

# FRESH SQUEEZE



Welcome to the Old ,New,  
Reborn Fresh Squeeze!!!

**NOW IN COLOR!**

*"It is the mark of  
an educated mind  
to be able to  
entertain a thought  
without accepting it.  
—Aristotle*

## **SPECIAL!** HOLIDAY EDITION

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## **It Rayned on Thanksgiving!**

On November 24, 2016 Rayne celebrated its 22nd year of serving Thanksgiving dinner to anyone who might need a place to go. Many of the guests have been coming for years. This year 682 meals were served, complete with turkey, ham, stuffing, yams,



mashed potatoes, corn, salad, fruit cocktail, rolls, cranberry sauce and of course, pumpkin pie. With live music in the "dining room" and face painting for the kids it's the place to be. A large tent was set up

to house the clothing and household goods collected throughout the year. These items are for the taking. CSR was out in full force whether it was food preparation, donating clothing and food items or serving food. It was a day of fellowship and giving thanks made just that much better surrounded by family and Rotary friends. Checkout the video of the event on the CSR website!



## **Attendance Analyzed**

Executive Director Dennis Duncan has been burning the midnight oil in his efforts to keep CSR running smoothly under the current administration. Part of his duties include tracking attendance and reporting his findings to District HQ on a monthly basis. So far, July was 91%, August 82%, September 74%, October 74% and November 81%. It would appear that after a scary slide into oblivion, CSR is on the comeback path. Get your bodies in here and be counted to make CSR "second to none" in attendance!



## The President's Jewels & Gems

November was another busy month for CSR. Inducting a new member is always a highlight for our club....welcome Diane Bonner. She will be a great addition and already with the personality to hang with the best of us!! She did ruin our tradition of new members not showing up to the next meeting, but her sponsor never relayed the information....Terry?? What a great Thanksgiving day at Rayne with many volunteers and distributing 682 meals. A new layout really created space , organization and excitement!! Plenty of food, clothing and care were all displayed. Thanks Jon and Pam for hosting. You both always



amaze me!! Truly enjoy having my four sons helping out the last ten years. I was proud to have the club participate in the Covina Christmas Parade with our Interact club this month to let our community know which club is "second to none". All and all, we have so much to be thankful for..... Our family, friends, and Rotary family!!!

Yours in Rotary, — *Robert*

## Members: More Quantity and Quality



CSR has been blessed with a bounty of new members this year. A remarkable feat with other clubs shrinking and actually shutting down. Diane Bonner is our newest member. A former educator and current Property Management master, she was a speaker at a CSR meeting and just could not stay away! Her bio reveals an amazing woman of many talents, too many to list here. Read all about her on the CSR website and also consider updating YOUR bio there as well!

## Rotary Recipe Roundup

### Easy Basic Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe

1 box Yellow Cake Mix                      2 Eggs  
 ½ Cup of Vegetable Oil                      ½ tsp Vanilla  
 ½ Cup of Chocolate Chips

Mix together until combined. Drop by rounded teaspoonful on baking sheet. Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes

**You can use any kind of cake mix and add ins! Here's some variations:**

- Chocolate Cake Mix-1/2 Cup Peanut Butter Baking Chips-1/4 chopped peanuts.
- Spice Cake Mix-1 Cup chopped pecans  
(drizzle with icing when warm and add a sprinkle of cinnamon).
- Marble Cake Mix-1 Cup Butterfinger Baking Chips.
- Chocolate Cake Mix-1 Cup Peppermint Baking Chips (great for the holidays).
- Red Velvet Cake Mix-1 Cup White Chocolate Chips-make icing w/powdered sugar & Baileys-sprinkle with Red & Green holiday sprinkles.



—*Shannon*

## Speaking About That...

TODAY: Michael LaFond, Magician CANCELLED  
REASON: He wanted to get paid (all tricks, no treats)!

### The Line Up:

12/13 Janie Duncan — The History of Buttons (not Red)

12/21 Santa Claus— How I Got To Know Where All the Bad Girls Live.



## Actual Letters To The Editor

Yesterday afternoon, I went over to my local Walmart to get a 9mm handgun for home/personal protection. When I was ready to pay for the pistol and some ammo, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me." Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed. When the hysterical shrieking finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader!!! As an intelligent senior citizen, I do not get flustered often. But this time, it took me a while to get my pants back on. I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. They need to make their instructions to seniors a little more clear. I still don't think I looked that bad.....Just need to wear underwear more often! — *Judy Starns*

## Calendar of Things In Your Future

12/06 TODAY— meeting @ Brew & Meatball. (Did you go to SHCC?)

12/09 Charter Oak Holiday Parade 6pm (Mangrove/Cienega/BonnieCv)

12/10 Covina Downtown Wine Walk 5-8pm (tickets @Azo).

12/18 CSR Holiday Party @ Potter's house. 1-5 pm (appetizers).

12/20 DARK TUESDAY (see next item)

12/21 Wednesday Holiday Breakfast Meeting (moved from Tuesday).

12/27 DARK for the Holidays.

## Hats and Sox to the Troops

On November 10, CSRotarians and CHS Interact Club assembled and stuffed over 150 stockings for our troops overseas. This annual effort has been a very successful collaboration of the two clubs and has collected generous donations of snacks, trail mix, candy, beef jerky, hand-written holiday cards, socks, gloves, and stocking hats to our troops overseas. This year's stockings have already been shipped to Kuwait and are being transferred to troops in Afghanistan. We are supported by Cynthia Martinez, founder and president, of *Words of Comfort, Hope, and Promise* to arrange the overseas shipments.



# The Back Page Story: Field of Valor

On Saturday, November 5, 2016, Kenny Brooks placed the first flag at the Field of Valor sponsored by the Covina Rotary Club. Sergeant Brooks was awarded the Silver Star for his actions of heroism during WW II. He served under General George Patton in Germany. Now 96 years old, Kenny has lived in Covina with his wife, Geraldine, since 1963.

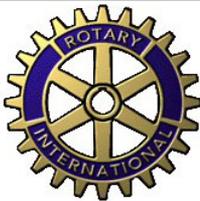


Pictured are: Honoree Kenny Brooks, Field of Valor Event Manager Wayne Partee of Covina Rotary Club, Son-In-Law Bill Higley of Covina Sunrise Rotary Club, and Granddaughter Tina Ferrarini.

## Blankets Completed and Delivered!



After an amazing amount of work by CSR staffers, 86 blankets were customized and delivered to the Serenity Infant Care Home in Covina. The project is headed up by Barbara Brusca. A special thanks to Bill and Geri Higley who came in on their own time and finished 12 blankets. Also Pam and Amber who did 18 on their own time supplementing the work done by Marcia, Judy and Shannon. John Espimendoza even had his children helping!



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