ave.
West Covina, CA. 91791
Contact: Vicky Abbott, Secretary
Email: westcovinarotary@gmail.com

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ROTARY CLUB of WEST COVINA NEWS

UPCOMING SPEAKERS/TOPICS

MAY-YOUTH SERVICE

05/15 TBD
05/22 TBD
05/29 Connie Royal, ONT Airport



MEMBER'S MILESTONES

Birthdays	Rotary Anniv.
05/04 Lorraine Cardenas	
05/13 Yulanda Davis-Quarrie	
05/14 David Alfaro	
05/29 Arvind Lapsiwala	

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

05/05 Cinco de Mayo
05/12 Mother's Day
05/27 Memorial Day
05/18 District Training Assembly/Foundation Dinner
06/21-24 District 5300 Cruise to Service



Mon 5/6	Tue 5/7	Wed 5/8	Thu 5/9	Fri 5/10	Sat 5/11	Sun 5/12
76° 52°F	75° 54°F	79° 55°F	79° 56°F	81° 57°F	80° 56°F	76° 56°F
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
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develop scientific and literary creativity among urban youth of all ages.



“Shope”

Research Results Analyst, Shope wrote featured science highlights for NASA Headquarters.






2024 THROW OUT DINNER “SAVE THE DATE”

Monica Kelley,
RCWC Fellowship chair

DATE: JUNE 19, 2024

LOCATION: SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

-  Add appt. to Google calendar
-  Add appt. to Outlook calendar
-  Add appt. to Office 365 calendar





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LOOKING
BACK...

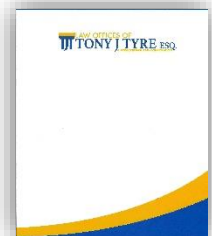
05/01/2024

TONY J. TYRE, ESQ., ESTATE PLANNING

Tony Tyre introduced his firm and the two lawyers that specialize in Estate Planning for his firm. They began by handing out a portfolio (link here & icon below) with copies of their presentation and other “basics” that important for anyone wondering what Estate Planning is and if it would help them. Allyson & William gave a great presentation and provided clear, simple and helpful information. They answered a number of questions, I don’t think anyone left without their question being answered.

Several people said that they came to hear about this topic because they were looking for more information and appreciated that Allyson & William did a great job of satisfying their questions.

We had the following people joins us: honorary member Sharon Whachter, Donne Thompson, prospective member Connie Royal (who will be the speaker on 5/29). It was great to see all of you and you are welcome back.



Portfolio link



Lorraine presenting our "Thank you cup" to Willian, Allyson & Tony



Allyson & William presenting



Tony Tyre introducing the Law Firm, Allyson and William



MT. SAC PEACE POLE PROJECT

Drexel L. Smith,
RCWC Mt. SAC Peace Pole Coordinator

Attached is a notional outline of the proposed installation. The Peace Pole will be most prominently displayed just west of the newly completed Student Center that will not only offer space for students but meeting/banquet rooms for community use as well.

RCWC has already ordered and received the Peace Pole, it is in storage at Mt Sac. The general design of the area around the pole is provided in the image below, which is now approved by the college as well as the funding needed to make the installation. The design of the pedestal can accommodate six messages/plaques, one will be our Rotary Dedication Plaque.

The next step will be for the Mt Sac Communications/PR folks to schedule a formal 'unveiling' & dedication in June....so, we will get this part done during the current Rotary year. I will keep you posted on dates for the dedication as soon as I learn more.

	PROJECT: PEACE POLE DATE: 05/08/2024 DRAWN BY: DLS CHECKED BY: DLS SCALE: AS SHOWN SHEET NO: 01	NAME: PEACE POLE LOCATION: PEACE POLE STUDENT CENTER DRAWN: DLS CHECKED: DLS DATE: 05/08/2024 SCALE: AS SHOWN	PROJECT: PEACE POLE STUDENT CENTER SHEET NO: 01 TITLE: OPTION 1 PRELIMINARY PLAN	01
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[Link to PDF of Site Plan](#)





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SAVE THE DATE!

The Historical Society of West Covina

Tennant Foundation

Summer Fest 2024

HONORING HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AWARD TO

Beverly Bulthuis
And
2024 Citizen of the Year Nominees




Special Presentation of Education in West Covina over a 100-year period

Hurst Ranch - 1227 S. Orange Avenue, West Covina
Saturday, August 17, 2024

6:00 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR - 7:00 P.M. DINNER
HURST RANCH MUSEUM TOURS 5:45 P.M. TO 6:15 P.M.

