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CARLSBAD ROTARY CLUB INSTALLS NEW LEADERSHIP

CARLSBAD, N.M., June 29, 2011 – Carlsbad Rotary Club inducted its new president, Mike Antiporda, and its 20-member Board of Directors Wednesday during a luncheon at the Stevens Inn. With more than 90 members, the club is one of the largest service organizations in Carlsbad.

Outgoing President Veronica Hernandez gave her farewell address where she summed up the year under her leadership.

“Whew! We have been busy, building our community and bridging continents. We have been busy Rotarians doing Service Above Self. We are an active civic organization that gives, but not limited to money, we give of our time and of ourselves for the benefit of others.”

Some of the 2010-11 highlights included hosting Governor Susan Martinez for the signing of the enhanced Katie’s Law, donating \$3,500 to Rotary International’s Polio eradication effort, donating books and reading to local elementary students, holding two food drives for Jonah’s House, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, collecting toys for Christmas Anonymous and awarding seven scholarships.

Past District 5520 Governor Myrtle Fritschy presided over the induction of the newly elected officers and board members:

President: Mike Antiporda, URS Washington TRU Solutions

President-Elect: Danny Cross, Southwest Pharmacy

Vice-President: Todd Hyden

Immediate Past President: Veronica Hernandez, Brininstool Equipment Sales

Secretary: Mary Walterscheid, Garden Mart, Inc.

Treasurer: Christy Dickerson, URS Washington TRU Solutions

Sergeant-At-Arms: Tricia Johnson, INTERA Inc.

Membership Co-Chairs: Jill Barkley and Kathy Cox, Carlsbad Insurance

Club Public Relations: Kirstin Carlson, United Way of Carlsbad & South Eddy County

Club Administration: Ken Britt, Living Desert Zoo & Gardens State Park

Service Projects: Arlene Cooper, Springtime Janitorial Supplies

Rotary Foundation: Chris Jones, Homecare Connection & Hospice

Vocational Service: Dave Rogers, CARC

RYLA: Mike Cleary, New Mexico State University-Carlsbad

Scholarship: Dale Bowman, Hydro Resolutions, LLC

Programs: Linnie Davis

Fundraising: Robert Detweiler, Constructors

Club Training: Alan Wood, Denton Wood Funeral Home

International: Gaylon Fuller, CAST Transportation

During his incoming presidential address, Antiporda laid out his vision for Rotary in the upcoming year and why he believes the group's work is so important.

"We have the ability to impact people's lives in a real and positive way. The things that we do in Carlsbad, in District 5520 or even far away in Guatemala mean something. It means something when we collect food for Jonah's House or toys for Christmas Anonymous. It means something when we send young men and women to the RYLA leadership camp. It means something when we help students prepare for their future through scholarships. And it means something when we help eradicate Polio from the face of the Earth."

The Carlsbad Rotary Club is affiliated with District 5520 of Rotary International. The organization meets each Wednesday at noon at the Stevens Inn.

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