

# The Wheel

The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Glendora



November 12, 2024



## Club Meeting

Glendora  
Meets at Village Eatery  
221 N. Glendora Ave.  
Glendora, CA 91741  
Time: Tuesday at 08:00 AM

## Club Leaders



**Rudy Hayek**  
President



**Kathleen A. Clark**  
President-Elect  
International Service  
Chair



**Jane Adair Bock**  
Past President



**Andrew Dilwicius**  
Past President  
Secretary



**Steve Sciarba**  
Treasurer



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



**Christine A. 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

## Rotaplast-Changing the World, one Smile at a Time

The Rotary Club of Glendora was so pleased to welcome Rae Kearney, past-president of the Rotary Club of Azusa and a current Executive Assistant Governor for District 5300. Rae was also a non-medical volunteer on a recent Rotaplast mission to Cebu, Philippines.

District 5300 has sponsored nine missions since 2011, to locations in Guatemala, Liberia, Peru, Tanzania, India, Columbia, and most recently, the mission in the Philippines. 69 patients were gifted with 82 life-changing procedures in Cebu. Patients come from many miles away when they hear that a mission is coming, often overcoming dangerous and lengthy journeys for a chance at being selected for surgery.



Those missions are done in concert with Rotaplast International which supplies the medical personnel and logistics for the missions. Rotaplast Intl was a project of the San Francisco Rotary Club but is now a stand-alone charity.

The surgeries that are performed are cleft lip and palate repairs, craniofacial deformities, and burn scar corrections, such as release of adhesions that prevent proper function of limbs. The children who suffer from some of these issues are often ostracized and unable to participate in society. This is very socially debilitating for them and their families.



Rae shared heart-warming anecdotes about her experience in direct patient care before and after their surgeries. The experience of

participating in a Rotaplast Mission is life-changing for the volunteers as well as for the patients.

[Click here read more about Rotaplast International.](#)

[Click here to read more about District 5300's next Rotaplast mission in Summer 2025.](#)

## Clear Sight brought by the Focometer Project

by Sheila Gutierrez

In 2021, the Glendora Rotary Club embraced a new international program, the Focometer Project. A group of club members traveled to Houston, TX to learn how to use the Focometer hand-held device which allowed non-professionals to measure vision. This electricity-free auto-refractor allowed teams of Glendora Rotarians to travel to Tijuana and Rosarito Mexico and outlying areas, partnering along the way with Rotary Clubs in those areas. Collaboratively, they measured refractive-errors in children and adults and then made prescription-level eye glasses for them. Recipients entered not being able to see the leaves on the trees and left with the gift of better eyesight.

The frames of these glasses are "Harry Potter" shape - cute and round. The lenses are also round, making the assembly of the glasses relatively easy. Putting them on a child's face - priceless!

After a hiatus due to the worldwide Covid outbreak, the Glendora Rotary

11/22 Holiday Stroll

12/3 AI for Business (Chamber seminar)

12/7 Gingerbread House Build

12/10 Senior Luncheon

12/14 Glendora Christmas Parade

12/18 Rotary Holiday Party

12/24 Dark

12/31 Dark

1/28 Rotary Peace Conference

Upcoming Programs:

11/19 Jessica Graham Craft Talk/Ambassadorial Scholar Experience

11/26 Kathy Boyer-Warrior for Children

12/3 TBD

12/10 Dan Maydeck-Haynes Family of Programs

12/17 TBD

## **Birthdays**

Dennis M. Franklin

December 1st

Lisa Frank

December 7th

Davar Jafari

December 13th

Joseph Cina III

December 16th

Club was once again able to hold a Focometer mission trip this past November 9. The driving force of the project was Rotarian Sheila Gutierrez who assembled a team of club members including Gary and Kathy Boyer, Kathy Clark, Roger Gutierrez (Azusa Club and PDG).

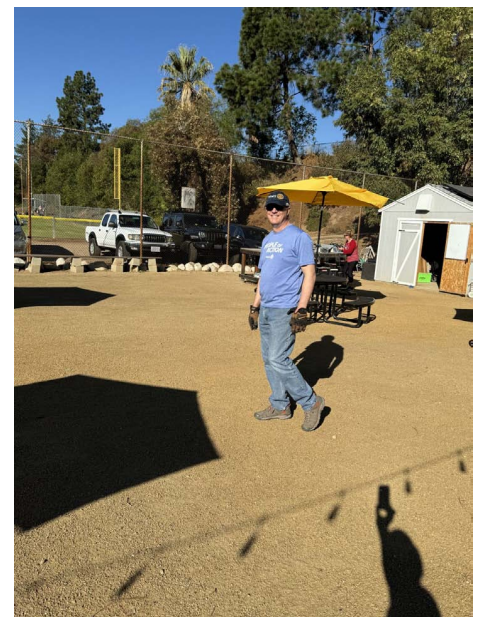
Traveling to Rosarito, they met with Rotarians from the La Mision Rotary Club who collaborated with them to hold a vision clinic. With the advent of newer/better technology, an automated refactor was used. Immediate results for nearsighted, farsighted and astigmatism were assessed, glasses were made on the spot, and children went home to see the leaves!



