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## THIS WEEK: **BARRETT SOOP**

*From felon to pillar of society*



Barrett Soop is a manager for an off-road fabrication shop, a part-time motivational speaker and a service club entrepreneur. He lives with his wife and family in Monrovia CA. After years of being on the wrong side of the law, Barrett experienced a radical change thanks to the support and help of a few friends, a miracle or two, and some good people along the way! This week, he is excited to tell Covina Rotary just what it takes to CHANGE a life.

## RUMOR CONTROL.....



Rumors have been flying since our President Elect, Tony Nevarez, sent out an email on the weekend of Feb 10-12. New Rotarians were sure that he was hanging out at the Humane Society in Baldwin Park looking for a new, possibly exotic, pet. NOPE...He was at the President-Elect Training Seminar learning all the ends and outs of being our 2017-2018 Covina Rotary President. But who knows, he might have stopped somewhere to adopt a needy pet. More likely, he was hitting up other future Presidents to help Covina Rotary with our Endless Smiles Project. \$\$\$\$\$

### COMING SOON:

- Happy President's Day --- Feb. 20
- 4-Way Speech Contest – Feb. 23
- Dan Stover Music Awards – March 09
- California Empty Bowls Soup Supper to benefit Shephard's Pantry -- March 09 (Call Tricia Vagt for details)
- Fun Run at District Field – April 29
- District 5300 Conference – May 18-21



### INTRODUCING OUR TLC STUDENTS:

Last week, Covina Rotary was pleased to host our TLC students from Covina Unified and Charter Oak for lunch. As always, they had a fabulous time at TLC and raved about the weekend they shared with like minded students near and far.

For the new or forgetful members who want to know what that was all about.....

TLC is a leadership training program for outstanding 8th graders. The program is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of District 5300. During their 3 days together, they interact and participate in activities with over 200 peers from areas throughout District 5300. This encompasses Clubs from East Los Angeles, High Desert and Southern Nevada. This year, the TLC camp was held December 2 – 4, 2016 at Camp Cedar Crest in Running Springs and our very own (charmingly hyperactive) Tony Nevarez served as a camp facilitator. As in past years, Rich Jett was highly involved in TLC 2017 and we all owe him a great deal of thanks for all he does for TLC and Covina Rotary.

