

Rotary



Club of Lancaster West



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Events

February 12th

[Lancaster West Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 15th

[Lancaster West Monthly Board Meeting - CANCELLED](#)

February 16th

[Lancaster West Auction & Club Service Event Planning Meeting](#)

February 19th

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

February 26th

[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 George Andrews, the flag salute led by Tom "The Legend" Horton, and the song led by Giovanni Simi. Several guests were announced at the meeting; Shawne Chamberlin of SC Auction Services, Barbara Frazier's granddaughter, Jade, and our two guest speakers from Valle Oasis.

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**. **This Thursday we will not meet. Instead, we will combine with a Club Service planning meeting on Friday, 4 PM at Bravery Brewing Co.** The regular board meeting scheduled for this Thursday was canceled.

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. \$100 - \$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 venues 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.

Both of our sergeants-at-arms, Payton and Dean, were MIA for today's meeting. Shawne Chamberlin showed off his skills and auctioned the flowers donated by Linda Bishop, Fashion Flowers, which Scott Gaudineer bought for a record \$200.00. LWR won the Lucky Lincolns. We did not have a secret shaker.

Program Speaker "Sarah Havon, Valley Oasis" - Host Homes

Today's program was presented by Sarah Havon with Valley Oasis. Valley Oasis is a leader in providing services to homeless families, individuals and transitional teens in the Antelope Valley. They also provide mental health and domestic violence support services. They provide services to approximately 9200 individuals annually. They estimate there are about 3900 unhoused young people throughout Los Angeles County.

Host Homes is a transitional housing program for homeless young adults between the ages of 18-24. The program tries to facilitate solutions to resolve

March 2nd
[Lancaster West Rotary Club's 44th Annual Charity Auction](#)

March 4th
[Lancaster West Weekly Club Meeting](#)

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

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

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

March 11th
[Lancaster West Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Birthdays

Ryan T Garza
March 2nd
Charles Hoey
March 6th

Wedding Anniversaries

Barbara Frazier
March 1st
George Andrews
March 10th

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

homelessness through the following:

- Family and kinship strengthening
- Short-term host homes
- Time-limited rental subsidies

The "host homes" program is similar in respect to traditional exchange student programs in that it, through a screening process, attempts to pair homeless young adults with families that are willing and capable to provide them with short-term housing and support. The process also attempts to create pairings that allow for mutual and willing participation from both parties. The "host homes" program may not be the solution for all the unhoused young adults, especially if there are additional issues and/or mental health issues, unless the host family is specially equipped and trained to support individuals with these challenges. Both the host and the guest are eligible for financial support through stipends from the program. If you are interested in learning more about the "Host Homes" program, then you can reach out to Sarah through the Valley Oasis.

Today's program gave the members in attendance an overview of the Valley Oasis organization and their "Host Homes" program. We would like to thank Sarah Havon for taking the time to share this information with our Club. It is having great speakers like this that makes for great Monday meetings.