



Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00
Meeting

May 31,
2022

Keynote

Rotary Action Group for Diabetes



Suffering from type-1 diabetes for 3 decades, **Edwin Velarde** developed a new nutrition program and with cycling has turned his condition around. He now dedicates his newfound energy to raising awareness about the global diabetes epidemic.

During recent Rotary International Conventions, Velarde rode his bicycle in EPIC Journeys For Diabetes, an advocacy to raise awareness about diabetes, its perils and the global diabetes epidemic in the Rotary World and beyond.

The Rotary Action Group (RAG) For Diabetes bicycle team left Chicago on May 21 and will finish at the Rotary International convention in Houston on Friday, June 3. Their EPIC journey will take them through these Major City Areas: Evanston, IL (start); Springfield, IL; St. Louis, MO; Carbondale, IL; Little Rock, AR; Shreveport and Lufkin, TX.

Members of the EPIC team (pictured on page 2) are:

Edwin Velarde, Chair of Rotary Action Group for Diabetes, 2012-2013 President of Rotary Club of Westlake Village, CA

Dr. Cristina Velarde, DMD, Rotarian from Rotary Club of Westlake Village, CA

Robert Morris, Past District Governor from London (Chair of Rotary of Great Britain & Ireland 2023-2024)

John Shultz, District Chair of Youth Exchange, Cedar Rapids, IA

Edwin Velarde was featured in the Rotarian Magazine in September 2019. You can view the article [at this link](#).

To learn more about Rotary Action Groups view the information [at this link](#).

Tuesday,
12:00 Noon

Historical Start
12:13 p.m.

In-Person at
Hilton Hotel
Restaurant &
Zoom On-Line
Option

Rotarians
Serving Others

Lunch James
Money Adams

Raffle John
Tickets Tuggle

Invocation Jeffrey
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Zoom Charlotta
Operator Nordyke

Greeter - Connor
Scanner Peterson

Members of the 2022 EPIC Journey Team

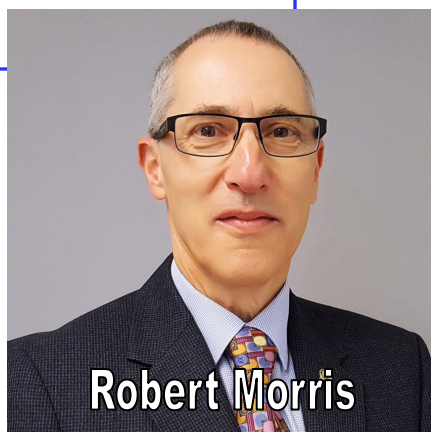


Edwin Velarde

Edwin Velarde and Christina Velarde—Rotary Club of Westlake Village, CA

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Dr. Christina Velarde, DDS



Robert Morris

Robert Morris—Rotary Club of Golders Green, London, England, Past District Governor, 2023-2024 chair of Rotary of Great Britain & Ireland



John Schultz

John Schultz—Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids, IA, District Chair of Youth Exchange

In case you miss the in-person meeting on Tuesday be sure to log into Zoom to catch the presentation. OR, you can catch the group live and in-person at the RiverBend Rotary Club on Tuesday evening at 5:30 at Copeland's Restaurant.

Home hosts for the group are Rich and Sil Brontoli, Bob and Jane Molloy and David and Judy Bellew.



Flanked by Club President Lawrence Calhoun on the left and Civic Grant Committee Chair Rich Bron-toli on the right, we were proud to present \$21,800 in awards to five local non-profit organizations for them to use for one of their specific projects.

Since 1999 our club has invested \$376,643 in grants supporting our local non-profit partners. Shown here are representatives from Holy Angels Residential Facility, Volunteers for Youth Justice, Gingerbread House, Highland Center and Songbook South.

Watch the video of our meeting at this [Facebook link!](#)



(Above) Fred Ratzburg, one of our third generation Rotarians was all set for the hamburger, French fries and pecan pie. It was outstanding as other Rotarians attested!



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Mark Snow

(This goes to your PHF account)

Jam from Rose-Neath Florist—

George Bakowski

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens:

David Ginsburg, Merritt Chastain & Justin Lord

Fresh veggies from Jon Lowe—

Mark Snow & Merritt Chastain

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton
Restaurant) and
Zoom Program**

June 7, 2022

**Jeff Brasher & Cynthia Mosley
Boy Scouts of America**



(Top photo) Jim Graves with his guest, his daughter Arienne Graves. Arienne has been with us many times in the years past. She is now home for the Summer from college at LSU Baton Rouge.

(Bottom photo) John David Person with his wife Alex Person who represented Gingerbread in the civic grant awards. Alex has joined us on our Food Bank service project several times so we've gotten to know her.