



SANTA ANA ROTARY 1959

## Kidworks, Santa Ana

Last Wednesday's meeting was held at Kidworks, Santa Ana and gave us the opportunity to see how this wonderful program works. It started out in 1993 as a summer program for children 'at-risk' in an apartment and now serves over 800 children, youth and adults through weekly programs. This is a 'cradle to career' program and parents are involved at every step.

Kidworks provides a Preschool (with over 300 on a waiting list), a Homework Club, Sports and Fitness and a Financial Literacy education – and that is just for the children. They also have multiple programs for youths and parents. Their success is spectacular. 96% of the students graduate from high school with 91% enrolled in college or university. Plans to enlarge their current facilities are underway with the lease of the adjoining building and to date, 2 million of the 3 million dollar budget has been raised. The enlarged premises will reduce the current waiting list. Our tour

was conducted by David Benavides, Executive Director of Kidworks and Santa Ana City Councilmember.

You can read more at [www.kidworksonline.org](http://www.kidworksonline.org).

### Dental Clinic.

Three Rotary Clubs (Santa Ana, Orange and Irvine) teamed up to sponsor and volunteer at the Free Dental Clinic at The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Ana. Eric took many wonderful photos of the event and you can see them all – and the comments – on our Facebook page. Just type in 'Rotary Club of Santa Ana'.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### August 12<sup>th</sup> **Antonellos**

Our meeting this week will be at Antonellos - but in the **Enoteca Room**.

# The Rotations



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Our guest speaker will be Rae Shirer, past district governor.

### August 22nd **Chili Cook-Off**

**(No meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>).**

Join our 5320 Rotary District in the Angels Tailgate Chili cook-Off. We hope to have at least 2 entries, so if you have a winning recipe, let us know! Details are attached.

### Other Information:

The Observatory – We have 2 tentative dates for these concert events, which are our major fundraisers. They are September 26<sup>th</sup> (La Tocada) and October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> (Beach Goth). So, mark out your calendars; these events are so much fun!

**We meet Wednesdays at noon  
at Antonello Ristorante  
3800 S Plaza Drive, Santa Ana**