

The Wheel

The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Glendora



January 28, 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
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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

2/2- Collective Trauma Zoom-see

Balance - Literal and Metaphoric

Tom Stricklin, already known to the club for his eloquent and moving invocations and his story-telling skills, demonstrated another unique skill today...his post-retirement hobby of rock balancing.



After a 40-year career as a pastor followed by a bridge to retirement career selling church furniture, Tom officially retired. Not long after, on a beach, he observed an Englishman balancing rocks on top of one another. Curious, Tom inquired as to the how and the why. The Englishman obliged and a "hobby" was born. You can take the pastor out of the church but you can never take the church out of the pastor, so with this art form, Tom has found a new way to bring life lessons and wisdom to those that seek him out. Folks are naturally curious when they see someone building rock sculptures, sometimes out in the surf up to their waist. Tom says that opportunities for great philosophical discussions are frequent.

Tom constructs his works wherever there are rocks. Some of his favorite haunts are Leo Carillo State Beach, San Celemente beach, Sycamore cove, and Catalina. Like life, a good rock formation must have a solid base and that is just the beginning of the myriad of metaphors found in this art.

Elaine, Tom's wife was an art teacher and is the documentarian of the rock sculptures via her photography. She is also Tom's greatest cheerleader and encouraged him to build higher. One of their Christmas cards was a nativity scene completely of rock; placed by Tom and photographed by Elaine. "It's a hobby that creates conversation", says Tom.

Having seen his work, "art" is a better descriptor than "hobby". In fact, rather than lament that his sculptures rarely last a day, one is reminded of the Japanese concept of Wabi-Sabi - the appreciation of impermanence and transience in life. Like the Ise Temple, which is torn down and rebuilt every 20 years, Tom's sculptures last until the tide pulls them away, or a sea gull lands on top of them or some children take them apart with delight.

[Please visit the club Facebook page to see a video of Tom creating the rock bridge formation at right.](#)



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

Fines & Meeting Notes

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

The Club welcomed guests Tim Moore, President-Elect of the Monrovia Rotary Club, Trevor Benson, and Elaine Stricklin.

Fines & Recognitions

Fines and Recognitions are back next Tuesday! Pauline, the Rotary Pig is ready to serve! Bring your cash!

Disaster Relief Project

Dennis Franklin is working on a special project to benefit Altadena/Altadena Rotary, similar to adopting a sister city. It will be an event with music, food, booths and more. Anyone who has access to musicians, bands, etc. please reach out to Dennis.



Youth Services

The Interact Club met last Thursday evening garnering the highest attendance for a club meeting to date. TLC participant Maya attended the meeting to speak about her experiences at the camp and to encourage the Interactors to attend RYLA. Lisa Frank, Rotarian Mentor to the club presented the students with the Lefler grant they won from D5300. The club is already planning another work day at the Sandburg garden. The Dan Stover music contest featured five enormously talented musicians. Jessica Graham and Rudy Hayek were challenged in their judging!

Focometer and More

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.

Finally, Sheila and Rudy will be holding the first of the Collective Trauma zoom events this coming Sunday. Flyer is attached.

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>

District Notes

Lisa Frank attended the Peace Conference this past Sunday and was impressed and inspired. As a newer Rotarian she was moved to hear about Rotary's involvement in Polio eradication and was inspired by the goals she heard at the conference. Specifically that it takes only 3.5% of a population to effect change and as Rotarians, we have than and can do that. This is why the seven Rotary Peace centers are so precious.

Cub Scouts Hold Pinewood Derby



The Glendora Rotary sponsored Cub Scout Pack 490 held their annual Pinewood Derby this past Saturday evening at Grace Community Church.

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With an audience of proud family members and friends, the scouts presented their cars for judging on design, followed by the actual race. Rotary Club liaison and mentor to the scouts, Gene Morrill, was present and club president Rudy Hayek served as one of the judges. [Please visit the Rotary Club Facebook page for more photos.](#)



Free Zoom - Understanding Collective Trauma

“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=thmulMfCaXSE0a6rk8JC31Tje8PyGt.1>

Meeting ID: 867 6399 6658
Passcode: 759190

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