TICKETS \$50 PER PERSON
CONGRATULATORY AND BUSINESS SIZE CARD PROGRAM ADS \$50 (CAMERA READY)
CALL KATHY CLARK AT 626-664-3050 OR KATHYECLARK@HOTMAIL.COM

[Link to PDF of Invitation](#)

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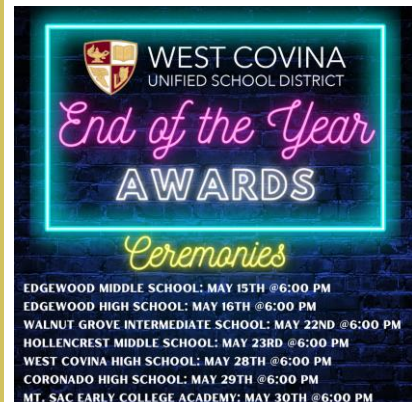
Week of May 6 - Superintendent's Weekly News



The results for the Middle School Speech and Debate State Tournament were released on Friday, April 26, and I am proud to announce that our own Edgewood Middle School won it all with Gold in the Large-School Division!

A large part of that win was due to four Edgewood students taking Gold in their events!

Gold winners were: Arielle Hsiao (Program Oral Interpretation), Brayden Barraza Rodriguez (Declamation), Jean Max Macias (Spanish Interpretation), and Teotli Valenzuela Gonzalez (Original Oratory). A huge congratulations to the EMS Teacher Coach, Roxanne Crawford, and her whole team for this incredible accomplishment! WCUSD is also proud to have brought home Silver in the Mid-Size Schools Division (Hollencrest Middle School) as well as the Small-Schools Division (Walnut Grove Intermediate School). Another great showing for WCUSD! Click for all [results](#).



Throughout the month of May, we will be recognizing the achievements of our 8th and 12th grade students as they close out their middle and high school careers. Please join the District staff and me in celebrating their accomplishments at the various ceremonies listed below:

- Edgewood Middle School: Wednesday, May 15th @ 6:00 PM
- Edgewood High School: Thursday, May 16th @ 6:00 PM
- Walnut Grove Intermediate School: Wednesday, May 22nd @ 6:00 PM
- Hollencrest Middle School: Thursday, May 23rd @ 6:00 PM
- West Covina High School: Tuesday, May 28th @ 6:00 PM
- Coronado High School: Wednesday, May 29th @ 6:00 PM
- Mt. SAC Early College Academy: Thursday, May 30th @ 6:00 PM



Mt. SAC Early College Academy (MECA), Hollencrest Middle School (HMS) and Walnut Grove Intermediate School (WGIS) recently received the California Distinguished School recognition and were honored at an awards

event on May 3rd at the Disneyland Hotel. They join 293 other California secondary schools in earning this highly prestigious distinction. The following individuals from each site were in attendance:

- HMS: Principal Dr. Katrina Garcia, Assistant Principal Mark Pedicini, and 23-24 Teacher of the Year Sal Hernandez
- MECA: Principal Dr. McDonnell, Assistant Principal Tomoko Price, and 23-24 Teacher of the Year Jeanne Berrong
- WGIS: Principal Bhavini Bhakta, Assistant Principal Mark Pedicini, and 23-24 Teacher of the Year Sue Alonso

Also joining the celebration were Superintendent Dr. Emy Flores, Assistant Superintendent Denise Knutsen, Assistant Superintendent Mike Seaman, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Drew Passalacqua, and Director of Secondary Dr. Marc Trovatore. Congratulations to the HMS, MECA, and WGIS faculty, staff and students as this award truly validates their commitment, dedication, innovation, and success in supporting students. Click for [photos](#).



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DAN STOVER REGIONAL LEVEL MUSIC COMPETITION

Meredith Parry

Next Generations Director, Rotary Club of West Covina Fellow RCWC members,

Dan Stover Music Competition candidate, Joshua Castro from WCHS, competed on April 18th, at Claremont High School. Cheering him on were Tyler Wigglesworth (WCUSD chaperone), Meredith Parry & Dennis Evans. It was the first time any of us had attended this competition. Contestants from Glendora, Covina, Pomona, West Covina & La Vern played (I'm missing one but don't recall it). Attendance was, say 30, or so (including performers). The contestants were all very good with First place going to the La Vern and second to Covina's contestant.

It was a great to experience these young performers, we even had one perform on guitar and another on marimba. Mr. Wigglesworth agreed that it helped him get a better idea of level of competition.

Attend to finals at the District Conference on May 18th.





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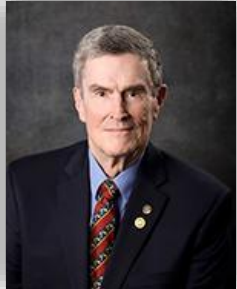
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Michael Soden
District 5300 Governor
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District 5300 News



**HIGHLIGHTER
APRIL 2024**

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DG Soden

April 2023

I extend my utmost gratitude to the RYLA committee led by Celeste Kelley and to the Clubs for making this year's event a huge success. RYLA has made a comeback after a four-year hiatus, and it was remarkable. More than 200 students attended the event, which was made possible because of the clubs' support and the contributions of over 50 adult volunteers. Despite the terrible weather prediction, the weekend was fantastic, and we managed to overcome the challenges. On Saturday night, we saw approximately two inches of snowfall that made me a little apprehensive about Sunday's bus situation, but I was relieved when everything went just as planned. The buses arrived early and ensured that everyone got home safely. [\(More\)](#)



DC 24 - CRUISE TO SERVICE

JUNE 21 - 24, 2024

3 Night Ensenada Cruise

- Day 1** Los Angeles, California
- Day 2** Cruising Day at sea
- Day 3** Ensenada, Mexico – Day of Service
- Day 4** Los Angeles, California

[Reserve Your Cabin Now](#)



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DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY/FOUNDATION DINNER

Tom Novotny
District Administrator

This is just a reminder to save the date of May 18th, 2024 for the District Training Assembly/Foundation Dinner. Details will follow later as it will be held at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel and Conference Center in Pomona, Ca. Join us for an entire day of learning, fellowship, and entertainment!

