

Rotary



Club of Temecula



Monday, January 6, 2025

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

No Events found

Club Leaders



[Robert Sweeney](#)
President



[Esther Naniki Phahla](#)
President-Elect



[Bizhan Fazeli](#)
Vice President



[Lisa Locke](#)
Secretary

[Julie Ngo](#)
Treasurer

RSVP For This Week's Meeting

REMINDER THIS WEEK'S MEETING be sure to RSVP
Craft Talkin' by Past President MIKE NOON!!!

President Bob Sweeney's Message

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Happy New Year!

Well, here we are in 2025, and we have a whole bunch of Rotary events coming right up. I'm looking forward to our Post-Holiday Hootenanny coming right up on January 15th. In February, we will be having the 4-Way Test Speech Contest, the Music Competition and Read Across America Day. RYLA will once again be occurring in March and April, and I look forward to hearing all the wonderful and life-changing stories from the camps. Also, in April, we will once again be helping the City of Temecula and their Temecula Sustains program, by helping clean up the Pechanga Creek/Temecula Creek riverbeds for Earth Day. Finally, I'm still working on wrangling in a few more surprises before my Rotary year is up, but as Steve Miller once sang, "Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin' into the future," so we'll just have to see.

Remember this week, we will be hearing some good ol' fashion Craft Talkin' by Past President, and my sponsor (yes, you can blame him), Mike Noon. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Yours In Rotary Service,

Bob

Rotary Action News Anchor, Terry Ro, will be returning to the airwaves soon. He's just been recovering from a sun-tanning injury he suffered down in St. Barts and it's still hard for him to sit for more than two minutes!



Post Holiday Hootenanny Rotary Club of Temecula!!!

Please join us for a Social Hour get together:

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m. - ????

Place: The Stampede

28721 Old Town Front Street,
Temecula, C

Dinner will be served
Cost for spouse \$25

RSVP Required:

Cyndi Light: (cell: 951-452-3000 / email: cyndil@cbcsocalgroup.com)



Stephanie Bast
Public Relations Chair



Maggie Boylston
Membership Chair



Sam Payne
Rotary Foundation Chair



Terry L. Whittington
Sergeant-at-Arms



Wendy Dumlao
Community Service Chair



Cyndi Light
Club Service Chair



Connie Stopher
Club Programs Chair



Ambur Gorman
International Service Chair



Will Joyce
Vocational Service Chair



Cynthia Mansell
Youth Services Chair



Shane Lesovsky
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Rotary Opportunities



Birthdays

Allyson J. Trantum
January 8th
Kimberly Kelliher
January 11th
Terry L. Whittington
January 15th
John Kelliher
January 19th
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

January 8, 2025 - Club Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Speaker: Craft Talkin' with Past President Mike Noon, MSJC 3rd Floor, Board Room, 41888 Motor Car Parkway, Temecula, CA 92591.

January 14, 2025 - Military Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. - Craig Davis Family Insurance Agency, 27625 Jefferson Ave., #100, Temecula, CA 92590.

January 15, 2025 - Rotary Club of Temecula's Post Holiday Hootenanny and Kick Off the New Year Soirée - 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., The Stampede, 28721 Old Town Front St., Temecula, CA 92590. (No Regular Club Meeting)

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.

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 13, 2025 - Music Competition - 5:30 p.m. - The Merc, 42051 Main St., Temecula, CA 92590.

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.

OPENING DUTY SIGN UP



SIGN UP Opening Duties



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949AAAA2EA4FDC43-47634778>

A message from our District Governor, Judy Zulfiqar



With a heavy heart, I pen this tribute to an extraordinary Rotarian, civic leader, and cherished friend, Joan Sparkman, who left us on the quiet morning of December 17th at the age of 90. Her departure was as she lived—gracefully and surrounded by the love of her family.

Joan's legacy is interwoven with the fabric of Temecula and southwest Riverside County, a testament to her tireless dedication and vision over the past five decades. Since settling in Temecula/Murrieta with her beloved husband, Will, and their two children, Joan has embarked on a profound impact and community transformation journey.

Her remarkable 22-year tenure on the Temecula Valley Unified School District board, during which her advocacy for education laid the groundwork for up to 25 new schools, shaped the futures of countless young minds. Similarly, her 14-year service on the Mt. San Jacinto College board underscored her commitment to higher education and its pivotal role in community development.

Joan's civic involvement did not end there. Her contributions as a trustee to the UCR Foundation, her advisory roles, and her active participation in numerous community boards, including Southwest Healthcare Systems and the Temecula Valley Hospital, signify a life devoted to public service. Joan was not only a founding member of the Circle of Safe-T but also instrumental in establishing the Rape Crisis Forensic Exam Unit, illustrating her unwavering commitment to the well-being of our community.

