

Rotary



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Events

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**

February 12th

**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 Ron Johnson, the flag salute led by Barzin Omid, and the song led by Barbara Frazier. In addition to our program speaker, Bob Weiss, we had one other guest, our program speaker from last week, Chris Hajj returned to join our meeting.

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 event is not yet scheduled, and he will be holding a planning meeting soon. Tylor is selling \$5 squares for the Super Bowl game, which you can buy at the meetings leading up to the Super Bowl or let Tylor know how many you want, and he can put you on the sheet.

Howard also reminded 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 showed up to our meeting today, which is sure was out of pure dedication to the Club, because upon collecting his three quarters worth of winnings from yesterday's squares during the first game, Payton immediately donated all of his winnings back to the Club. Thanks Payton! G Simi is much older and wiser than Payton, and he pocketed his winnings from yesterday's 4th quarter win. Tylor finished collecting entries for the TV raffle and Stan Ulvin was drawn as the winner. Is sure Stan, from his perch all the way up on Mammoth Mountain, could hear Howard groaning. Gina Rossall bought the flowers donated by Linda Bishop, Fashion Flowers, with her winnings from Lucky Lincoln's. Ryan Garza was the secret shaker, and he was hit with a \$5 fine because everyone shook his hand.

Program Speaker â€“ Bob Weiss, *Children's Law Center of California*

Today's program was presented by Bob Weiss, an attorney and child advocate for the Children's Law Center of California (CLC). Mr. Weiss stated that the CLC has offices in Monterrey Park, Sacramento and in the Antelope Valley. His organization contracts with the State of California and works closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.

To best represent his clients, Mr. Weiss always tries to connect with the children he represents in a positive way, whether that's by playing a game of catch, showing a Mary Poppins video clip, or starting a mini-soccer game in the hallway. He tries to build a positive rapport with his clients to build trust and foster better communication.

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

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

February 26th
[Lancaster West Weekly Club 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

It was evident while listening to Mr. Weiss's presentation that he not only enjoys what he does as an advocate but is truly passionate about giving a voice to the children he represents. Through his efforts and those of the other advocates of the Children's Law Center of California, many children are given the opportunity of being placed in improved environments which allow them to grow into responsible adults and live productive lives.

Today's program gave the members in attendance a very informative overview of the Children's Law Center of California and how their advocates are providing services to the children in need in the Antelope Valley. We would like to thank Mr. Weiss 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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