

The Wheel

The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Glendora



May 20, 2025



Club Meeting

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

Club Leaders



Rudy Hayek
President



Kathleen A. Clark
President-Elect
International Service Chair



Jane Adair Bock
iPast President



Kathy Boyer
Secretary



Steve Scirba
Treasurer



Joseph Cina III
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr
Club Director
Public Image Chair



Gary L. Boyer
Special Projects



Christine S. Storm-Smith
Club Director



Susanne Kallis-Hayek
Bulletin Editor



Dennis M. Franklin
Programs Chair
Club Director
Membership Chair



Craig Henderson
Rotary Foundation Chair

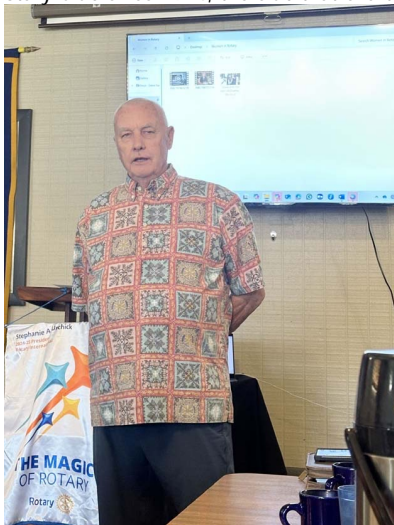


Lisa Frank
Club Director
Club RYLA Chair
Youth Service Chair

Events

PDG Steve Garrett "Women in Rotary" A History

The history of women in Rotary is well documented in print and online media but how often do you have the opportunity of hearing about it from someone who was actually there and who actually knew the players. As a member of the Arcadia Rotary Club since 1974, the club that chartered the Rotary Club of Duarte, Steve had a front seat to the drama that began in



1976, a year in which the Duarte Rotary Club had a dwindling membership and decided to allow three women to join. The only caveat the current District Governor gave them was to use the women's first initials rather than their full first names.

This seemed to be a good workaround until the time came, sooner than expected, for the club to celebrate its 25th anniversary. The Rotary International President of the time sent an official representative to the party, who was horrified to see that the club had admitted women to membership. He hurried back to Evanston and recommended to Rotary International that the Duarte Rotary be stripped of its charter. The rest, as they say, is history. Two court cases, culminating in the Supreme Court ruling that forced Rotary to admit women was the outcome.

One great takeaway from this first-person account was how many of the men of Rotary District 5300 were supportive of women in Rotary. Kudos to John Fee, incoming district governor, and Arcadia Rotarian, who sought out Sylvia Whitlock to personally encourage her to attend PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) to prepare her for her year as President of the Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte.

Back home in Glendora, the first two women in Glendora Rotary were Connie Tiffany (Librarian for the City Library) and Sheila Gutierrez! According to Dottie Hilliard whose husband Keith was the president of the club at the time, he was approached by a number of the male Rotarians whose wives wanted them to leave the club if women were admitted. There were some ruffled feathers to be smoothed. Old timers in Rotary like to joke that they preferred not to admit women because they didn't want to curtail their ribald joking or have linen tablecloths at meetings or have a centerpiece nicer than a salt and pepper shaker. A visit to enough local clubs will support a conclusion that there is still some clean-up needed on the joke front and that the women of Rotary have more important things to think about than tablecloths or centerpieces at a week-day meeting.

Memorial Day Remembrance at the Pioneer Cemetery

Founded in 1876, the Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery hosted its 148th Annual Memorial Day Observance on Memorial Day 2025. Organized by the Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery Foundation, and represented by Trustees David Fredendall, James B. Cook, III, and Craig Ott, the ceremony took place under auspicious blue skies dotted with white fluffy clouds.

Meeting Programs:

5/27 Andrea Guzman, LMFT, "Talk Saves Lives"

6/3 Sara Beemer, Craft Talk

6/10 No Morning Meeting

6/17 Mike Antenessi, Craft Talk

6/24 Outgoing BOD & President, State of the Club Presentation

Events:

Field of Heroes July 3-6

Movies in the Park:

July 11

July 18

July 25

August 1

August 18

Birthdays

Gene Morrill

May 31st

James Nakano

June 8th

Dan Tran

June 9th

Maria Thompson

June 16th



Following a welcome by Mayor, and Trustee, David Fredendall and an invocation from Dr. Michael Cordich, The Glendora Police Department Honor Guard presented the colors with assistance from Troups 483 and 486, Scouting America.



Christine Smith, Rotarian, and Chaplain for the Serrano Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution had the privilege of laying a wreath.

Jack Evanilla of American Legion Post 755, Covina gave a very moving reading in honor of POW-MIA and described the "Missing Man Table", detailing the symbolism of each item on the table.

Each veteran in the assembled crowd was asked to stand and state their name and years and branch of service so that they could be properly recognized. The Rotary Club was represented by Joe Babineau and we extend our thanks for his service. Following the recognitions, Wayne Lunde, Bugler, also from American Legion Post 755, played a beautiful and haunting taps, leaving not many dry eyes in the crowd.

