

The Wheel

The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Glendora



April 29, 2025



Club Meeting

Glendora
Meets at Peppertree Cafe
1020 E Rte 66
Glendora, CA 91740
Time: Tuesday at 08:00 AM

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Lisa Frank
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Glendora Rotary is always having special programs but seldom do we get the opportunity to hear about the History of Glendora from a Glendoran whose family hose been here since the 1800's who also happens to be our current Mayor.



Today, Mayor David Fredendall presented us with the history of the Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery which was first used as a cemetery in 1875. The property was part of a ranch owned by James C Preston who foresaw the need of the communities of Glendora and Azusa before they were cities. Preston along with a couple other land owners created the Fairmount Cemetery Trust in 1886 in order to preserve the land forever as a cemetery serving the area. There were four different Boards of Trustees who oversaw the cemetery from 1886-1957. Then the cemetery fell into disrepair until a new Boras of Trustees was formed in 1988.

Besides some of the early settlers to the area there are persons of note buried there including John & Mary L Dougherty who was the aunt and Uncle of Walter Knott who founded Knott's Berry Farm. The Knott Family was instrumental in financially supporting some improvements years ago.

Ancestors of Mayor Fredendall along with our own Beverly Jafari are also buried there.

Please join the community this Memorial Day for the 148th Memorial Day gathering to recognize those we have lost. The event starts at 11:30 am and this years Keynote Speaker is Steven Flowers. The cemetery is located at 351 Shorey Dr.

Day full of welcoming Guests



Today we had the honor of welcoming a number of guests, many of whom we hope to become Rotarians including Beverly Jafari who has already let us know that after all of these years of watching DJ have so much fun that she has decided to join us. As mentioned before, today speaker and special guest was Mayor David Fredendall. Also joining us today was Nick Argos as a returning guest of Dennis Franklin, Alex Lee who has also joined us before as a guest, Michelle Gore was a guest fo the Stricklin's and Sarah Beemer brought a new face, Kari Shepherd.

We all know the strength of Rotary is in the quality of people who choose to share their time and resources in order to help others. As Rotary continues to grow, so does our ability to spread service in our community and around the world.

Even those who choose not to become Rotarians are a valuable resource as they have contacts and abilities to help spread the word and help us in our efforts. Thanks to all of our visitors today.



Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Jessica Graham
April 30th
Carol Seward
May 6th
Janet Stone
May 9th
Jacob Gorman
May 10th

Club Winners: Hensel Ethics Essay Contest

The Rotary Club of Glendora was heartened to receive 11 entries for the annual Hensel Ethics Essay Contest this year. The contest is the legacy of Montebello Rotarian George Hensel and his wife Bernadette. The Rotary Club of Montebello sponsors the George R. Hensel Ethics Essays contest, which was fully endowed by the Hensels. The District Chairperson is always a Montebello Rotarian. At the District level, the grand prizes total \$4,500. George Hensel had a fascinating history, some of which can be enjoyed in [this article](#). George and Bernadette were staples at every District event. The three club-level winners were Shalena Prakash, Michael Gallo, and Addison Okayasu. They all did an outstanding job, and it was a pleasure to hear their essays today. We know that Mr. Hensel would have been pleased!



Field of Heroes Member Responsibility

The **Glendora Rotary Field of Heroes** is the gift that keeps on giving. Not only is it one of the most moving displays of patriotism, of small-town charm, of beauty, and positive public relations, but it is also one of the main ways our club funds the many wonderful things we do for the community.

Income from the **Field of Heroes** is split between the **Veterans' Centers at Citrus College and Azusa Pacific and the Glendora Police Explorers**, as well as one additional local organization. The remaining balance will be allocated to our Glendora Rotary Charities fund. From this fund most of our community service projects are funded, including the 30k Meal Packing for Shepherd's pantry, feeding the Trails Days volunteers, the Rotary Choral Concert, sending students to Teen Leadership Camp (TLC) and Rotary Youth Leadership Camp (RYLA), and so much more.



