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## Fourth of July Celebration!

*Submitted by Brett O'Connor, committee chair*

What a beautiful day it was for a Dunk Tank at the 4th of July festivities. Over 20 Rotarians volunteered. Last year we were open for 4 hours and we raised \$320. This year we raised the prices and were open for 3 hours and collected \$492. This was the first year we also took credit cards, and around one in four customers chose that option.

**Tom Shelley** saved the morning by realizing our dunk tank water discharge pipe was missing the cap and somehow he found a quick replacement cap for us at his home. The City of Claremont had a new plumbing set up so we could fill the dunk tank very quickly.

**Bobby Hyde** gets the "super star worker award" for being out in the sun most of the three hours helping collect softballs. Special thanks to the approximately eight "Interactors" who volunteered their time, which allowed us to be ready for customers approximately 30 minutes before opening time. Thanks to **Ian Standley**, male and female scouts volunteered at the booth as well. **Jeff Bonhus** was the "kid favorite" at the event as he patiently allowed multiple children to get dunked after we closed at 1:00 PM.



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Next Meeting July 11  
Chuck Cable's Club Assembly  
12:10 pm @ HUGHES CENTER  
[ZOOM LINK](#)

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George McDonald was the "most talented thrower" of the many who paid to play. Not only can he throw hard but he's accurate. (You'll want him on your team for the club baseball game....)



*Ringer George McDonald*



A left, a little guy gives it a try. Check out the ball!

At right — all along, kids wanted to be dunked! Refreshing on a hot day!



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The crew of Tim Harrison, George (a better pitcher and accountant, than engineer), Bobby Hyde and an Interactor spent a good 30 minutes trying to close up the large pop-up Bonita and Richard Ramos provided. They eventually got it closed, but good luck to Bonita and Richard the next time they try to use the pop up.



Kiwanis did its thing for breakfast, Sunrise had its early morning race and the parade was after 1:00. It was good to be back to the traditional schedule



### Tom Shelly and Abby Pascua star in the Parade

Tom Shelley was named the city’s “honored citizen” and was saluted at this year’s Fourth of July celebration. Tom joined Rotary in 2012. Since then he has worked with Bikes for Kids, involving the Claremont Senior Bicycle Group, has furnished bikes for Newcomers Access Center refugees, and volunteers for CLASP. He has chaired our Club’s Community Projects Committee. He’s also a volunteer park ranger for the City of Claremont. In the winter, Tom serves as a member of the Mount Baldy Ski Patrol.

He is clearly deserving of this recognition! Congratulations Tom!



The city designated AgingNext as its honored community group for the Fourth of July celebration as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. Rotarian **Abby Pascua** is the CEO. AgingNext Services support older adults,

people with disabilities, and their families. It provides include a senior companion program, an enrichment day program for seniors with dementia known as the memory care center, peer counseling, employment and meal delivery programs, a virtual space for seniors known as AgingNext Village, and transportation services. “Congratulations Abby and AgingNext!

*From the Courier*

