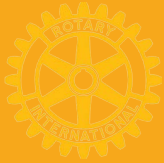


The Wheel

The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Glendora



March 11, 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



Kathleen A. Clark
President-Elect
International Service
Chair



Jane Adair Bock
iPast President



Andrew Dilwicius
Past President
Secretary



Steve Sciorba
Treasurer



Joseph Cina III
CCO-Club Comm. Officer
Club Director
Public Image Chair



Christine A. Storm-Smith
Club Director



Susanne Kallis-Hayek
Bulletin Editor



Dennis M. Franklin
Programs Chair
Club Director
Membership Chair



Craig Henderson
Rotary Foundation Chair



Lisa Frank
Club Director
Club RYLA Chair
Youth Service Chair

Events

Glendora Schools Update from Dr. DiGrazia

The Glendora Rotary Club was honored to welcome Dr. Dominic DiGrazia, Superintendent of the Glendora Unified School District.

Dr. DiGrazia began his remarks with some very kind words for the Rotary Club, acknowledging the many years of collaboration with the schools via the club's teacher mini-grant program and our sponsorship of the Rotary Choral Festival, just to name two avenues.

Dr. DiGrazia also emphasized the important collaboration with city leadership and the school board.

Despite a downward trend in school enrollment statewide, Glendora Unified saw a stabilization this year which they hope will continue. While still recovering from Covid setbacks, the District boasts a 95% daily attendance, second only to Arcadia Unified. Prior to Covid, the attendance in Glendora was 98%. Even at 95%, these are outstanding attendance statistics.

Top focus areas are:

- Student Achievement
- Safe Schools
- Family Engagement
- Student Attendance and Engagement

A new program of pride is the DLI (dual language immersion) program in Spanish and English at Sutherland Elementary School. Parent surveys indicated a desire for more language learning at Glendora Unified and the schools are responding.

Also in the architectural planning stage is the refurbishment of the high school pool which is past its 25 year expected lifespan. Due to a partnership with the city, there are funds in place for this important work. The city is able to use the pool during summers for camps etc. while the district uses the pool during the school year for water polo, swimming, etc.

Dr. DiGrazia and much of his family are involved in education. It's the "family business". He has been with the school district for 28 years and his depth of knowledge and experience are apparent. Hear more from him here: [Superintendent's Corner](#)



Celebrating A New Member - Sara Beemer

- March 13 Regional 4-Way Test Competition
- March 15-Eaton Fire Distribution Event
- 3/21-3/23 RYLA (Teen Camp in Running Springs)
- 3/27-Alex Theater Fire Relief Event
- 4/11-4/13 District Assembly & Conference -Disneyland Hotel
- 4/17 Citizen of the Year Banquet-Boyers Honored
- May - D5300 Corazon Superbuild

Birthdays

- Joe Babineau
March 16th
- Daniel Boyer
March 17th
- Andrew Dilwicius
March 29th
- Monica Garcia
April 3rd
- Steve Garrett
April 10th



The Glendora Rotary Club is pleased to announce new member, Sara Beemer. Sara was first introduced to Rotary by her father, John Salter, who was a member of another local club and who enjoyed taking his kids to occasional Rotary meetings. The Glendora Rotary Club first met Sara through her daughter, Laila, who came to speak at the club following her weekend at TLC (Teen Leadership Camp). Laila and her two younger brothers, Jack and Sawyer attended Sara's induction today following in her footsteps of attending Rotary with her dad. Sara has been sponsored to membership by Monica Garcia.

Sara is dedicated to helping people be healthy. She is a nutritionist, health coach and personal trainer with a holistic approach. She is also the chief strategist for Transcend Health. The club looks forward to learning more about Sara!



Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet



The Cub Scout Pack Pack 490 Blue & Gold Banquet was held this past Saturday evening at St. Dorothy's Church across from Glendora High School. City of Glendora Mayor David Fredendall, Councilmember Karen Davis, Spencer Abbott, representing state senator Sasha Renee Perez, Glendora Rotary Club President, Rudy Hayek, and members Susanne Hayek and Dan Tran were present to honor the scouts and their families for their hard work and dedication.

