



In November, Kurt Filipovich, of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Club, went to a wedding in El Salvador. While he was there, he went body surfing, was thrown by an ocean wave, and suffered a serious spinal injury, which left him with paralysis on one side. He had emergency surgery in San Salvador to reconstruct four compressed disks.

As soon as word broke in Carlsbad, the members of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club and friends and neighbors swung into action. Dave Kulchin, also a member of the club, contacted Scripps Encinitas and Kurt's primary physician, to let them know what was happening. He also contacted the Carlsbad Fire Chief, who helped arrange a private ambulance to transport Filipovitch from Los Angeles International Airport to Scripps Encinitas.

He is now in rehab, very grateful for the Rotarians, friends and neighbors that have helped him and is hopeful that he will make a full recovery.

*Pictured above Kurt and his wife Teddie Filipovitch, the day before the accident.*