



# WEST COVINA ROTARY

# TRUMPET



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**"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"**



**RECENT SPEAKER:**  
**MIKE ARCHER ON "THE AIR TANKER CRISIS"**

Mike is a journalist and owns a book company. His special interest is writing about fighting fires. He gave the club an excellent

run-down on the crisis we are facing in not having enough fire-fighting aircraft available in our country today.

"Air Tankers" began in 1955 with the use of a Stearman biplane, followed by war surplus bombers using contract pilots. In more recent times, C-130 transports and planes built originally as sub-hunters have been used. In 2002, however, the Government grounded many of these aircraft because of frequent crashes.

The air tanker fleet has shrunk from 45-50 aircraft to 10-15, or 25% of what it used to be. An important part of the problem is that many pilots have died while flying these missions, or they have pulled out of this field. This is because their families do not receive any death benefits.

Air Tankers are an extremely important part of fighting forest, range and brush fires. This capability is now severely limited in our country. There are efforts being made to solve the problem: there are several bills being considered in Congress. One is to help get the planes back into the air, and the others are to get the pilots the benefits they need. But, **right now these bills are buried in sub-committee.** You need to contact your Congressman and get him or her to support the following bills!

**Aerial Firefighter Relief Act of 2005: H.R. 1232** in the House and **S. 1143** in the

Senate.

**Air Tanker Emergency Release Act of 2004: H.R. 4533** in the House.

**MEET INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR**  
**CHRISTINE (CHRIS) MONTAN**

Christine's career in local government has spanned thirty years. She is currently employed by the City of Alhambra, California. In the past eighteen years there, Christine has held various key positions, and is currently Director of Utilities. In this capacity, she

administers a four-Division multi-million dollar department responsible for the City's water, sewer and storm drain systems.

Christine joined Alhambra Rotary in June 1987. She has served ten years on the Board of Directors, as Club Secretary, and as the Club President in 1993-94.

She was honored as Alhambra's Rotarian of the Year in 1999. She is a fourth generation Rotarian - her father, Greg Meis, is a member of the Visalia Rotary Club and Past President of the South El Monte club.

Christine has been active at the District level in various leadership positions. She established the District 5300 Dan Stover Memorial Music Scholarship competition, whose namesake was a long-time Alhambra Rotarian who lost his battle with cancer in 1988.

A multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Christine is a Rotary Foundation Benefactor and a Rotary Foundation Alumni having served as the Group Study Exchange Team Leader to Denmark in 1999. She has been awarded the Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

Christine holds a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services and, in 2002, completed her Master's Degree in Organizational Management.



**PROGRAM THIS WEEK**  
**AMANDA BLUME**  
**EXCHANGE STUDENT IN**  
**JAPAN LAST YEAR**  
**AND**  
**PERFORMANCES BY DAN**  
**STOVER MUSIC AWARD**  
**COMPETITORS**

**2005-2006  
OFFICERS**

President.....David Alfaro  
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**CLUB SERVICE I**

DIRECTOR.....  
Membership.....Forest Tennant  
Foundation.....Dean Cook  
Fundraising.....Doran Barnes  
Fines.....Curt Bonneville, John Distelrath,  
Frank Morgan  
Newsletter/Roster.....Ken Lund  
Cashier.....Phyllis McDonald,  
Kathy Randall-Riley

**CLUB SERVICE II**



Director..... Curt Bonneville

Programs.....Club Members  
Invocations.....Club Members  
Fellowship.....  
Song Leading.....Phyllis McDonald,  
Pete Williams  
New Member Mentor.....Curt Bonneville  
Event Photography.....Ken Lund  
Public Relations.....

**“MAKE-UPS” AT LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS**

TUESDAY—COVINA SUNRISE ROTARY—7:15 AM  
SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB  
2655 S. Citrus Ave.; West Covina

TUESDAY—INDUSTRY HILLS ROTARY—12:10 AM  
PACIFIC PALMS CONFERENCE CENTER  
1 Industrial Hills Parkway, City of Industry

WEDNESDAY—WEST COVINA SUNRISE—7:10 AM  
SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB  
2655 S. Citrus Ave.; West Covina

THURSDAY—COVINA ROTARY—12:10 PM  
SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB  
2655 S. Citrus Ave., West Covina

**DIRECTORS**

Club Service I.....  
Club Service II.....Curt Bonneville  
Community Service.....Nancy Smith  
Vocational Service.....Laurel Adler  
International Service.....Jose Gutierrez

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**



Director.....Nancy Smith

RYLA.....Doran Barnes, Nancy Smith  
Interact.....Vicky Abbott  
Red Ribbon Rally..Dave Alfaro, Doran Barnes  
TLC.....Nancy Smith  
Thanksgiving Baskets.....Nancy Smith

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**



Director.....Laurel Adler

Mini Grants..Mary Breskin, Phyllis McDonald  
4-Way Test Speech.....Forest Tennant  
Dan Stover Music.....Roger Girion  
Hensel Ethics Essay.....Mary Breskin,  
Phyllis McDonald  
Vocational Scholarships.....Laurel Adler

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**



Director.....Jose Gutierrez

Hands Across the Border.....Jose Gutierrez,  
Dave Alfaro, J.C. Tambe  
Rotary International Conference.....Dave  
Alfaro, Doran Barnes

**WORTH A “FINE” TIME IN MAY**

Birthdays: Dave Alfaro 5/14, Yulanda Davis-Quarrie 5/13,  
Arvind Lapsiwala 5/29,

Family Anniversaries: None in May

Club Anniversaries: Ken Lund 1989, Nancy Smith 1991