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The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Glendora

Rotary
Club of Glendora



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Rotary

Club Meeting

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

Club Leaders



Kathleen A Clark
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IPast President



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Bulletin Editor
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Lisa Frank
Club Director
Club RYLA Chair
Youth Service Chair

Events

Provided by Tom Stricklin, PE and
Program Chair:

8/26 club assembly

9/2 visit by our District Governor Gilda Riazi

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9/9 Dan Gonzalez from Metrolink, about
new service opening to Pomona

9/16 Rudy and Pres of Industry Hills club,
Mental Health program

F.R.O.G. has come to Glendora

What is F.R.O.G. you will ask? It is a catchy acronym that stands for Facilities Restructuring of Glendora. This is a resident-based initiative, self-tasked to identify needs and ways to solve those needs in city facilities ranging from City Hall to the city transportation yard. The name and acronym were coined by Lois Shade, a prominent Glendoran and first female mayor, who suddenly passed away in the past week.

Rotarian, past council member, past mayor, and dedicated Glendora volunteer, Gary Boyer presented this program to the Rotary Club last Tuesday. Rotarians on the committee include Gary himself, Tim Moore, Mike Antenessee, Bob Kuhn, and Ray Malki. Gary describes the committee as highly diverse but with one cohesive factor, a love for Glendora.

The motivation for the committee is the fact that city facilities are in terrible shape. The library roof leaks, the senior center wood cladding is fodder for woodpeckers, the police department is very outdated and makes the job of policing more difficult, city hall is 115 years old and has wires in corners to try to accommodate modern technology in a building not designed for it and the transportation yard buildings are basically sheds. All of these issues and many more make it unnecessarily difficult for the city to operate efficiently.

In order to assess the needs, the committee has done multiple tours of the facilities and held many discussions of possible solutions. Most of the possible solutions are ones that would damage or destroy the way of life that most of us came to Glendora to experience, for instance, the outsourcing of the police department to the sheriffs or the outsourcing the library to LA County, or allowing more than 3-story buildings in the city.

Concluding that none of those options would be palatable to most residents of Glendora, the committee's recommendation likely falls to increasing development fees and the consideration of a bond measure. If that is agreed upon, the committee will need assistance in acquiring the needed signatures for the bond to make the November 2026 ballot. It is the opinion of this writer that all assistance should be given no matter one's personal feelings on the actual measure. The most impactful thing Gary Boyer said in the course of his presentation was that in all his years of living in Glendora, nobody asked him (or any resident) if they wished to do something to stave off the deterioration of the city facilities. No matter how the chips may fall, residents MUST be allowed, and indeed compelled, to make this decision for themselves. After all, the longer this "can is kicked down the road", the more and more expensive the remediation will become. Like a car or a personal residence, upkeep is the only way to make anything last.

WHY US?

As Glendora has flourished over the years, one thing has remained unchanged—a lack of significant new investment in its infrastructure and facilities for nearly half a century. As engaged and concerned residents, we believe the time has come to spark a meaningful conversation about the future of our city. It's our responsibility to ensure that Glendora continues to thrive, not just today, but for future generations.

WHY NOW?

Like many mid-sized cities, Glendora has carefully balanced meeting residents' needs while keeping costs and your tax dollars in check. For a century, the city has done an exceptional job managing its finances, but the time has come to acknowledge and address the challenges that remain. Taking action now ensures that we do not pass these burdens on to our children and grandchildren, allowing Glendora to continue thriving for years to come.

WHAT'S NEXT?

We need input from the entire community to shape Glendora's future. What matters most to you? And just as importantly, how can we fund these essential improvements? Glendora has always been—and must remain—the Pride of the Foothills. Your feedback is crucial in ensuring that we preserve and enhance Glendora. Let's work together to make it happen...

10/7 Jim Nakano craft talk
10/21 Shelly Gore craft talk

Birthdays

Michael Henderson
August 28th
Susanne Kallis-Hayek
August 29th
Alfonso Joseph Sanchez
August 30th
Travis Bettfreund
September 2nd
Dan S. Maydeck
September 3rd
Maria Kypreos
September 12th
Gary L. Boyer
September 13th
Trevor Benson
September 13th

FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions)

1. What is the FROG Committee?

FROG stands for "Facilities Restructuring of Glendora" We are a group of concerned Glendora residents who understand that our City facilities are in need of major renovations or replacements. The Library is in dire need due to substandard construction, City Hall is over 100 years old, GPD has not kept pace with current Law Enforcement needs and many of our works yards and other buildings need updating.

