

The Wheel

The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Glendora



February 4, 2025



Club Meeting

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

Club Leaders



Rudy Hayek
President



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President-Elect
International Service Chair



Jane Adair Bock
iPast President



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Past President
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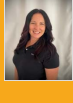
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Bulletin Editor



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Programs Chair
Club Director
Membership Chair



Craig Henderson
Rotary Foundation Chair



Lisa Frank
Club Director
Club RYLA Chair
Youth Service Chair

Events

2/16 & 3/2- Collective

America's Job Center of California

America's Job Center of California, an agency of Los Angeles County, is an amazing resource for Los Angeles County residents. Visiting the club to talk about the many offerings of the agency were Mariela Flores and Denise Moran.



Starting with job and internship programs for youth ages 14-24 to programs for probationers who can access education and career training, to comprehensive business services providing no cost solutions such as recruitment and placement services, workforce planning, skills development, workers comp workshops and much more more. They provide assistance to employees when a company has gone out of business...a recent example is the closing of the Dollar Stores. AJCC was able to visit each location to provide those employees with assistance.

There are also aids and services available upon request for persons with disabilities.

America's Job Center has their main location in Pomona, where they also have a branch of the EDD on site for seamless integration of services.

[Please visit this link on the EDD webpage for more.](#)

[Click here to visit the LA County AJCC website.](#)

According to their website, the AJCC was able to serve 28,113 residents, place 8,846 job seekers in permanent employment, and 8,936 business received business development services from 7/1/20 to 6/3/21.

Thank you to Mariela and Denise for taking the time to educate the club on this valuable county resource.

A Rotary Pioneer-Sylvia Whitlock

Rotary District 5300 proudly celebrates the legacy of Dr. Sylvia Whitlock, a true trailblazer whose leadership helped break barriers and shape the future of Rotary International. As the first female Rotary Club President worldwide, Sylvia's historic leadership of the Rotary Club of Duarte in 1987 paved the way for women to become full and active members of Rotary—a milestone that forever transformed our organization for the better.

As we celebrate Black History Month, we recognize Sylvia Whitlock not only as a champion for inclusion in Rotary but also as a leader who exemplifies the strength, resilience, and trailblazing spirit of Black history makers. Her commitment to service, equality, and education has left an enduring impact, inspiring generations of Rotarians to foster a more just and equitable world.

Today, we honor her courage, leadership, and unwavering belief in the power of service to drive change.

by: *Mike Driebe, DG D5300*

Editors Note: President Rudy read this article yesterday at the Glendora Rotary Club weekly meeting which inspired a number of club members to share personal stories of their experiences with Sylvia. We learned that Christine Smith went to graduate school with Sylvia! We also learned that Dennis was an Executive Assistant Governor when Sylvia was District Governor and Sylvia actually gifted him with her District Governor Elect pin! Dottie shared that her late husband Keith (a D5300 legend) was president of the Glendora Rotary club at the time that Sylvia was the president of the Duarte club and remembers that it caused quite the tempest in the Glendora teapot at the time. Some members and member's wives did not want women in Rotary at all. Looking around the Rotary world, one cannot imagine Rotary without the diversity it is now proud of.



Fines & Meeting Notes

New Lecturn for Club Meetings

Retired Pastor and President-elect of the Club Tom Stricklin, found a very handsome addition to the club's meetings in the form of a craftsman style tabletop lecturn. (Elaine was approving of the item leaving her garage). Tom improved the item by adding a small peg to the front where the Rotary theme banner can be displayed.

Trauma Zoom-see attached flyer
2/15 Interact Eyeglass Sorting-see article
2/19 - Jim Nakano Speaker at West Covina Rotary-see detail under "Focometer and More"
2/23 - Sheila Gutierrez speaking at 1st Christian Church-see detail under "Focometer and More"

Birthdays

Bob Kuhn
February 7th
Jane Adair Bock
February 26th

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

The Club welcomed guests Tim Moore, President-Elect of the Monrovia Rotary Club, Trevor Benson, and Sara Beemer, parent of one of our outstanding TLC participants, and guest of Monica Garcia.

Fines & Recognitions

Fines and Recognitions are back! Introducing, Pauline, the Polio Pig! We also had a lovely new "Vanna" in the form of Tricia Franklin taking Miss Pauline around the room.

- Susanne H for Rudy and Sheila's wonderful job on the trauma zoom.
- Falamak in thanks for the trauma zoom.
- Dottie for Carol Seward (has a hole in her head?). Must be an inside joke.
- Tom Striklin for Carol Seward's presidency next year.
- Joe B has another grandson on the way!
- Tim Moore's son got a new job.
- Bob Kuhn for is 61st wedding anniversary.
- Dennis Franklin for a successful Rotary Leadership Institute in Las Vegas and for car-pooling and sleeping with the District Governor.... what happened to that rule that what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas?
- Tricia Franklin celebrating her 3rd official Rotary meeting. (Tricia got the memo!)



Focometer and More

(article left in from last week because it is still timely)

A reminder that Interact will be measuring glasses on February 15 from 9-11 at GHS. If you want to help, please reach out to Sheila. Also, Sheila thanks Jane Bock for a bag of brand new sunglasses for the Focometer project. Jane remembered that Sheila mentioned the many people in Mexico with sun damage in their eyes because they don't have access to protective lenses.

