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## JIM HINTZ Serving Alto Cayma



Bill Bradley began his introduction of Jim Hintz by pointing out that Jim is currently in his third career. His first was 26 years in the US Air Force, where he was involved in research, development, and acquisition of weapons systems, including being part of the team that developed the F-15 Eagle. He retired as a colonel in 1992. He then spent 15 years as a management consultant, working with

companies such as Duke Power and Harris Teeter, as well as numerous Department of Defense agencies.

His current career, the one with “negative remuneration” is serving as President of the Association Serving Alto Cayma in Peru. (<http://www.serving-alto-cayma.info>)

Jim is a native of Michigan, and he met his wife, Gloria, while at graduate school in Ann Arbor. Gloria was from Columbia, South America and was there to learn English. They were married in 1966 and have two children and four grandchildren. In 2003, Jim went to Arequipa, Peru on a Rotary study exchange, and came to love the people and the culture. Jim and Gloria decided that it would be their life mission to help these people.

Jim picked up his story by telling us that he joined Rotary 25 years ago at the University City Club. Because he was fluent in Spanish, he naturally gravitated to international service work in Latin America. In partnership with his late wife Gloria, and with grants from The Rotary Foundation, they did several projects in Columbia, and then went further south to Arequipa, Peru in connection with other opportunities from the Foundation. While there, they met Father Alex, a missionary priest from Malta, and a Rotarian, who worked in social services for the poor in addition to his pastoral work. Through him, they found their permanent home in Alto Cayma.

Jim and Gloria formed a non-profit named the Association Serving Alto Cayma. He noted that Alto Cayma could survive without the Association, but the Association could not survive without Alto Cayma, as they would have no reason to exist. They therefore take their work quite seriously.

Alto Cayma is on the outskirts of Arequipa, which is the second-largest city in Peru, with about 1 million people. Twenty years ago, Arequipa had a population of about 350,000. It has tripled in size as people left their homes in the countryside and came to the city looking for opportunity, filling in around the perimeter of the city in areas such as Alto Cayma, squatting on public land. They built makeshift housing, and over time formed a community and were able to gain formal title to their land.

While the countryside was sparsely populated and could not support facilities for medical care or education, it was perhaps easier to live in the country, with extended family and established dwellings in their small villages, than it was to come to the city with nothing. They were in poor health, lacking education, in many cases unable to speak the Spanish language of the city, and having only menial skills inadequate to support a family there, even if a job could be found. They also brought with them the toxic culture of “Machismo,” where men behaved irresponsibly and violently toward their families. There was a high percentage of single women with children, as the man would abandon his current family and go off to start another, possibly several times.

The Association started out doing matching-grant projects to try to improve the conditions, but soon found that because ‘projects’ were by their nature sporadic and discontinuous, they did not have a lasting impact. Because these projects were not rooted in a deep knowledge of the community, they sometimes were only treating visible symptoms without touching the root causes of the problems. These problems include ‘spiritual poverty,’ with little or no connection to God; post-traumatic stress from childhoods marred by poverty, abandonment, violence and sometimes sexual abuse; and poor communication within these families, as they had no one to model effective interpersonal communications or effective parenting skills. With few if any positive role models, they have poor self-esteem, and the victim’s attitude of helplessness and inability to see a way to improve oneself.

To provide continuous and ongoing support focused on these fundamental problems, they started two programs that have provided a framework for everything else that they do. *Acercondonos* (Coming together) is a sponsorship program for the children and elderly of Alto Cayma who are in greatest need. Sponsors in the US provide \$35/month to support a child or elderly person with food, medical care, and educational supplies for the children. *Salir Adelante* (Getting ahead) is a program that matches up sponsors willing to provide \$75-\$125 per month to provide capable students with the means to continue their education after high school. These programs can mean the difference between a profession and a menial job—truly life-changing.

More than just providing financial assistance, these programs allow the Association to know the families and determine what their true needs are; and also allow the families to access the resources of the Association, which include early childhood development instruction, youth programs, and access to the library. Youth programs include confidence-building and encouraging self-sufficiency through camping, hiking, climbing, and other challenging activities. They have a leadership development course for young teens, encourage the service ethic through Interact and Rotaract clubs, and offer trips to visit cultural sites. Scholastic programs include after-school tutoring, a gifted student program, English classes, and study skills workshops combined with preparation for the university entrance examination. Vocational training includes cooking classes and welding classes for women. Vocational training is supplemented with workshops and classes on how to start and operate a business!

Family development programs include parenting skills workshops, with psychotherapy available to all members of the family as needed. Spiritual development includes Bible study groups for children and the elderly. Elderly services include improving quality of life, with outings and celebrations of life milestones. Some support for the Association comes from Rotary Foundation grants, but most of the support comes from individual Rotarians, both for the programs described above and for staff

salaries, which go a long way in Arequipa. Jim said that he can hire 11.5 full-time staff, including some professionals, for a total of \$75,000 per year. Note that only Peruvians are paid a salary. Jim and the other staffers from the US are not paid.

