The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Glendora



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Club Meeting

Glendora Meets at The Peppertree Cafe 1020 E Route 66 Glendora, CA 91740 Time: Tuesday at <u>08:00 AM</u>

Club Leaders



<u>Rudy Hayek</u> President



<u>Kathleen A Clark</u> President-Elect International Service Chair



Jane Adair Bock iPast President



Andrew Dilwicius Past President Secretary

<u>Steve Sciurba</u> Treasurer



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

Craig Henderson Rotary Foundation Chair



<u>Lisa Frank</u> Club Director Club RYLA Chair Youth Service Chair

Events

Program-Sheila Gutierrez with Focometer Project Recap

Glendora Rotary Focometer Project Chairperson, Sheila Gutierrez,gave an overview of the project's recent trip to Rosarito, the first trip since Covid. This project was originally founded in 2001 when Sheila learned of it at a Rotary International Convention in Texas. She was intrigued, especially because the clinical trials for the Focometer (a handheld auto refactor) were sponsored by Rotary International.

Sheila brought the Focometer and a Lensometer (a machine which can measure existing eyeglass prescriptions) to show the club. She taught the Interact Club how to use the machine to measure and sort the many eyeglasses which have been donated.





The need for eyeglasses extends from single vision glasses to readers and even to sunglasses. She can accept donations of even inexpensive sunglasses and readers.

Sheila led a collaborative discussion with the club about possible future projects both in Mexico and in the US. Rae and Frank Kearny, visiting Rotarians from the Azusa Club, expressed their club's potential interest in partnering on this project.

Holiday Party - A Beautiful Evening

The annual Glendora Rotary Holiday Extravaganza was held in the banquet room at Ramon's on the boulevard. The room was beautifully appointed by the restaurant, with finishing touches by Kathy Boyer and her elves, Tricia Franklin and Gary Boyer. The Frank Family brought home-made, chocolate dipped pretzels for everyone as a special treat.

Many ladies of the club were dressed in their holiday finest but still could not compete with Past President Andrew's sartorial splendor.

Ike and Jessica Graham got the party started with a holiday sing-along. Their lovely voices and guitar accompaniment were such a gift. An inspirational story telling by Tom Stricklin left many without a dry eye.



Despite some protestations from Dottie, the traditional gift exchange format did not include "stealing" this year due to some behind-the-scenes machinations to make sure that the gift President Rudy ended up with contained the club bell that has been on hiatus for the past six months. The Prez barely managed to keep hold of the bell with Daniel Boyer almost successfully re-stealing it right from Rudy's chair. Thanks to

Gary Boyer for coordinating the gift exchange and make sure that the bell box ended up in the right hands.



the Pepper Tree Cafe. Speaker TBA January 28 - Peace Conference at Nixon Library

Birthdays

Robert Duke January 9th Sheila G. Gutierrez January 23rd















Holiday Fellowship Hike

Dennis and Tricia Franklin, Rudy and Susanne Hayek and Christine Smith (and her pup) enjoyed one of Glendora's natural amenities, a hike in Big Dalton Canyon. It was a perfect, crisp fall morning for the walk and all participants agreed it would be nice to do it on a regular basis.







Fines & Meeting Notes

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- Starting off the donations was President Rudy who was happy that it appears that the club will meet it's Foundation giving goal.
- Raquel McHann Silent donation
- Dennis Franklin he was so happy about his fabulous TLC (Teen Leadership Camp) experience with 150 8th graders
- DJ Excited for his upcoming birthday and 9 days at the beach in his RV
- Dottie Not a Silent Donation!
- Tom Stricklin-also going camping at the beach between Christmas and New Years
- Falamak-glad to meet all her wonderful friends
- · Christine-thanks her army of volunteers for the the senior lunch and the Christmas Parade



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 <u>here</u> 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 childrent's lives cannot be overstated.

New Meeting Location

A reminder that next Tuesday the Rotary meeting will be held at the Peppertree Cafe.

Youth Services

