



THIS WEEK

Speaker ; Dr. Brad Miller
Topic: Live better and longer.
Program chair:

Dr. Miller is a second generation chiropractor and Rotarian. He is a 1984 graduate of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic and an MBA from USC, He has practiced in Arcadia for 29 years. He is currently completing his certification in Applied Clinical Nutrition through the Southern California College of Health Sciences. He has served as club resident and is now the Assistant District Governor.

LAST WEEK

Seven musicians literally blew us away in their quest for a Dan Stover prize. Dominic Rodriquez our winner, has a notable music history at SHHC which include many trumpet awards including best brass player 2 years in a row. He has been accepted at Cal Poly Pomona and would like pursue degrees in general music performance and business.

NEXT WEEK

Kory Minor -from NFL to entrepreneurship.

ROTARY, LONG AGO

Covina Rotary Club has contributed tremendously to the making of a better community in the East San Gabriel Valley. Many of its accomplishments include the very first award of \$25.00 for a debate in February 1923. Many thousands of dollars have been raised over the years for the YMCA and Boy Scouts.

We have treated many cases of crippled children and established a boy's home in Armenia.

We built the Boy Scout hut on 2nd St for \$1,200, and it was moved to Kelby Park. We began the student loan fund at Mt SAC and last year funded our Osher scholarship. We sponsored the rotary Clubs of Azusa, La Puente, Glendora, West Covina, West Covina Sunrise and Irwindale.

In 1929, in conjunction with the Covina Women's Club, the first evening adult school was established in Covina. We have given many thousands of dollars to Casa Colina Rehabilitation Center. In 1942 the Club alone raised \$600,000 in war bonds. In 1948 they opened a teen center called The Casbah at the Pacific Electric depot.

One of the first major projects in August 1923, was the planting trees in City Park. This project was revitalized in 1961-62, and again during our 50th anniversary when they planted 50 trees at Barranca park. In our 70th year (1993) under the leadership of Al Vazquez, we planted trees in Bonelli Park. More recently we sponsored the Special Olympics of the East San Gabriel Valley at Mt. SAC. In practically all other philanthropic endeavors such as Christmas Cares, Mini-grants, Hospice, Career Days, Covina Rotary has played a role. Year after year it takes a major effort to finance these projects. More importantly is the fact that it brings together a community full of enthusiastic citizens who do believe that "He Profits most who serve best"

READING IN THE CLASSROOM

What a disappointment!! The program to read to the students at Merwin and Manzanita schools had to be cancelled due to lack of interest and signups by our Covina Rotarians. Shame on us. This is a perfect Community Service activity, according to our old customs. Think about it: we get out into the community, interact with some wonderful students and their teachers and they get to meet with us, the business leaders of Covina. It's a win-win situation, and we let it slip through our fingers. Maybe it is not too late to rethink our oversight and lack of interest in our community. May I suggest that we ask President Tricia and the Board to check with the schools to see if our readin can be rescheduled for later this year. Hope so. One more thought - if Rotary is to thrive and be important in the coming generations, our children must be exposed to service and be interested in Rotary as they mature. This readin is an easy way to open their minds to future opportunities in life.

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

Rotarian Todd Bols came up with an idea that has gone internationally viral. Build a small cabinet, like a bird house, put it on a post in your front yard, fill it with books for children and adults which are available free of charge, with no library card needed. They can browse, borrow, add some of their own books free of charge. A made in America cottage industry was born. These libraries are seen worldwide in Europe, Africa, Asia and growing like wildfire. Check this great project in your March Rotarian magazine. Fits in nicely with our "Readin" project.

