

# ROTAGRAM WHITTIER ROTARY

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## ROTARY SPEECH CONTESTANTS

Wow. What an impressive group of students.

**Emillie Bermudez**, La Serna High School; **John Hernandez**, La Serna; **Julia Reyes**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner, La Serna; **Sarah Villareal**, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner, Whittier High School; **Maggy Guerro**, Whittier High; **Anika Monzon**, Whittier High.

This year's topic was "Should individuals take time to serve their community? Why or why not?"

Congratulations to our six contestants, to

their supportive, proud families, and to Whittier High Coach Stephanie Krone and La Serna Coach Eric Twisselmann.

Thank you to our three judges, who spared we Rotarians from tackling the very tough task of deciding: Martha Carreon, Rio Hondo College Professor; John Beynon, Retired UNESCO school builder; and Mary Ann Pacheco, Whittier City Council Member.

The DoubleTree's buffet lunch was enjoyed by all. We hope all six students will become Rotarians in the future.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Rotarians of Calumpit, Philippines, support youth with disabilities through their Breaking Barriers Initiative.

## UPCOMING

Friday, Feb 28, 12:10  
Autry Western Museum  
Speaker, Roadhouse

Friday, March 7, 12:10  
Original Roadhouse Grill

Saturday, May 3, 8 am  
Rotary 5k Mental Health  
Walk, Whittier Central  
Park

## CLUB INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

**Erica Blair**, March 19

**Owen Newcomer**,  
April 3, 1998

**Maria Martinez-Pouline**  
& **Irene Muro**, May 1

**Joe Baima**,  
June 16, 1969!