

Rotary



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Events

January 22nd

Lancaster West Weekly Club Meeting

January 29th

Lancaster West Weekly Club Meeting

February 1st

Lancaster West Avenues of Service Meeting

February 1st

Lancaster West Membership Committee Meeting

February 1st

Lancaster West Club Service Meeting

February 5th

Lancaster West Weekly Club Meeting

Mondays with Monica!

Monica called the meeting to order with a solid ring of the bell. This was followed by an invocation by Kevin Von Tungeln (bringing Stan's streak to an end), the flag salute led by Scott Gaudineer, and the song led by Connie Williams.

Congratulations to Connie Williams for being Lancaster-West Rotary Club's President-Elect for the 2024-25 rotary year!

Announcements from the Floor

The Avenues of Service, Club Service, Membership & fundraising event committee meetings for auction and golf are being combined into one monthly meeting and will typically be held on the first Thursday of the month at noon at Texas Cattle Co. Due to the short amount of time until this year's auction, we will be holding meetings every **Thursday, at noon** at Texas Cattle Co. until the event occurs on March 2, 2024.

Avenues of Service: If you have a grant proposal you want to sponsor, then email the proposal to Gina and bring 10 copies to the meeting and be prepared to present the proposal to the committee for consideration. We will also be discussing the auction planning as part of this meeting. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Club Service: Howard announced that the next party will be held **on January 28, 2024**, for the NFL pay-off Championship games. The get-together will be at Texas Cattle Co. beginning at noon. Tylor is selling \$5 squares for both the games which you can buy at the party or let Tylor know how many you want and he can put you on the sheet. We will have some hosted hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar for the event.

Howard also admonished everyone to remember to sign up and register for the **District conference cruise from June 21-24, 2024**. Registration is available online through the DACdb website. If you go to the calendar for those dates you will find the link for registration.

Membership Committee: If you know anyone that you think would be a good addition to our club, then please discuss with Mike Massari.

Annual Charity Auction: Monica announced that the date has been set for the auction. It will be held on March 2, 2024, at the Hellenic Center. Join us at the meeting this Thursday to help out and continue the planning. We are changing the silent auction a little this year, and are trying to gather larger items (approx. \$200 value) to be placed on the silent auction tables.

Program Speakers needed! If you have ideas for good programs or know people that would be interesting speakers, then please reach out to Ryan Garza to help schedule those programs.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Payton and Dean were both absent from today's meeting and much to Monica's AND Howard's surprise, Tylor was their stand-in. Tylor kept it short and cheap, and only handed out a few fines all the while pitching the play-off squares. Jennifer Zellet bought the flowers donated by Linda Bishop, Fashion Flowers, for \$49 in honor of her team's victory over the weekend. G Simi was the secret shaker and everyone shook is hand.

Program Speaker - Chris Hajj, RACE Communications

Today's program was presented by Chris Hajj of RACE Communications. Chris noted that RACE Communications is a contractor and service provider that installs and uses its own fiber network to provide services and therefore is classified as a utility company and is registered with, and governed by, the California Public Utility Commission. RACE Communications provides phone and internet services via a fiber connection directly to the home or business.

RACE Communications currently has a contract within the City of Lancaster to provide fiber and services to approximately 60,000 homes and businesses. At this point, they have completed approximately 30,000 of those installations and expect them to be completed with all work within the next 9-12 months.

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February 12th
[Lancaster West Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 15th
[Lancaster West Monthly Board Meeting](#)

February 19th
[Lancaster West Weekly Club Meeting - PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO MEETING](#)

Birthdays

Connie J. Williams
February 5th

Wedding Anniversaries

Giovanni R. Simi
February 7th

Years of Service

Giovanni R. Simi
07-01-1991
33 Years

Mark Hemstreet
07-01-1991
33 Years

Geoff Yeager
07-01-2018
6 Years

Committee List

LWR Club Service
LWR Board
LWR Charity Auction
LWR Charity Golf Tournament
LWR Community Services
LWR Disaster Preparedness
LWR International Services
LWR Lobster Dinner
LWR Membership
LWR Vocational Services
LWR Youth Services (New Generations)

Club Meeting

Lancaster West
Meets at JP Eliopoulos
Hellenic Center
43404 30th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93536
Time: Monday at 12:00 PM

Chris stated that the services that RACE Communications provides are less expensive than both AT&T and DirectTV. Some of the more notable clients that RACE Communications serves are the LA Clippers and the Mojave Air and Spaceport. RACE Communications also has plans to run fiber for wireless internet to all the City of Lancaster parks.

Today's program gave the members in attendance a very informative overview of RACE Communications and how their services are being provided in the City of Lancaster. We would like to thank Chris Hajj for taking the time to share this information with our Club. It is having great speakers like this that makes for great Monday meetings.

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