2. What Facilities are being considered?

We are concentrating on the following Facilities, but there are others in need that are less urgent:
Library City Hall Police Department La Fetra Center
Crownther Family Center Finkbiner Park Facilities
Public Works Yard Community Services Yard
Transportation Yard Big Dalton Structures Equestrian Center

3. We just passed 2 recent sales tax initiatives.

Where did that money go?

Measure E was passed as a "Stop Cap" for the City to keep from having to reduce staff and services. The City was looking at deficit budgets due to rising costs and stagnant Revenue. Without Measure E, the City Council would have had to make some major cuts to services. Maybe closing the Library, La Fetra Center, Teen Center or maybe even reducing our police force.

Residents agreed that we didn't want to see those cuts made.

Measure Z was tied to the continuing Homeless crisis. LA County has a tax initiative that raises money to address homelessness, but very little of that money is distributed to smaller cities like Glendora Again, Glendora residents understood that we can address our own issues locally if we could keep the funds local.

4. Why hasn't this been addressed before now?

Going back as far as the 1980's, there is always something more important to fund. There are retired Council Members who served in the 1980's involved in this committee and money has always been tight and more important needs were always taking priority. Do we want better parks, more services, Police Department support or do we want to build a new garage at the Public Works yard or update the electrical at City Hall? The answer has always been that the major construction could be put off for one more year and before we knew it 50 years went by with no major improvements. So the question is: "Do we continue to put it off or finally address it?"

5. How much is this all going to cost?

We still don't have exact numbers, but we don't believe we can address everything at once because the cost is too high. So we are collecting community feedback to try and prioritize the residents needs.

6. How are we going to pay for it?

That is what this committee is addressing right now. There are a variety of options and we as a community need to decide what is best for Glendora. As a small group we are discussing options and engaging Glendora residents. The one thing we know is that delaying taking action will only increase the costs.

Steps to Success

Editorial: Some thoughts developed having been a member of three Rotary Clubs prior to arriving at my "forever" club, The Rotary Club of Glendora.

An unassailable tradition in Rotary is to turn over leadership in Rotary Clubs on a yearly basis. This is both Rotary's triumph and Rotary's Achilles heel. Due to the yearly turnover, there can be lapses in projects, a loss of institutional memory, and

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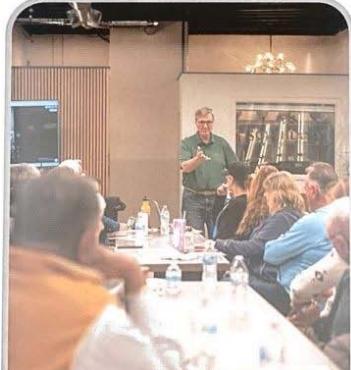
**City of Glendora
Capital Improvement Projects**



Glendora has a rich history spanning over a century, and it's up to us to ensure that its legacy continues for generations to come. By investing in our community today, we can preserve its charm while creating new opportunities for residents to live, work, and play well into the future. Let's build on Glendora's strong foundation and keep it thriving for the next 100 years and beyond.

ABOUT US

We are a dedicated group of residents committed to enhancing Glendora's city facilities. Known as the FROG (Facilities Restructuring of Glendora) committee, we strive to identify the needs of our community and develop solutions to modernize and improve essential spaces. Our mission is to ensure that Glendora continues to thrive and uphold its reputation as the Pride of the Foothills.



**Facilities
Restructuring
of Glendora**
F.R.O.G. Committee



some chaos in member services, accounting, etc. On the positive side, the yearly turnover allows for more Rotarians to have the opportunity to develop leadership skills, new ideas and avoids stagnation.

Because the main goal of asking members to step into leadership roles is to **develop** leaders (note that it is not to select people who are already leaders), there can be a bit of a learning curve in the start of a new year. It is the "job" of the rest of the club to support, encourage, and mentor these new leaders who have accepted the mantle of responsibility. Each member of the club has a crucial role to play. One of the main things club members can do is to be supportive and positive. Everyone who serves does so with the best of intentions and care for the club.