Please save the attached flier as your reminder.

[Link to D5300 page](#)

CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD THROUGH THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF LEARNING, FELLOWSHIP, AND ENTERTAINMENT

Save The Date

SATURDAY, 18TH OF MAY, 2024
SHERATON FAIRPLEX HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
601 W MCKINLEY AVENUE, POMONA, CA, 91768

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON

Rotary District 5300

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

4-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

FOUNDATION DINNER

DAN BTOVER MUSIC CONTEST



Buff Wright
Clarifier editor

Dear Friend of Claremont Rotary,

The Clarifier for April 27 featuring the Taste of Claremont is [linked here](#). Our next meeting is on **Friday**, May 3 at 12:10 at the Hughes Center. The program will be our Americanism in Action Awards for 7th and 8th grade students. You can [link here to zoom into the meeting](#).

Creating Hope in the World through Rotary,





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Rotary International News



RI Calendar

April 2024

KEY ARTICLES

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Engineer follows the science of water
A Rotary scholar dedicates her expertise to altruistic causes

FOCUS

Polio mapping goes high tech
Geotracking improves outbreak response targeting, ensuring fewer children are left behind.

Rotary's first first gentleman

PODCAST

When his wife became Rotary president, Nick Krayacich found himself in a unique, challenging, and at times enviable position..





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APRIL 2024 MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH Programs Lead: ??	MAY 2024 YOUTH SERVICE Programs Lead: Meredith Parry	JUNE 2024 FELLOWSHIP MONTH Programs Lead: Lorraine Cardenas
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1	Dave Alfaro RA. (1988)	1	Mtg-Tony J. Tyre, Esq., Estate Planning	1	Tony Song RA. (2005)
2		2		2	
3	Mtg-RRR Intro/review	3		3	
4		4	Lorraine Cardenas's BD	4	Forest Tennant RA. (1975)
5		5	CINCO DE MAYO	5	Mtg-
6		6		6	
7		7		7	
8		8	Mtg- Dr. Shope Board Mtg	8	
9		9		9	
10	Mtg- Tony Song Board Mtg	10		10	
11		11		11	
12		12	MOTHER'S DAY	12	Mtg-
13		13	Yulanda Davis-Quarrie's BD	13	
14	Jose & Marisela Gutierrez WA.	14	David W. Alfaro's BD	14	FLAG DAY
15		15	Mtg-	15	INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
16		16		16	FATHER'S DAY
17	Mtg- Vikki Downey	17		17	
18		18	District Training Assembly/Foundation Dinner	18	Jim & Sue Mandala WA
19		19		19	Mtg- Throw out Party Board Mtg
20		20		20	
21		21		21	
22		22	Mtg-	22	District 5300 Cruise to Service
23	Dennis Evans's BD	23	Arvind Lapsiwala's BD	23	
24	Mtg-GWC HH mixer 5:30-7:30PM	24		24	
25		25		25	
26		26		26	Mtg-
27		27	MEMORIAL DAY	27	
28		28		28	
29		29	Mtg-Connie Royal, Arvind Lapsiwala's BD	29	
30	Thomas Allison RA. (2011) Phyllis McDonald's BD	30	Arvind Lapsiwala's BD	30	
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1 Rotary Club Awards due EOM

Local Rotary Clubs

- **Covina** –South Hills Country Club
2655 S. Citrus Street, West Covina, CA 91791
 - 1st/3rd Thurs. 12:00 Pm
 - Rory Leisinger, Pres.
- **Covina Sunrise** -District Field Event Center
 - Tues. at 7:15 AM
 - Robert J Avila, Pres
- **Greater San Gabriel Valley** (Virtual)
 - Corky's Restaurant, back patio.
 - Saturday, 09:30 AM - 10:45 AM
 - Bryan Arredondo, Pres.
- **Industry Hills** – Training Room At Industry Business Council (IBC)
 - 15651 Mayor Dave Way, City of Industry, CA 91746
 - Tuesdays 12:10 PM
 - Joseph Wetzal, Pres.
- **Glendora** - Village Eatery
221 N. Glendora Ave. Glendora, CA 91741
 - Tuesday at 8-9AM
 - Jane Adair Bock, Pres.
- **Walnut Valley** - Holiday Inn Diamond Bar - Pomona
21725 E. Gateway Center Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765
 - Tuesday at 8 AM
 - Bruce A. Chittea, Pres.

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