

Rotary



Club of Lancaster West



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Events

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

February 26th
Lancaster West Weekly Club Meeting

March 2nd
Lancaster West Rotary Club's 44th Annual Charity Auction

March 4th
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 Stan Ulvin, the flag salute led by Ted Lindaman, and the song led by Jennifer Zellet. Two guests were announced at the meeting, Chris Hajj of Race Communications and Whitney Bare, who is with the AV YMCA and was our program speaker.

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, March 7, 2024**.

Club Service: The next event is a **Valentines™ Dinner** and will be held on February 13th at **Complexity**. The event will start at 6:30pm and is limited to 20 people due to the size of the room. This will be a first come first served event. If you would like to attend, then contact Howard.

Monica 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.

Annual Charity Golf Classic: Mike Massari announced that this year's tournament will be held on **Friday, May 10, 2024**, and we will be changing venue from the AV Country Club to **Rancho Vista Golf Course**. Let Mike know if you want to help support this year's event.

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 was graciously given a "rain day" off by his partner-in-crime, Dean, who showed up to our meeting today, which was a welcome return. Although he missed a few meetings, Dean didn't miss a beat when it came to doling out fines. Dean also shared a very entertaining story of some of the sights he witnessed when you ride the metrolink/metro on a regular basis. Barbara Frazier bought the flowers donated by Linda Bishop, Fashion Flowers. Payton won the Lucky Lincolns. Ted Lindaman was the secret shaker, and he caught Jennifer Zellet, and she was fined accordingly.

Program Speaker " Whitney Bare, AV YMCA " Youth in Government Program

Today's program was presented by Whitney Bare from the AV YMCA. The AV YMCA is located at Sgt. Steve Owens Park in Lancaster and has been in operation at this location for about 15 years. Whitney gave a brief overview of the recreational activities that their members enjoy including; swimming, martial arts, yoga, and other various sports, exercise and fitness activities. The AV YMCA hosts an annual "Turkey Trot" running event and also operates a licensed child care at the

March 7th
[Lancaster West Avenues of Service Meeting](#)

March 7th
[Lancaster West Membership Committee Meeting](#)

March 7th
[Lancaster West Club Service Meeting](#)

Birthdays

Ryan T Garza
March 2nd
Charles Hoey
March 6th

Wedding Anniversaries

Giovanni R. Simi
February 7th
Barbara Frazier
March 1st

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

Quartz Hill Elementary school site.

Whitney is also in charge of the YMCA's "Youth in Government" program. This is a statewide model government program that is open to high school students and runs for six months, starting in August each year. There are approximately 2000 students that participate annually. The students in various areas of the state form delegations to represent their areas. The AV Delegation presently has about 8 members. These students meet weekly and learn about governance and discuss current events. They also work towards honing their skills in debate and public speaking in preparation for their competition in Sacramento. Each delegation, as part of the exercise, creates and writes a bill that they present at the Capital in Sacramento during the annual conference.

The cost of participation is approximately \$3000.00 per student, so the students often hold fundraisers throughout the year to help cover their expenses. If you or your business would like to help support this program either through volunteering time or donating, you can reach out to Whitney through the AV YMCA.

Today's program gave the members in attendance an overview of the AV YMCA and their "Youth in Government" program. We would like to thank Whitney Bare for taking the time to share this information with our Club. It is having great speakers like this that makes for great Monday meetings.