The Blue & Gold Banquet is a cub scout tradition which celebrates the founding of Scouting America. Attendees were treated to performances as well as witness the many recognitions, badges, belt loops, honors awarded to the scouts, their parents and pack helpers. The Rotary Club was awarded a "thank you" for the years of assistance and for being the charter organization. Rotarian Gene Morrill, the liaison from Rotary to the scouts was awarded the "Grand Teton" Award for his efforts. The scouts received certificates from the city and from Senator Perez. It was an impressive presentation of merit.



The final ceremony of the evening was the "Bridging Ceremony". This is a ceremony in which the cub scout "crosses a bridge", physical or metaphoric, and is welcomed into a Scouts BSA Troop. In this case, there was a physical bridge on stage and each of the scouts crossed to the center of the bridge to be welcomed by two older scouts from their new troop. Those scouts removed the cub scout neckerchief and replaced it with the new troop neckerchief in one smooth action, never leaving the young scout without a portion of his uniform. The care and respect with which these older scouts did this ceremony was very moving, as was the juxtaposition of the cubs crossing over to the older scouts. In this way, one could see the young men they would become.



Fines & Meeting Notes

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

The club welcomed Tim Moore, President-Elect of the Monrovia Rotary Club, Trevor Benson, Inaugural President of the Glendora Rotaract Club, Gino "the tech wizard", guest of Steve Garrett, former Monrovia Rotarian Mike Antonessi, Capt. Shelly Gold, Glendora Police Department, Sara, Laila, Jack, and Sawyer Beemer, John and Carol Salter, and Dominic J. DiGrazia, Ed. D. Superintendent of Glendora School District

Foundation and Pauline, "that's one fine Pig" Update

Since the club's Polio+ goal has been exceeded by the generous fining of our members, visitors and guest, the Board of Directors of the club have decreed that any monies raised by Pauline Pig will be designated to the Club's Charities budget.

Fines and Recognitions

- Steve Garrett - "the sale" aka "buying opportunity" in the stock market.
- Dennis Franklin - First grandbaby coming on or about April 10 and happy for the sunny day for the baby shower this past weekend and happy for the help from some of Tricia's Rotary gal pals.
- Shelly Gold - just to be nice
- Gary Boyer - for his second favorite day - first field of heroes planning meeting...first favorite day...taking down the flags lol
- Monica Garcia - welcoming Dr. D to the club
- Kathy Boyer - thanks Trevor for playing Trivia for the library foundation
- Tim Moore - thanks himself for playing trivia on our team with Trevor and "we didn't win but we beat the Kiwanis Club" giving the club a big laugh
- Steve Scieurba - in honor of all the guests
- DJ Jafari - in honor of his new grandson born last week
- Sara Beemer - for her family
- Falamak (aka Dr. Z) - was glad to be here
- Susanne Hayek - in honor of our newest member
- Rudy Hayek - for Daniel Boyer's magazine cover



Movies in the Park Schedule Released

Hard to believe we are already talking about Field of Heroes and Movies in the Park but here we are. The last half of the Rotary year comes down like a freight train and we are gearing up big to support our biggest fundraiser and one of our most visible "funraisers", the Movies in the Park.

The 2025 Dates per the City of Glendora are:

- July 11
- July 18
- July 25
- August 1 (which is coincidentally Swiss Independence Day if anyone needs to know that)
- August 8

These are all on Friday nights, as per usual. We don't yet know if the city is planning a movie on July 4 so stay tuned on that. These will be the first events of President Kathy's year (after the FOH) and as she has been a stalwart volunteer at the snack shop, let's put those dates on our calendars! You can help with set up, clean up, sales before and during the movie, or bring a chair and provide fellowship and support. Bring your dog, bring your horse...there's a "job" for everyone!



