The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Glendora



December 3, 2024



Club Meeting

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

Club Leaders



Kathleen A Clark President-Elect International Service Chair



Andrew Dilwicius

Jane Adair Bock



Steve Sciurba



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



Christine A Storm-Smith Club Director



<u>Susanne Kallis-Hayek</u> Bulletin Editor



Dennis M. Franklin Programs Chair Club Director Membership Chair





Events

Club Director Club RYLA Chair Youth Service Chair

Program-Sheila Berg-Habitat for Humanity

Representing <u>Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity</u> as our guest speaker today was Sheila Berg. Sheila is an event coordinator with the Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity. She started with the organization 25 years ago as a volunteer and began working with them full time about one year ago.

The Mission Statement of Habitat for Humanity is "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope". HFH is a global organization that operates on Christian principles but has a nonproselytizing policy and has no religious conditions on participation or receipt of assistance.

Simply put, HFH believes that every person should have a place to live in dignity and safety. The Pomona Valley HFH is located in La Verne and serves Chino, Chino Hills, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Glendora, La Puente, La Verne, Montclair, Ontario, Pomona, Rancho Cucamonga, San Dimas, Upland, Walnut and West Covina. They have built or renovated 48 homes to date and have 4 projects in process. Each homeowner selected for participation must complete a qualification process and help build their own home via "sweat equity".



Habitat for Humanity also operates retail stores called "ReStore". They accept donations and sell household and building materials. Excess construction materials, often new, can be purchased from the <u>ReStore</u>, as well as appliances, furniture, household goods, and more. They are proud that they are able to divert a lot of material from the local landfills as well as providing lower cost materials to the public, the sale of which helps fund the houses built.

There are a number of ways to help HFH including actual volunteer work at a construction site, shopping at the ReStore, automobile donation, cash donations, and more. Learn more here.



Fines & Meeting Notes

Leadership Opportunities with Glendora Rotary

Last week DGE Dennis and President Rudy announced a need for help with club programs, and they are pleased to announce that returned member, Tom Stricklin, has kindly agreed to take over as Program Chairperson. This is exciting news for the club...Tom has a lot of history with the club and deep roots in the community. He will be an outstanding Program Chairperson. Thank you for stepping up Tom!

There is still an opportunity and need for a Chairperson of the Membership Committee. Dennis Franklin and Gary Boyer, along with Steve Garrett have done a lot of work with membership and all three of them will be traveling going into the second half

Birthdays

of the Rotary year.

Please reach out to Rudy and/or Dennis for more information on chairing the membership committee. Every club member is considered a member of this committee, so this is not a solo job.

Fines & Recognitions

- The Prez was happy that the Rams and the Chargers won this weekend.
- Carol Seward was grateful for Thanksgiving dinner with her grandkids.
- Falamak Z. is having two Christmas dinners (I'm not sure that's right but that's what I wrote so I'm sticking to it) Kathy Boyer is so happy that Gary Boyer retired. Ironically he was not present at the meeting because he was at an all .
 - day meeting for the city...so is that what retirement looks like? Asking for a friend.
- Sheila Berg pitched in because she was happy to be the speaker.
- Dennis Franklin was happy that he officially became a senior citizen...gotta get those McDonald's senior coffees! Jenny Chan was happy to talk about Giving Tuesday and the Glendora Education Foundation and her husband Alex, was happy that he had been a RYLA student back in the day.

A great big "Thanks" to everyone who participated! As it was the first Tuesday of the month, President Rudy was able to announce the proceeds of last month's fines...a hefty \$239! This brings the club to almost \$1000 of the \$1500 Polio Plus goal. Well done Club!

Teacher Mini-Grants

It's that time of year for the annual teacher mini-grants. Generally, the grant given is \$300/teacher or \$600 per group of teachers. In certain circumstances, there might be a smaller grant given depending on the project and the ask. Donors can choose to fund an entire grant but any amount is accepted with gratitude. Please visit the club website here for an easy way to donate online. Any teacher who is asking for a mini-grant is a hard-working, creative and motivated teacher! How they impact on our children's lives cannot be overstated.

Gingerbread Man...Run, Run, Run

Lots of fun for the kiddos at Finkbiner Park at the annual Gingerbread house and pictures with the Gingerbread man event. Thanks to Jim Nakano and Christine Smith for representing Rotary.





Rotary Holiday Party

The Club Holiday Party is 12/18 5:30-8:30 PM at Ramon's. The cost is \$30/pp and is payable by check (made out to Glendora Rotary Club) or cash to Steve Sciurba, Club Treasurer. Payments may be made at a club meeting or at the door.

Holiday Movie in the Park

The club will be sponsoring the Holiday Movie in the Park but will not be selling concessions. This is a great opportunity to sit on the lawn and watch the movie instead of being under the pop-up selling candy and drinks!

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Year-End Business

As the year-end approaches, please remember to catch up on your Rotary dues if you have not already done so. Also, per President Rudy's e-mail, the Board of the Club has voted to move the club meeting to the Peppertree Grill, starting with the first meeting in January.

Youth Services



Senior Luncheon Needs All Hands

The annual Senior Luncheon has long been a tradition of the Glendora Rotary Club. This year's event will be held on December 10th at the La Fetra Center. Club members should "report" at 10:30 for decorating and set-up. Marie-Calendars will be delivering the meal boxes at that same time. Doors open at 11am for the lunch guests.

Volunteer tasks include table decor, food prep and service, pie cutting, seating and most of all, smiling. There will be a program at 12:30 followed by clean up.

Christine Smith, event chair, encourages Rotarians to wear Santa Hats, ugly Christmas sweaters, elf costumes, if you have them...anything that helps make it fun and festive for the seniors is great.

This event has been described as the club's year-end gift to the city - how nice is that!



Support the Scouts

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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

There will be an opportunity to bring gift cards or new un-wrapped gifts for Warrior for Children to the Rotary Holiday Party.



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

Lego sets/Building blocks

Basketball/Football/Soccer balls

Push bikes/Tricycles/Bicycles

Star Wars/Barbies/Baby dolls

Bluetooth Headphones/Speakers

Hair tools/ Self-Care/Makeup

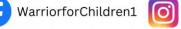
Gift Cards *Amazon/Walmart/Target/T.J. Maxx

Art/Craft/Sketch kits Kinetic Sand/Play-Doh Learning toys Board games-All ages Puzzles-All ages Baby toys- <u>Under 3 years old</u>

Drop off between Nov. 4th - Dec 13th



We provide new unwrapped items to children 0-18 Please visit us on the web for any questions: WarriorforChildren.org or call us at 909-931-9499 1523 Howard Access Road Unit A, Upland, CA 91786 | *Warrior for Children is a 501(c)(3) organization



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