Jim then related several success stories resulting from their work, including children who went from nothing to become Chefs, MDs, and engineers, and women who became self-sufficient and are now working to help others. He states that he would not be dedicating his life to this organization if it were not helping people to better themselves. Currently, they serve about 100 elderly, 200 young children, and over 100 students.

If you are interested in helping, or in joining Jim and a group of fellow Rotarians in a trip to Alto Cayma this summer, please let Sandy know, and Jim will be in contact with you. I would also urge you to visit the Association's website at the link above.

It is amazing what one committed person (or couple) can achieve. Think hard about helping to make the world a better place. Thank you, Jim!

*Reporter: Rick Handford; Head Table: John Lassiter, Bill Bradley, Jim Hintz, Reggie Johnson; Invocation: Chris Kemper; Introduce Visitors: Kim Brattain; Photos: Sandy Osborne; Greeters: LJ Stambuk, Clayton Wood*

## CLUB NEWS

President [John Lassiter](#) called a short business meeting to order regarding a technical amendment to the Secretary provision in the Bylaws. When the Nominating committee presented the slate of officers and directors on November 5, 2019, Bill Bradley was nominated as Secretary of the Club. His election to that position was subject to an amendment that would put the position of Secretary back into the Bylaws. Today, President John asked for a show of hands and there was unanimous approval for the amendment, and Bill will serve as Secretary beginning July 1, 2020.

Service Opportunity HERE: [LifeSpan Volunteer Opportunity](#). LifeSpan empowers children and adults with disabilities by providing education, employment and enrichment opportunities to live, work, and play in the communities. On January 31, 2020 there will be a fellowship event (Bingo!) and 10-15 volunteers are needed to assist friends with disabilities. Time is 11AM – 1PM; address is 601 N. Graham Street. Click on the above link to sign up. Questions may be directed to Chad Lloyd ([chad.lloyd@yahoo.com](mailto:chad.lloyd@yahoo.com)).

Meghna and [Ranjay Sarda](#) are the proud parents of Arjun, born December 11, 2019. Arjun is an Indian male given name, based on Arjuna, a legendary hero who is famous for his archery and central character of the Hindu epic Mahabharata. Congratulations!

Reminder: Super Bowl Sunday Party on February 2, 2020 at SMS Catering. Pre-game 4:00PM; Game 6:30PM until 10PM. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes the complete BBQ dinner and pre-game food. Registration: [info@smscater.com](mailto:info@smscater.com) or 704-536-1500.



[Elizabeth Teagarden](#) forwarded this beautiful shot taken at the top of Mt. Hollywood facing the Hollywood sign...She spent some time in LA before heading to Ontario for Rotary Peace Activator training.

## MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2019 276 **New Members:**

01/14/2020 268

Net Increase -8

**Resignations:** Matthew Greer, George Cochran, Jordan Harris, John Shaver, Suzi Ford, Todd Ford, Alex Browning, Bob Phifer

(Hard way to start the New Year...retirements, relocation, time commitment, family...membership is always evolving and everyone is needed to help keep the club relevant and thriving)

**Approve for Membership** (comments to the Rotary office by 01/21/2020)

Daniel E. Peterson

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein (Classification: Law, Civil Litigation)

Sponsor: Mac McCarley

Endorsed: Ron Kimble and Patrick Baker

Bryan Zeiss

Xpresso Delight (Classification: Distribution, Coffee Service)

Sponsor: Tony Zeiss

Endorsed: Julie Haack and Alan Simonini

Visitors 3

Club Members 115

Total 118 (5316%)

Thanks for bringing a guest: Bryan Zeiss guest of [Tony Zeiss](#); Mercedes Aragon guest of [Jim Hintz](#); Michael Tate guest of [Ken Fuquay](#)

## CELEBRATIONS

**BIRTHDAYS (01/23/2020 – 01/29/2020)**

01/24 Benton Bragg, Dan Rajkowski

01/24 Chase Saunders, Mike Orzech

01/28 Bert Voswinkel

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (01/23/2020 – 01/29/2020)**

None this period

**ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (01/23/2020 – 01/29/2020)**

01 year – Rick Fogle

02 years – Catherine Bracey

03 years – Van Hall

16 years – Will Barnhardt

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

*(All meetings at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 201 S. McDowell St., unless otherwise noted)*

01/21 – Daniel Lugo, J.D., President, Queens University of Charlotte

01/28 – Woody Connette, Climbing to the top in 50 states

02/04 – Dr. Justin Favaro, Oncologist, World Cancer Day

02/11 – Warren Cooksey, NC Turnpike Authority – Toll Roads & NCDOT

Photos from our luncheons and other events can be found on Flickr [Click here](#)





## ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2020

### ROYAL CARIBBEAN MARINER OF THE SEAS April 24 - 27, 2020

Date	Ports of Call	Arrive	Depart
April 24, 2020	Port Canaveral Florida	11 AM - 2 PM (Embarkation)	4 PM
April 25, 2020	Nassau, Bahamas	8:30 AM	9:30 PM
April 26, 2020	Perfect Day Cococay, Bahamas	7 AM	5 PM
April 27, 2020	Port Canaveral Florida	7 AM	

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