



Thousand Smiles Foundation

Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

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Stan Vogelsang Takes Helm As TSF Board President



On July 1, 2017, Dr. Dave Irwin stepped down as president of the Thousand Smiles Foundation Board of Directors with Stan Vogelsang

assuming the presidential duties. Stan joined the board in 2015 and has served as treasurer of the Foundation for the past two years.

Stan is a 23-year member of Old Mission Rotary Club, serving as club president in 1998-99. He currently serves as the club's executive secretary and as president of the Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary. Stan and his wife of 51 years, Julie, have joined in serving

others through Old Mission Rotary projects, including RYLA (youth leadership), Project Mercy (building homes in Mexico), and VIIDAI (Viajes Inter-institucional de Integracion Docente y de Investigacion), enhancing the health and living conditions of farm workers in Baja California, Mexico.

A graduate of the University of Washington, Stan retired in 2008 after a 37-year career with Washington Inventory Service, including serving as VP Strategic Global Accounts, coordinating the Wal*mart Store's physical inventory program worldwide. Previously, Stan served four years in the U.S. Air Force with a one-year tour in Vietnam. He and Julie have one son and two grandchildren.

Downey Rotary Club Presents Checks to Thousand Smiles

At the November 2017 clinic Diane DiMarco Davis of the Rotary Club of Downey, California donated to TSF two checks totaling \$200. Board President Stan Vogelsang gratefully received them on behalf of the Foundation. Individual and donations from private organizations like Rotary clubs are critical to our success in funding



day-to-day operating expenses like dental and surgical supplies as Rotary International grants cannot be used for that purpose. When one adds in the costs of property ownership like water, gas and electric, maintenance, taxes, and insurance, the total comes to around \$72,000 a year, or \$18,000 per clinic weekend.

TSF Mission Statement

Thousand Smiles Foundation provides underserved children with cleft lip/palate deformities with Free Comprehensive Medical Services, including multiple surgeries, dental/orthodontic treatments and hearing/speech therapies that would otherwise go untreated.

Dr. Tara Aghaloo Recognized For Service



During the August clinic, TSF commemorated Dr. Tara Aghaloo's twenty years of service as a maxillofacial surgeon for children in need in Ensenada. A D.D.S. and an M.D., Dr. Aghaloo completed her Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from UCLA in 2000. She currently teaches and practices at UCLA. Presenting Dr. Aghaloo with her plaque are TSF Board Member Dr. Dave Irwin (left) and President Stan Vogelsang.

Clinic Report:

August 2017:

8 Major Surgeries

2 Ear Tubes

127 Patients Seen

November 2017:

4 Major Surgeries

5 Ear tubes

100+ Patients Seen

Kim Muslusky Brings Many Talents to TSF Clinics

One of the longest-serving and most dedicated volunteers at the quarterly Thousand Smiles clinics is Kim Muslusky, who has been on the Board of Directors of TSF since 2005, including two terms as president and secretary for the past eight years. Currently, as Clinic Coordinator (she jokingly refers to herself as “janitor”), she oversees and organizes the distribution of supplies to the dentists, orthodontists, and other pediatric service providers. She ensures that the children in the waiting area, patients and their siblings alike, are being entertained. She arranges for lunch preparation and clean-up for as many as eighty volunteers on Friday and Saturday. One can also see Kim busy with the bagging, inventory, and sales of new TSF t-shirts and sweatshirts.

Finally, late Saturday afternoon, when the chartered buses arrive to pick up the volunteers and carry them back to San Diego, who supervises the loading of them and ordering pizza for the ride home? You guessed her: Kim. She has been a beacon of support for the patients and volunteers since starting with Thousand Smiles in 1993. In all of those years, she has missed only two clinics: one due to her husband Dennis’s surgery and the other due to the delay of a flight from China. You are truly an inspiration, Kim!



More Than Great Dental Care For Children in Need

At the Thousand Smiles clinic in August in Ensenada, Shab and Dr. Bricia Elawar brought some 200 pairs of brand-new, high-quality shoes in a wide variety of sizes courtesy of a major shoe manufacturer. Volunteers laid them out on tables at the patient waiting area and made sure that every child, patients and siblings alike, received a pair. Thank you, Shab and Bricia, for giving these children something more to take home than beautiful smiles!



Dental Hygiene and Good Nutrition Equally Critical

Using an oversized model of a set of teeth and a toothbrush, Dr. Carmen Velasquez demonstrates to children and parents alike the proper way to brush and care for the gums. She also stressed the importance of good nutrition--eating healthy food like fruits and vegetables and avoiding sugary treats and drinks. Next to Dr. Velasquez was a box of apples. Every child was given one to enjoy--a rare treat for many, especially those living in rural areas.



At most conventions of Rotary International, Thousand Smiles maintains a booth in the Exhibitor’s Hall to display before-and-after photos of patients and maxillofacial surgeons performing their procedures. Copies of our brochure and newsletter are available to the conventioners. The booth enables us to bring exposure and publicity to our mission and to educate the public on how we go about our work. Manning the TSF booth at the 2017 RI convention in Atlanta, Georgia were (from left) board member Ron Vernetti, past president and board member Mark McAnelly, and past president and treasurer Bob Chalfa.

**Be a volunteer at the Thousand Smiles Clinic
on February 2-3, 2018!
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