A special recognition was given to Matthew Kimball, an Eagle Scout whose project resulted in two new benches at the cemetery, placed to optimize views and quiet reflection. Also recognized were Azusa and Glendora police, fire, and local government dignitaries. Present from Glendora were Mayor Fredendall, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Allawos, and Councilmembers Karen Davis and Mendell Thompson. Past Mayor and Rotarian Gary Boyer and wife/Rotarian Kathy were also in attendance.

Keynote speaker Steven Bluitt-Flowers, a veteran of the United States Air Force, and a Trustee, Citrus College Board of Trustees, gave heartfelt testimony of the experience of many veterans. He spoke of veteran suicide and his experiences of the loss of his



friends. Mr. Bluitt-Flowers is a life-long resident of Glendora. Any opportunity to hear him speak should be seized upon.

This was a fitting and dignified way to spend part of Memorial Day. Looking over the crosses and flags and further up to our San Gabriel mountain range, there was a deep feeling of gratitude, for the veterans, for those that gave all, for the first responders, for our city leaders who create these opportunities to show remembrance and respect, and for our community that fosters friendship, community service, and camaraderie and the kind of small town life experiences that we cherish.

Photo Credit: Rudy Hayek



Rotarians Serve at Monthly Homeless Dinner

Following the inspirational presentation by Michael Powers recently, in which he shared the beginnings of his homeless outreach in Azusa, a number of Glendora Rotarians were moved to volunteer at the latest monthly dinner held last Tuesday.

Michael had shared that on a rainy evening at his commercial furniture business in Azusa, he was busy moving furniture into his building to get it out of the rain. From behind him came a voice asking him if he could use some help in exchange for money for dinner. Michael was forthcoming in saying that his first reaction at seeing the owner of that voice, a person clearly homeless, was some discomfort and an unwillingness to say yes. Yet, despite himself, he agreed to let this man help him. That small act of faith led to what is now a monthly homeless dinner in the parking lot of the business, as well as holiday dinners, clothing exchange and providing a maildrop for the homeless to have a physical address to receive their mail.

Glendora Rotarians present were Rudy and Susanne Hayek, Kathy Boyer, Lisa Frank and daughter Alina. Tom Stricklin would have been there as he normally is but he was stacking rocks on his trip to England with Elaine. Also present was first time visitor to the Rotary Club that very morning, Shelly Gore. Turns out she has been helping out with the homeless ministry for years!



Fines & Meeting Notes

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

The club welcomed Tim Moore, President-Elect of the Monrovia Rotary Club, returning visitor Nick Argos, and Shelly Gore, guest of Tom Stricklin.

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

Thank you to the following members and guests for contributing to our club charities fund via fines:

Rudy Hayek, Steve Garrett, Shelly Gore, Kathy Clark, Gary Boyer, Gino Fracchiolla, Tim Moore, Joe Cina, Sara Beemer, Jessica Graham, and Maria Thompson.



Editorial

by Susanne Hayek

According to Craig Henderson, Rotary Foundation Chair, the club is about 93% to the \$10,000 goal chosen by the 2024-2025 Board of Directors. Sounds great, right? On the one hand, it is wonderful, but on the other hand, that 93% came from donations of about half the members of the club.

Donating to the Rotary International Foundation is a core attribute of being a Rotarian. A gift of only \$125/year or just over \$10/month is the starting suggestion from Rotary International and qualifies the giver as a Paul Harris Sustaining Member.

By virtue of our birth, if by no other rubric, we can consider ourselves among the privileged and the Rotary Foundation provides us with an opportunity to begin to level the playing field of life for some of the people who were not born in areas with clean water, areas of danger and violence, areas of food insecurity, lack of education, disease, etc.

Club Service Opening

A new "inspiration person" will be needed for President Kathy's year as Susanne Hayek will be focusing on the newsletter. Guidelines for Rotary Inspirations follow Rotary International policy, that clubs are to avoid religion and politics. Inspirations should therefore be inspirational, but not religious. It can be a poem or quote as long as it is of a general and inclusive positive nature. Please let Kathy Clark know if you are able to take on this commitment.

Family of Rotary

Sal Briguglio's funeral mass will be @ St. Peter and St. Paul Catholic Church, 9135 Banyan Street, Rancho Cucamonga 91737-2838 - June 4, 2025 @ 10 a.m.

Viewing is @ Stone Funeral Home, 355 E 9th Street, Upland 91786 on June 3, 2025, from 5 p.m to 8 p.m. including a Rosary @ 7 p.m.

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.

2025 Rotary Club of Glendora Demotion



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

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DEMOTION

DINNER

JUNE 10, 2025

6PM

1631 S. Westridge Ave. Glendora

Dinner, Drinks and Dessert provided
If you would like something special to drink
you may bring it.

RSVP

We need a head count to order food

Jane Bock at: janebock@aol.com

by: June 1, 2025