

# Rotary



## Club of Redwood City

### Club Meeting

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660 Veterans Blvd  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
Time: Tuesday at 12:15 PM

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### Events

November 14th  
**Club Zoom Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Andrea Lacroix  
**Subject:** Controlling Plastic

November 21st  
**Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Derek Wolfgram, Library Director  
**Subject:** Libraries Impacting Communities

November 28th  
**Evening Social @ LV Mar**

December 5th  
**Club Meeting**

### Birthdays

[Donald C. Hack](#)  
November 9th

[Darci Smith](#)  
November 23rd

[Megan Alvarez](#)  
November 25th

### Club Leaders



[LaShonda L. Kennedy](#)  
President

## Controlling Plastic: Andrea Lacroix presenting on 11/14



Birds are eating plastic and are dying. Sea life is eating plastic, getting entangled in it and is dying. Plastic manufacturers are pushing to make more plastic. We are using more plastic than ever.

The non-profit organization, **Beyond Plastics**, is one of the few national groups trying to stop us from being buried alive by plastic.

[Beyond Plastics](#) states, "individuals need to be moved to act in their personal lives and take action as part of a growing movement; corporations need to feel the pressure to initiate changes in their purchasing and packaging habits; governments need to impose bans and adopt laws that require extended producer responsibility; and new manufacturing of plastic has to be prevented from spreading."

One of the citizens who has joined this anti-plastic crusade is **Andrea Lacroix**, a top Massachusetts realtor who volunteers as a speaker for Beyond Plastics. She joined Rotary just over a year ago with the hope and promise of getting more involved in sustainability projects. She was thrilled at the opportunity to travel to Alaska with Rotary and attend the "Life on Land" conference and was recently asked to chair a district-wide environmental committee.

"I'm on my town's waste reduction committee and last year took the Beyond Plastics class offered at Bennington College, in Bennington, Vermont. I really thought plastic was just a pollution issue and learned so much from the class I went on to become a speaker. I will cover a bit about recycling. It's not the answer unfortunately."

Join us for a presentation on **Tuesday, November 14, via ZOOM, 12:30-1:30 p.m. PST.** Zoom Meeting Details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318745168?pwd=NGNJMmovbzNNTG9sMEhuWkxueVNBOT09>

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Meeting ID: 853 1874 5168  
Passcode: 484229

## Upcoming Programs November/December 2023

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- November 14 @ 12:30PM: Club Meeting on Zoom: Controlling Plastic with Andrea Lacroix, on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318745168?pwd=NGNJMmovbzNNTG9sMEhuWkxueVNBOT09>
- November 21 @ 12:15PM: Club Meeting: Library in the Community with Derek Wolfgram @ Salvation Army
- November 28 @ 5:30PM: Club Social @ LV Mar, 2042 Broadway, RWC
- December 5 @12:15PM: Club Meeting: Topic TBD @ Salvation Army
- December 12 @ 12:30PM: Club Meeting on Zoom: Larry Ray Hardin--Life of a DEA Agent Extraordinaire on Zoom
- December 19 @5:30PM: Holiday Dinner @ Vino Santo Bistro

### Upcoming District Events

Yippee Ki-Yay for EREY | The Rotary Foundation Event (Half Moon Bay) - November 18  
**Tickets now on sale!** Saddle up and get ready for a ride through the Wild West as we *celebrate* our "Every Rotarian, Every Year" participants, and help *fundraise* for The Rotary Foundation. Held at the storied Long Branch Saloon and Farms -- home of the Food Network TV Show, BBQ Brawl -- you can take a trip back to the old West and have one hootin' hootenanny of a good time! This family-friendly event will be western themed, with western attire strongly encouraged, and include western-themed activities, such as line dancing lessons, country-western music, etc. [Details and Registration](#)

## New Rotarian Mike Mancini!



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Club Director



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Club Director



Steve Wagstaffe  
Club Director



Sarah LaTorra  
International Service  
Chair  
Membership Chair



David Nazzaro  
iPast President

The Rotary Club of Redwood City is delighted to welcome our newest member, Michael (Mike) Mancini. As a community resident, Mike has been active throughout the community for many years. He has been an educator for 30 years and taught and coached at both Sequoia High School and Carlmont High School. For the last 26 years, he has worked at Redeemer Lutheran School and has served as the Principal/Head of School for 20 years. We look forward Mike's ideas for new opportunities for our youth and community.



## Paul Harris Recipients

At our recent club meeting on 11/7/2023, two of our members were acknowledged for their gifts to the Rotary Foundation. Rosemary Eng was awarded her first Paul Harris Fellow and Sarah La Torra earned a Paul Harris +2 Fellow. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to [The Rotary Foundation](#).

As a reminder for all our members, we are currently participating in [Every Rotarian Every Year \(EREY\)](#) campaign. The intent of EREY is for each Rotarian to contribute at least \$25 to TRF's annual fund. When every member of a club makes a donation, the club earns a banner celebrating 100% participation. If you are interested in making a contribution, you can do so [online](#) (Select Annual Fund-Share), or speak with Sarah La Torra about sending a check to The Rotary Foundation. We hope all our members will participate.

## Volunteer Opportunity--Salvation Army Food Distribution 11/15

The Salvation Army can use your assistance next **Wednesday, November 15, 2023**. This year, for Thanksgiving food distribution, instead of giving out boxes of food and turkeys to community members, they will allow folks to "shop" in the Salvation Army stockroom. As you may imagine, this is more time-intensive as it requires a docent to walk around the stock room and help them to select items. If you are available to volunteer for any amount of time on **Wednesday, November 15th**, please let David Vargas know!

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