



Covina Rotary Club - District 5300 - Chartered March 8, 1923

Issue 23 January 05, 2012 Editor: Andrew McIntyre

**This Week**

Speaker: Kommah (Koko) McDowell  
 Topic: Inflammatory Breast Cancer  
 Chairman: Kirk Wright



**K o m m a h M c D o w e l l**

Kommah McDowell is a 6 year survivor of Inflammatory Breast Cancer, (IBC) and the founder and Executive Director of the Kommah Seray Inflammatory Breast Cancer Foundation (KSIBCF). She received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California Davis in English and a Master of Science in Leadership and Management from the University of La Verne. As a survivor, she helps provide resources and financial assistance to cancer patients and is committed to educating the community at large about IBC through KSIBCF and partnering organizations. Kommah is very familiar with the Covina Rotary Lunch Club, as she was the winner of several speech contests hosted by the Covina Rotary Lunch Club. She is an active member in several community organizations in hopes to help provide better access to care and resources for those in need. She is truly passionate about her mission and strives to do what she can, while she can.

**“New Member Alert”  
 Dr. William (Bill) Scroggins**

The Covina Rotary Lunch Club would like to welcome Dr. William (Bill) Scroggins, President and CEO of Mt. San Antonio College into “The Best Rotary Club in the World”.

Dr. Bill Scroggins is the new president of Mt. SAC and originally grew up in the La Puente area. He was a member of the Downtown Visalia Rotary Club for 4 years just prior to being selected to the President and CEO position at Mt. SAC. Dr. Scroggins currently resides in Alhambra with his wife June and they have 2 children. Bill is a **UCLA** alum.

Dr. Scroggins brings a wealth of experience to the leadership of Mt. SAC, one of the largest community colleges in the state and the largest single campus District in California with over 65,000 full time equivalent enrollments.

As the President and CEO of Mt. SAC, with one of most significant workforces and arguably the largest economic drivers in the San Gabriel Valley, the Covina Rotary Lunch Club is proud and honored to have Dr. William Scroggins as our newest member.

**Next Week**

Our 6 TLC students, their teacher, Ann Stark, and their Principal Mrs. Thompson, will be our guests and will be sharing about their experiences at TLC.

**Rotary History**



Paul Harris      Sylvester Schiele      Gustave E. Loehr      Hiram E. Shorey

The first Rotary Club was formed when attorney Paul P. Harris called together a meeting of three business acquaintances in downtown Chicago, at Harris' friend Sylvester Schiele's office in the Unity Building on Dearborn Street on February 23, 1905. In addition to Harris and Schiele (a coal merchant), Gustave E. Loehr (mines engineer), and Hiram E. Shorey (tailor) were the other two who attended this first meeting. The members chose the name Rotary because initially they rotated subsequent weekly club meetings to each other's offices, although within a year, the Chicago club became so large it became necessary to adopt the now-common practice of a regular meeting place.

The next four Rotary Clubs were organized in cities in the western United States, beginning with San Francisco, then Oakland, Los Angeles, and Seattle. The National Association of Rotary Clubs in America was formed in 1910. On the 22nd February 1911 the first meeting of the Rotary Club Dublin was held in Dublin, Ireland. This was the first club established outside of North America. In April 1912, Rotary chartered a club in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada,[7] marking the first establishment of an American-style service club outside the United States.[8] To reflect the addition of a club outside of the United States, the name was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912.

In August 1912, the Rotary Club of London received its charter from the Association, marking the first acknowledged Rotary club outside North America. It later became known that the Dublin club in Ireland was organized before the London club, but the Dublin club did not receive its charter until after the London club was chartered.[9]

During World War I, Rotary in Britain increased from 9 to 22 clubs,[10] and other early clubs in other nations included those in Cuba in 1916, China in 1919 and India in 1920.

In 1922, the name was changed to Rotary International.[11] By 1925, Rotary had grown to 200 clubs with more than 20,000 members.