## **Sandburg Spartan Garden Beautification Day**

The Interact Club, under the leadership of Addison Okayasu, and with the assistance of Rotary Club of Glendora Youth Services Director Lisa Frank, Rotary Club President Rudy Hayek, and Past President Dennis Franklin, spent a lovely Saturday morning pulling weeds at the Sandburg Spartan Garden. The garden exists for the enjoyment and education of the students at Sandburg Middle School and is tended by student helpers. President Rudy commented that he was astonished at the beauty of this garden!









## Winter Membership Mixer

The home of Dennis and Trisha Franklin was the setting for this year's gathering for our popular membership social. We had an excellent showing of Rotarians and some of their family members, as well as nine non-Rotarian guests. Dennis prepared a well-organized agenda that was presented in a Fireside Chat format.

President Rudy facilitated the conversation by integrating various purposes and mission of Rotary International. He began by stating, *"now more than ever, we need organizations like Rotary to build communities, heal relationships, and help those who cannot help themselves"*. And, as a non-political, non-religious global organization, we become instantly bonded by a common purpose and mission. From Economic Development, Conflict Resolution and Peace Building, Education and Literacy, Rotarians take action to make positive changes while building lifelong relationships. Our Glendora Rotary Club is the model of that mission, and we get the job done, one project and one fundraiser at a time.

A big thank you to Falamak, Gary, Sheila, Craig, Gene, and Ray for talking about their respective experiences and club service history. Falamak said it best when she shared that, as the newest Rotarian in the group, how special and cared for she has felt since she joined and continues to make lifelong friends while participating in service projects in the community.



## Support the Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 490 is very active in our community and in many of our Rotary activities. As you know, the Rotary Club of Glendora has sponsored their charter for many years.

The Scouts camp overnight at Field of Heroes to guard the Rotary flags, they perform the color ceremony at the Field of Heroes event at City Hall. They place flags at the graves of veterans. They participate in trails days cleanup as well as movies in the park. Scoutmaster, Clark is an enthusiastic proponent of Rotary.

The Club's donation does not extend to the needs of individual scouts or to the activities of the scouts. Everything they do is

getting more and more expensive. Believe it or not, there are scouts in Glendora who have difficulty with the expenses of scouting. If you would like to contribute, any amount is appreciated. \$20, \$40, \$60 or more goes a long way to helping a young boy or girl be a better citizen.

Donations may be sent to:  
Pack 490  
1213 Chesney Ave  
Glendora, CA 91740



## Warrior for Children

Dear Club Members, please consider bringing an unwrapped, NEW, toy to our Rotary Club Christmas Party or a gift certificate for Amazon, Walmart or Target to help some of the most vulnerable children, especially during the holidays. Warrior for Children is a charity which provides gap services to children experiencing trauma. They answer the call from the police, social services, etc. when a child must be removed from a dangerous situation, sometimes with no belongings at all. Warrior for Children will provide them with everything they need until all the necessary paperwork can be processed for them/their foster families to receive reimbursement for their expenses. This can take weeks to months.



# Gift the Joy



Warrior for Children serves children navigating trauma in the surrounding areas:  
San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside Counties

Hello Warrior partners! It's that time of year again. We are asking you to help us with some of our most requested items. We are on track to help 3,000 kids again this year, and we cannot do it without your help. Simply scan the QR code below and shop directly from our online wish lists, ship to us, or drop off items at our Impact Center. You can also make a monetary donation that will allow us to shop for special requests! We are so grateful that you keep showing up for our warriors!

## WARRIOR FOR CHILDREN WISH LIST

**High Demand Toys** ☐ Spiderman, Hello Kitty, Nightmare Before Christmas, Pokémon

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lego sets/Building blocks                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Craft/Sketch kits               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball/Football/Soccer balls            | <input type="checkbox"/> Kinetic Sand/Play-Doh               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Push bikes/Tricycles/Bicycles               | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning toys                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Star Wars/Barbies/Baby dolls                | <input type="checkbox"/> Board games-All ages                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bluetooth Headphones/Speakers               | <input type="checkbox"/> Puzzles-All ages                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair tools/ Self-Care/Makeup                | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby toys- <u>Under 3 years old</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Cards *Amazon/Walmart/Target/T.J. Maxx |  |

**Drop off between Nov. 4th - Dec 13th**



Scan here for a direct donation!

We provide new unwrapped items to children 0-18

Please visit us on the web for any questions: [WarriorforChildren.org](http://WarriorforChildren.org) or call us at 909-931-9499  
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