This year's income goal is \$25,000. Our Board of Directors is requesting every club member to be responsible for raising up to \$600. This could be via the sale of individual \$50 flags or the procurement of two \$300 sponsorship, or a combination of both opportunities. If everyone pitches in, this goal is well in hand.

The time is now to invite companies and small businesses you have a relationship with, who might like to support this event and become sponsors. Major sponsors will be noted and recognized prominently in many of our public image avenues.

52nd Annual Rotary Choral Festival a Resounding Success

The 52nd Annual Rotary Choral Festival which was held last Friday evening at Citrus College was a resounding success. A packed house of parents and supporters appreciated the entertainment provided by the talented and hard working students of the Glendora schools music programs.

After hall rental and including ticket sales and the yearly Glendora Rotary Club Sponsorship, the event netted over \$14k for distribution to the various levels of the music program.

Rotarians also assisted in the ticket-taking process, getting all those people in the doors as efficiently as possible.

Thank you to Joe Cina for spearheading this project.



Polio is Not Yesterday's Problem

When we think of polio, we think of black and white photos of people lying in iron lungs. It is easy to forget that polio is a disease of today as much as it was a disease of yesterday.

One of the most inspiring and unforgettable moments of this past weekend's D5300 annual conference was the presentation by Ramesh Ferris. Putting a face on polio, Ramesh contracted the disease at the age of 6 months in India in 1980. His mother gave him up for adoption to an orphanage from where he was fortunate enough to be adopted into a family in Canada. Ramesh had no use of his legs at all. His family advocated for him tirelessly and were able to obtain many surgeries and prosthetics for him. Now, with the aid of a crutch and braces, Ramesh can stand up and walk. Ramesh is 45 years old. He is now a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, and Rotarian with the Whitehorse Rendezvous Rotary Club and a global advocate for polio eradication.

Such enormous progress has been made to eradicate polio in the world but we can not let down our guard for one moment. As we have seen recently in the news of measles cases popping up, vaccines are vital. Polio has been 99.9 % eradicated from the planet (Pakistan and Afghanistan remaining with a few cases). Our global gift and legacy in the eradication of polio literally lies in the balance as long as there is but ONE case anywhere.



Fines & Meeting Notes

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

The club welcomed Tim Moore, President-Elect of the Monrovia Rotary Club, and Capt. Shelly Gold.

The guest speakers today were Hensel Ethics Essay Contest Winners, Shalena Prakash, Michael Gallo, and Addison Okayasu.

Foundation and Pauline, "that's one fine Pig" Update

Foundation Director, Craig Henderson, reports that the club is \$8,045 in donations towards the goal set of \$10,000. Only a few months left in the Rotary year so get those donations in. Keep in mind, the best way is "Rotary Direct", monthly online contributions on rotary.org. The Polio Plus Goal was exceeded by \$276 so donations to Pauline will benefit the Glendora Rotary Charities for the remainder of this Rotary year.

Today, Lisa Frank was awarded with a multiple PHF of three sapphires. Thank you for your continuing support of the Rotary Foundation!

Family of Rotary

The Club offers its condolences to Lisa Frank and family on the death of her



brother. A Celebration of Life is planned for April 25th at 2pm at Todd Memorial Chapel in Pomona, followed by a reception at the home of the family. All are welcome.

A Memorial Service will be held for Gordie Norman on June 6 at 11AM at the One & All Church in San Dimas. Gordie was a long-time member of the Glendora Rotary Club and well-loved around the District as well.

Past Week Happenings Quick Links (takes you to Facebook)

[D5300 was awarded \\$100,000 from ShelterBox](#)
[D5300 Governor Line Changing of the Guard](#)

[Andrew Dilwicius and Christine Smith Receive Multiple Paul Harris Recognition](#)

Please also see the [club Facebook page](#) for more photos from the District Conference and Assembly, the Trails Days barbecue, and the Rotary Choral Concert.
