

Rotary



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Events

September 2nd

**Lancaster West Weekly
Club Meeting**

September 9th

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LWR's Magical Monday!

Connie, rang the bell solidly to call the meeting to order. This was followed by an invocation by Kevin Von Tungeln, the flag salute led by Payton Zamrzla, and the song led by Ron Johnson. We had a few guests today; Glen Bockness and our two program speakers, Aaron Valencia and Laura Evans.

The man in the silly hat, Jay, was back at the podium today. Jay fined people who were not at the governor's meeting and tossed out a few random trivia questions. He also brought back his bottle of wine give-away and Kevin Von Tungeln was the lucky winner. Chuck Hoey won the Lucky Lincolns and Jay bought the flowers. Ryan Garza was secret greeter and only caught one person for not shaking his hand.

Announcements from the Floor

Connie reminded everyone that we are **dark on Monday 9/2/24** for the Labor Day holiday.

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. The grant applications are available to LWR members in the "Club Files" section on DACdb. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Avenues of Service is on **Thursday, September 05, 2024.**

Club Service:

No announcement

Membership Committee: If you know anyone that you think would be a good addition to our club, then please discuss with Mike Massari. Reminder that the next bring a guest to the meeting day will be Monday, August 26, **Invoices for 2024-25 rotary year member dues have been sent via email to all and the payment is due upon receipt.**

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 or Bridget Cook to help schedule those programs.

Program: Aaron Valencia and Laura Evans "Lost Angels Career Center."

Today's program was presented by Aaron Valencia and Laura Evans, who operate the Lost Angels Career Center. As stated on their website, "Lost Angels Career Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving disadvantaged youth, young adults, families, and distressed communities through innovative vocational training, social enterprise and traditional outreach programs." The 12-week program serves people in the 18 to 24-year-old age group focused on hands-on vocational training and classic car restoration. Many of the skills learned are transferable to other industries such as aerospace manufacturing.

To date, the program has instructed 240 total students. Of these, 231 are gainfully employed, with 189 in manufacturing/aerospace or other high growth industries and 42 are employed in the retail or food service industry. Four of their previous students have gone on to higher education or into the military.

In addition to the in shop labor skills taught, the program focuses on teaching soft skills such as interview preparation, financial literacy and budgeting, team building, mentorship, professional communication and email, and conflict resolution techniques. The program regularly drug tests the students and puts high emphasis on punctuality and attendance. The program also insures that every student earns either their HS degree or GED. The Lost Angels program assists students with obtaining their driver's licenses if they don't already have one, and they also provide assistance for students having access to reliable vehicles so that they can get to their jobs.

Each year, the program restores a classic car and then raffles it off as a means of fundraising for the program. The raffle occurs this weekend at the Ventura car show. You can purchase the \$20 tickets at either of their two locations or by visiting their website.

September 16th
[Lancaster West Weekly Club Meeting](#)

September 19th
[Lancaster West Monthly Board Meeting](#)

September 23rd
[Lancaster West Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Birthdays

Mike Massari
August 28th
Howard Harris
September 19th

Wedding Anniversaries

Stan A. Ulvin
September 3rd
Connie J. Williams
September 19th
Scott F. Gaudineer
September 26th

Years of Service

Giovanni R. Simi
07-01-1991
34 Years
Mark Hemstreet
07-01-1991
34 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

<https://www.lostangelscp.org/>

Today's program gave the members in attendance an overview of how the Lost Angels Career Center helps and supports local individuals to create better lives for themselves. We would like to thank Aaron and Laura for taking the time to share this information with our Club. It is having interesting speakers like this that makes for great Monday meetings.

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