Also, Sheila will be accompanying Jim Nakano (as his unpaid personal assistant :) to the West Covina Rotary Club on February 19th at noon. Jim will be sharing his experiences of the Japanese internment of WWII. This is a talk not to be missed if you have not heard him speak.

On February 23, Sheila will be speaking at the 1st Christian Church (Karen Davis, Pastor) on the topic of stress reduction in these trying times. All are welcome.

Teacher Mini-Grants

If you have not made a donation to the mini-grant program, it's not too late! Just visit the club website and click the link! Here is a direct link to the donation page: <https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/Donation/?BID=2851&Embed=N&Style=Cards>

Say Farewell to Rotary International Themes



The long history of a Rotary International Presidential year is going away in 2025-2026. This decision was made by the RI Board of Directors at their October 2023 Meeting. (Read the details of decisions from that meeting [here](#).) The rationale behind the decision is based on the importance of standardizing branding and communications. The presidential themes were to be used only for internal communications to motivate Rotary members. However, too many clubs and districts used the theme as a logo to promote Rotary projects and events to the public. Additionally, the themes changed every year, and some clubs and districts preferred promoting a past theme over the current theme due to personal preference. This caused confusion with helping the public understand the focus of Rotary and what we stand for.

Steve Garrett

District Governor (1994-1995)

Hands-On Opportunity to Help Fire Survivors

Mark Mariscal, Rotary Club of Altadena, invites members of the Glendora Rotary Club to join a **Day of Service this coming Saturday (February 8th)**. Giveaways are from 10am-2pm. Set-up starts at 7 am and the event should end by 3 pm.



Altadena Rotary plans to give away food, new clothing, gift cards, information, household items, etc. to more than 400 families. This event will need at least 75 volunteers. Sign-ups are on DacDb under the District calendar section for February 8th. It would be best to sign up but still volunteer even with the sign-ups. And of course, please wear a Rotary Shirt.

The most IMMEDIATE needs are gift cards. They can be any amount from \$25-\$100 and the most sought after have been Arco, Trader Joes, Ralphs and Target. Please bring them on Saturday or check with President Rudy if you would like to donate a gift card and cannot attend the Saturday event.

Free Zoom - Understanding Collective Trauma

The first of three inter-District Zoom "Conversations" entitled "Understanding and Living with Collective Trauma" was held on Sunday February 2nd. The event was co-sponsored by Rotary Districts 5300 (which includes the Altadena Rotary Club), and 5280 (which includes the affected clubs on the Westside). The panelists included Sheila Gutierrez, LMFT (RC of Glendora), Rudy Hayek, LMFT (RC of Glendora), PDG 5280 Dr. Vicki Radel, Ph.D. , PDG District 1150 Wales and Past-Chair Rotary Action

"Understanding and Living With Collective Trauma"

Please join us for a conversation on Zoom, Sunday, February 2nd from 10 - 11:30 AM Pacific Time.

All are welcome, including those directly and indirectly affected by the wildfire disaster.

This is a complimentary event, and does not require pre-registration

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86763996658?pwd=thmulMfCaXSE0a6rk8JC3lTje8PyGt.1>

Meeting ID: 867 6399 6658
Passcode: 759190

Our presenters are:

Sheila Gutierrez, MS Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist Private Practice in Glendora CA Critical Incident Debriefer D 5300 Mental Health Committee Co-Chair	Rudy Hayek, MA Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist President, Rotary Club of Glendora D 5300 Mental Health Committee Co-Chair	Dr. Vicki Radel, Ph.D. UCLA Philosophy of Psychology Private Practice Palos Verdes CA PDG 5280	Allison Sutherland RAGFP Past Chair & Cadre Office PDG 1150 Wales
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Group for Peace, Allison Sutherland.

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This first event drew 70 attendees from nine nations (USA, England, Iberia, India, Australia, Mexico, Canada, Brazil, Kenya), including representatives from Turkey and their Rotary District, discussing their efforts towards healing by employing "*empathy and resilience*" meetings following the devastating earthquakes that country suffered recently. A Rotaract member from Brazil discussed his club's efforts putting together trauma relief groups. In the audience was a non-Rotarian couple from Southern California who had lost their home but also wanted to share their gratitude for all the connections and relationships discovered and renewed when people reached out to help them. It was a very touching moment that reflected the purpose of this webinar.

In addition to opportunities for people to share their experiences, thoughts and feelings, the panelists presented valuable information about the acute stress symptoms of trauma and how they affect our physiology and our brains. Sheila introduced self-regulating breathing exercises that can help calm and center individuals who are continuing to experience negative symptoms (i.e. hypervigilance, fear, worry, anger, etc.). Rudy provided resources and referrals that will be posted on the D-5300 and D-5280 websites for extra support and help affected people with their healing and rebuilding process.

It was a very moving and uplifting event. At the regular Glendora Rotary meeting yesterday, there were several Rotarians who attended and shared their positive experiences, one especially touching from Falamak Zaltash. She shared that she found herself very moved by the stories of the survivors. Falamak lost her home at the age of 11 when she had to escape the Iranian revolution and escape to the United States to seek political asylum with her family. This was at the time of the Iran Hostage Crisis so her family arrived to much distrust and dislike of Iranians in addition to the fear of her father having a price on his head.

The next two events will be on February 16 and again on March 2 from 10 am to 11:30 am. Information and ways to sign up will be forthcoming.