What can be done to minimize the impact of the yearly turnover? Certainly, the revival of the **Past Presidents Advisory Group** is a great way to provide continuity of institutional memory. **IPP Rudy Hayek**, as a new member asked to step up to the Presidency, saw the value of consulting with the past presidents of the club to learn about the needs and traditions of the club. That group has now been continued into President Kathy's year and will be leading the next Club Assembly.

Another helpful way to keep the club engaged and informed was accomplished by Past President **Jane Bock** when she held her Board Meetings during a club meeting once a month. While that is no longer feasible now that the club is much larger, it was a very efficient way of keeping the club informed.

A third way to improve club leadership turnover is via the Incoming Board Retreat. This is a meeting organized and chaired by an incoming president and includes their incoming Board with an overlay of existing Board Members and the current president for guidance. The purpose of the meeting is to set the budget for the coming fiscal year, review and decide on projects, brainstorm new ideas, and complete the Rotary International goals. Last year the retreat was in June and was kindly hosted by **Andrew Dilwicius** in the **Visiting Angels** boardroom.



24-25 Incoming BOD hard at work making plans for the upcoming Rotary year.



Following the board retreat, there is typically a club assembly which was last held June 18, 2024.

Here is the program from that assembly:

- **Rudy**: Intro and general comments/highlights from our retreat, succession plan, *Field of Heroes* status.
- **Susanne**: *Public Image* goals and overview
- **Christine**: *Community Service* events lists
- **Lisa**: *Youth Services* review
- **Dennis**: *membership* goals, membership "mixers" and fireside chats
- **Craig**: *Foundation giving/donation goals*, grant application, DDF
- **Kathy Clark**: *International Service Chair* and President-elect,
- **Andrew D.**: *Club Secretary* -goals incl. members' profiles completed on DacDB.

Please be sure to attend this Tuesday's, August 26th, Club Assembly to learn more about the guidance and goals of the club!

As you can see from the program above, many Rotarians work together to put together a club assembly. They hope all members will attend!

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This week in 1958

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PROGRAM TODAY: Today's program is designed to acquaint the membership with its members. Mitch Anthony, Lowell Arnold and Champ Cuff will give short autobiographies. Dwight Bradley, program chairman, calls this a "Who Am I?" program.

LAST WEEK: John Evans spoke concerning his experiences as a Rotary Fellow in England. He pointed out that it isn't fair to compare the English school system with the U.S. because they have basic differences. Education in England beyond the grade school is directed toward the elite. The educational system for the United States, however, has a basic philosophy of education for all. In England they have great respect for higher education in the U.S.

Social Security and health insurance have become interwoven into the basic philosophy of the English people. The civil service system tends to be quite bureaucratic. It was his impression that England is becoming more and more a welfare state.

The people are very hospitable. Words and expressions in England quite often have totally different meanings than they do in the U.S. He enjoyed his stay in England very much, and is doing his bit as a good will ambassador between the two countries.

NEXT WEEK: The program will be devoted to club discussion and Rotary information. Dwight Bradley and Jim Vincent are the program chairmen.

"Get off the stove, Pa. You're too old to ride the range."

READ THIS TWICE: Attendance is one of the requirements of membership in Rotary. Rotary emphasizes attendance because it recognizes that, in order to become and to remain a Rotarian, a member must experience the fellowship and close contact obtained only at the weekly meetings. He must attend so that he can discuss with others, the problems concerning his own and their vocations; so that he can obtain inspiration for service to his own community and to his fellow men in other nations.

Our club is really getting international. Last week we had Loif's son John, who returned recently from England, and Carl's son Alain, just back from a year at his grandparents home in France.

ROTARY INFORMATION: Rotary differs from other organizations in that the establishment of a Rotary Club links its community to a world-encircling chain of cities and towns, where other men have organized Rotary Clubs to give expression to their desire to serve. Their affiliation with other Rotary Clubs is an international organization; their balanced programs and activities, their financial solvency and their unique basis of membership give Rotary Clubs permanence and stability.

We're glad to have Frank Martinez back from vacation. We've missed his quiet manner and reserved speech.

Going to the beach is like going to the attic. You are surprised at what you find in trunks.