Beyond her public service, Joan's role in Rotary was personal and profound. As a mentor, she guided many, myself included, through her wisdom and generosity. Her support for Rotary initiatives, such as the Military Coin Funnel in the Promenade Mall, underscored her dedication to veterans and their families, raising over \$200,000 for their support over the years. Her homemade apple pie was often the star of any Rotary live auction, frequently raising thousands of dollars for each delicious and famous apple pie. Joan's journey with Rotary, from being an early president of the Temecula Sunrise Club to a longtime member of the Temecula Noon Club and her active participation in other clubs, exemplified her belief in our cause and her commitment to service above self.

Her plethora of awards and honors, including the Joan F. Sparkman Elementary School's naming and numerous accolades from governmental and civic organizations, barely skim the surface of her contributions. Yet, in every recognition, Joan saw not personal triumph but a reflection of her community's potential and the power of collective action.

Joan was a beacon of leadership, compassion, and integrity. Her passing leaves a void in our hearts, but her legacy is a guiding light for all of us. As we remember Joan, let us carry forward her unwavering spirit of service, dedication to enhancing lives, and boundless love for our community.

Please join us in celebrating Joan Sparkman's remarkable life and legacy at the LDS church, [24820 Las Brisas Rd., Murrieta 92562](#), at 11 am on January 10. As we bid farewell, let's honor her memory by striving for the ideals she upheld throughout her extraordinary life.

With warmest regards and deepest sympathy,
Judy Zulfiqar

Bridge Committee Update



Our club, through our BRIDGE Committee, was able to provide four Birthdays in a Box, for Nile, Phoenix, Fawn and Liam, as part of our Birthdays in a Box for Moms and Tots program in conjunction with Mission Hope Empowerment Village. Also, remember to keep donating beanies, socks and underwear, as part of the Winter Warm Drive, as there are still many cold months ahead. You can drop them off at our club meetings.

Youth Committee Update

We ask that 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.

Additionally, we are still looking for host families for our current Inbound Youth Exchange Student, Martina, and we are now looking for students who may be interested in going abroad next year as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange. If you know of a student who may be interested, please reach out to our club members, Jim McLaughlin or Cynthia Mansell, our Youth Services Chair, for more details.

Don't forget that RYLA is coming up, with two camps, one March 21-23, 2025, and one April 11-13, 2025. If you know of anyone with a Junior in high school, please make sure to reach out to them and let them know about this wonderful opportunity. Applications are due by January 10, 2025.

RYLA Applications Due By Jan 10!



Camp Dates:
March 21-23, 2025
 or
April 11-13, 2025

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where you develop your skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

Open to All Students in the Temecula Area
Must be a Junior in High School to Participate

Scan QR Code for Application or visit
 rotarycluboftemecula.com
 Participation is at No Cost to students
 Sponsored by Temecula Rotary Club!



www.RYLA5330.org
 For questions-Email Kathy Sizemore
katsize98@gmail.com



RYLA is an intense and incredibly challenging program, sponsored by Rotary Districts 5330 and has been designed to engender passion, resilience, determination, mental toughness, gratitude and compassion. In addition, the program will instill in the participants the value of Service Above Self, a core Rotary belief.

Attendance at RYLA is supported by fully paid scholarships provided by the generosity of the men and women Rotarians of Rotary Districts 5330.

[RYLA 2025 Application](#)

Upcoming dates:
 March 21-23 2025
 April 11-13 2025

Vocational Committee Update

On February 5, 2025, at our Club Meeting, we will be having the 4-Way Test Speech Contest, and I look forward to hearing the students' speeches. I am always so impressed with their poised and polished presentations. On February 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., the Music Competition will be held at the Merc, in Temecula. Again, much like the speech contest, it is a great opportunity to see the talents of today's youth on display.

Rotary Anniversaries



[David Shaun Neault](#)
16 Years



[Forrest Allen Baker](#)
12 Years



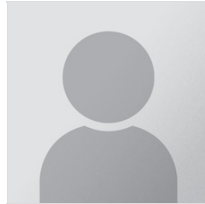
[Kim Gerrish](#)
12 Years



[Cheryl Peterson](#)
10 Years



[Robert Johns](#)
4 Years



[Becky Bowie](#)
3 Years



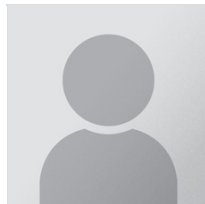
[Nancy Williams](#)
3 Years



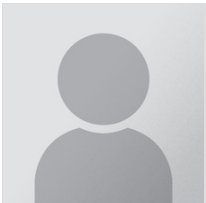
[Adam A. Ruiz](#)
1 Year



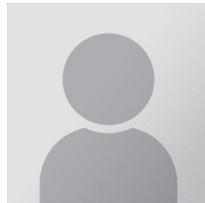
[Mary Ann Edwards](#)
1 Year



[Jason Beardsley](#)
1 Year



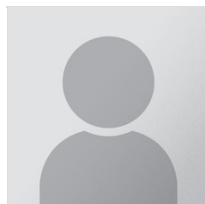
[Kathryn Weiner](#)
0 Years



[Aaron Weiner](#)
0 Years



[Brian Parker](#)
0 Years



[Rebecca Orlauski](#)
0 Years