

# Rotary



## Club of Temecula



### Club Meeting

Temecula  
Meets at Mt. San Jacinto Community College Temecula 3 times a month first week of the month to the third week of the month. The exceptions are Holidays.  
41888 Motor Car Parkway  
Temecula, CA 92591  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

### Events

January 21st  
[International Service Committee](#)

January 28th  
[BRIDGE Committee](#)

February 5th  
[Temecula Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 12th  
[Temecula Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 18th  
[International Service Committee](#)

February 19th  
[Temecula Weekly Club Meeting](#)

### Club Leaders

[Robert Sweeney](#)  
President

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

### THIS WEEK'S MEETING IS DARK!



**No Meeting this week or next week. Next meeting is on February 5, 2025, when we will have our club's Annual Four-Way Test Speech Contest.**

### President Bob Sweeney's Message

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Dear Rotary Family,

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr., I wanted to share two of his quotes relating to community service:

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'," and "Everyone can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

We, as Rotarians, embody this in our service, not just in our local community, but in communities around the world. We approach the whole world with hearts full of grace and souls generated by love, and I believe that by doing service here, and around the world, that we are spreading this grace and love. As a helpful heart is contagious, those whose lives are changed, will, in turn, ask, "What am I doing for others?", and they will begin to serve. All of this service to others, this showing of





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love, grace and compassion, will grow and bring about a positive change around the world, which will ultimately bring about peace.

With this in mind, at the mid-point of this Rotary year, I want to take the opportunity to refocus on what our club's goals are and what our future plans to serve will be. I was fortunate that our District Governor Judy Zulfiqar planned a President's Mid-Year Review for District 5330, which was held last Saturday. It was a great reminder that my year is not over and there is still work to be done and time to make a positive impact on our community, and around the world. As she indicated, now is not the time to take my foot off of the gas. After last Saturday, I feel reinvigorated and ready to serve! I hope you all can take this time to review what you wanted to accomplish this Rotary year. There is still plenty of time to achieve, and even exceed, our goals. So let's keep our foot on the gas and keep taking that Rotary ride!

Now, before I wrap up, I do have some sad news to report. Esther Phahla, our President-Elect, lost her mother last week. I ask that we all keep her, and her family, in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Yours In Rotary Service,

Bob

## Rotary Opportunities



January 21, 2025 - International Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Lieberg Oberhansley, LLP, 41911 Fifth St., Ste. 300, Temecula, CA 92590.

January 22, 2025 - Board Meeting, 12:00 p.m., TVE2, 43200 Business Park Dr., Temecula, CA 92590.

January 25, 2025 - Garbis Der-Yeghian 35th Annual Peace Conference, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda, CA 92885.

January 28, 2025 - BRIDGE Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Craig Davis Family Insurance Agency, 27625 Jefferson Ave., #100, Temecula, CA 92590.

January 28, 2025 - Youth Exchange Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Oscar's Brewing Company, 29375 Rancho California Rd., Temecula, CA 92591.

February 5, 2025 - Club Meeting, 12:00 p.m., 4-Way Test Speech Contest, MSJC 3rd Floor, Board Room, 41888 Motor Car Parkway, Temecula, CA 92591.

February 5, 2025 - Senior Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Sweeney, Sweeney & Sweeney, 27450 Ynez Rd., Ste. 230, Temecula, CA 92591.

February 26, 2025 - Music Competition - 5:30 p.m. - The Merc, 42051 Main St., Temecula, CA



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## Birthdays

Michelle Brown  
January 23rd  
Shane Lesovsky  
January 24th  
Jennifer Mejares  
Pham  
January 26th  
John Gabriele  
January 29th  
Cesar Hernandez  
January 29th  
David La Pointe  
January 30th  
Tina M. Gottlieb  
February 7th  
Cherise Manning  
February 7th  
Cheryl Peterson  
February 13th  
Robert E. Derse  
February 16th  
Cynthia Mansell  
February 18th

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February 28, 2025 - Read Across America Day - Temecula Elementary School - Details to be Announced.

March 21-23, 2025 and April 11-13, 2025 - RYLA Camps.

April 12, 2025 - Temecula Sustains Clean-Up Project, 9 a.m. to Noon, Pechanga Creek/Temecula Creek - Details to Be Announced.

## OPENING DUTY SIGN UP



**SIGN UP** Opening Duties

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949AAAA2EA4FDC43-476347>



## Youth Committee Update

For our upcoming RYLA camps, we still need 5 male DGLs for the March camp, and 1 female DGL and 1 male DGL for the April camp. Please reach out to Craig Davis for more information.

Also, we are still looking for host families for our current Inbound Youth Exchange Student, Martina! Please reach out to Jim McLaughlin if you, or someone you know, may be interested in hosting. In addition, we ask our club members, and friends to reach out and take the opportunity to plan a fun activity with Martina. It can be something as simple as a meal at home with your family or a trip to the beach. We would love for her to have many varied experiences while she is here in California.

## Vocational Committee Update

On February 5, 2025, at our next Club Meeting, our club's annual 4-Way Test Speech Contest will be held, and on February 26, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., the Music Competition will be held at the Merc, in Temecula. Again, these are both great opportunities to see the many talents of the next generation.

## LA TRIBUNE AWARDS





Last Friday, the Los Angeles Tribune held its Community Impact Service Awards Honoring Excellence ceremony was held, and big congratulations go out to our club member BJ Fazeli, who received the Los Angeles Tribune Lifetime Achievement Award, and to our club members Kim Gerrish and Judy Zulfiqar, who each received the Los Angeles Tribune Community Impact Award.

## POST-HOLIDAY HOOTENANNY







Well, we held our Post-Holiday Hootenanny last Wednesday, and it was a blast!!! The room was full of great conversation, fellowship, libations and food. Giant thanks go out to our club members, Ken and Brandie Newman, for their generosity in donating the use of the space at The Stampede for our holiday party, to our club members Robert Johns, aka Old Man Grillin' and Karen Schneider, aka Wagon Master Catering, for cooking up such tasty BBQ and morsels, and to our fellow Rotarian, from down San Diego way, Larry Potter, who played and sang music for us, including his beautiful song, "This Is Your Time". And Dave Thompson, I think he may have played a folk song, so it truly was a Hootenanny!

We had the chance to celebrate Terry Whittington's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday with cake and a song, and we even got to hear our District Governor Judy Zulfiqar's soulful karaoke cover, with a piano accompaniment from Larry Potter, of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive"! Finally, there are tales that legendary Rotary Action News Anchor Terry Ro came out of hiding and made an appearance. I'm told he lasted 8 seconds on the bull. Now, just imagine if that thing had actually been moving.

What a night!!!!

## Rotary Anniversaries



[David Shaun Neault](#)  
16 Years



[Susie Marshall](#)  
13 Years

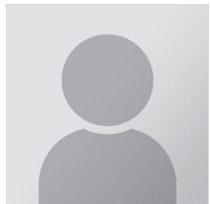


[Adam A. Ruiz](#)  
1 Year

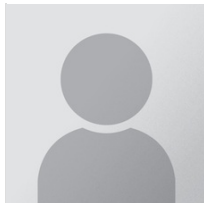
[Miquella Gaunt](#)  
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[Aaron Gaunt](#)  
0 Years



[Aaron Weiner](#)  
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[Kathryn Weiner](#)  
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