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Newport Beach Sunrise Rotary Club Wins Accolades



President elects for all of the rotary clubs in OC and San Diego districts in front of the new sailboat for disabled vets and Special Olympic athletes, a project created by the Newport Sunrise Rotary

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Newport Beach Sunrise Rotary Club has a lot to be proud of. At the recent District Conference and Awards Ceremony, held May 13-15 at the Newport Beach Fairmont Hotel, the club took home several key awards, including being named Best Large Club of the Year.

Newport Beach Sunrise Rotary is

part of Rotary District 5320, which is comprised of 45 clubs within Orange County and Los Angeles.

The Newport Beach Sunrise Rotary Club went from winning no awards in recent years to winning awards in every category, including:

-1st Place for the Youth Service Award which recognized the club's Doc in a

Box Children's Dental and Vision Clinics, Sea Base and Oral Hygiene Initiative projects-1st Place for the Grow Together Bond Together Award

-1st Place for Utilizing a District Grant

-1st Place for the Membership Award

-1st Place for the Membership-Best Retention Award

-2nd Place for the International Service Award for recognition of the club's Oral Hygiene Initiative, The Cleft Project as well as their International Dental and Vision Clinics.

-3rd Place for the Community Service Award in recognition of the club's Dental, Vision, Sailing, Meals in a Box and Working Wardrobes projects

Presidential Citations were also awarded to both the Newport Beach Sunrise Rotaract President, Kaity Zech as well as the Newport Beach Sunrise Rotary Club President, Steve Bender.

Lastly, the club also received the Public Image Citation.

"I am so humbled and honored to have been recognized, along with my amazing club and its members, among such a high caliber of clubs within my district," said Bender.

Bender suggests anyone wanting to become involved with Rotary and its award winning projects should attend the annual Foundation Wine Dinner and Fundraiser on June 9 at the Back Bay Bistro, Newport Dunes Resort.

The celebration will include a five-course wine paired dinner, entertainment by award winning trumpet player and jazz singer Ilya Serov and his band, plus live and silent auctions for such items as hotel and vacation packages, jewelry, wine, merchandise, events, ride-a-longs and much more.

Tickets are available for \$150 per person. A full table of 10 seats can be reserved together. Tickets can be purchased online at newportbeachsunriserotary.org or in person via check or credit card at any Newport Beach Sunrise Rotary meeting.

The club will also be participating in the barbecue competition at the Newport Beach Party which will be held on June 25 and 26 at the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort. The club will have a booth there where attendees can meet the Newport Beach Sunrise Rotary Club leaders and get details about how to get involved and help the community.