Eaton Fire Day of Service

Dennis and Tricia Franklin represented the club at the recent Eaton Fire Day of Service at which thousands of fire survivors were given food, clothing, gift cards, Verizon wireless cards, etc. Dennis spoke of meeting the CEO of Shelter Box. Here is a link to the video Shelterbox produced from that special day: (look closely, you will see people you know)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8CVSkcwKgY>

That beautiful day is in the books but there will another opportunity to participate. Our Club was invited to join the Altadena RC to participate in the Saturday, March 15 event - *Eaton Fire Day of Service*. The Altadena Rotary Club has made arrangements to set up another disaster relief giveaway at *Grocery Outlet Bargain Market, 2270 North Lake Ave. Altadena*.

This will be the final day of distribution of this initial campaign, so we are hoping for a high level of hands-on club participation.

District 5300 has provided our club with \$5000 in gift cards to distribute! What an incredible opportunity for us to serve, support, and comfort those courageous people and their families.

Music and Magic to Heal the Soul



altadenarotary

altadenarotary Join Us for the Eaton Fire Relief Benefit – Get Your Tickets Now!

On March 27 at the @thealex_theatre, experience an unforgettable 90-minute variety show featuring internationally acclaimed musicians, dancers, magicians, and theatre artists—many directly impacted by the fire.

100% of proceeds support Eaton Fire victims and artists in need.

📅 March 27, 2025 | 🕒 Show: 7 PM
 📍 Alex Theatre
 🎫 Tickets: <https://feverup.com/m/300309> or find the event on thealex.com

Don't miss this powerful night of entertainment and community support. The incredible lineup includes:

- 🎵 Upstream – Caribbean Steelpans band
- 🎤 Culture Shock L.A. – Elite hip-hop dance crew
- 🎹 Melodia Mariposa – Classical music

In addition to the March 15th Distribution event, please also consider attending this amazing event at the Alex Theater in Glendale. Most of the performers are from Altadena and Sierra Madre. If you can't attend in person, consider a watch party! While you are on Instagram getting more information, give the Altadena Rotary club a "Follow".

Conference & Assembly at Disneyland

The combined D5180 and D5300 Assembly and Conference will be held at the Disneyland Hotel on Friday April 11-12. This is a new format for the District, both as far as the shared event with another district and combining the assembly and the conference into one event on two consecutive days. Registration for both the conference and the hotel is now open, with links being available on the District website. The conference portion is technically free but you will want the meal package because good stuff happens during the meals. There are always exceptional speakers as well as the District finals for the Dan Stover Music Competition and the 4-way Speech Contest. Friday and Saturday evenings after dinner feature the ever popular "Hospitality Suites" which are a great opportunity to socialize with friends from around the district and make some new friends too. There are snacks and drinks in abundance. Sunday is a free day with discounted Disneyland tickets also available to conference attendees. President Rudy and Susanne have signed up to attend and hope to see other Glendora Rotarians there as well.

D5180 and D5300
 Joint District Conference and D5300 Training Assembly
 4/11/25 – 4/12/25
 Disneyland Hotel and Resort
 1150 W Magic Way, Anaheim, CA 92802

District 5300 Training Assembly
Friday, April 11, 2025
8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Registration opens at 8:30 am,
 Program begins at 9:30 am.

- Governance Training
- Team Effort with Public Image, Membership, Rotaract, and Inclusive Leadership
- The Rotary Foundation
- Youth Service (RYLA, TLC, Interact, and Youth Competitions)
- Secretary/Treasurer Training
- Community and Vocational Service
- Grants Management Training
- AG/XAG Training
- Club Leadership

****Snacks and finger foods will be provided**

Joint District Conference – District 5180 / District 5300

Friday April 11, 2025

4:30 – 5:45 pm	Tarnished Brass reception by invitation only
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Pre-dinner reception with no host bar for all attendees
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Conference Dinner Session – plated meal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Recognition of Rotarians that have passed • Major Donor Recognitions • United Nations Keynote speaker
8:30 – 10:00 pm	Hospitality Suites

Saturday April 12, 2025

7:30 – 9:30 am	Breakfast session - buffet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Way Test speech contest • <i>Rotary Past Keynote speaker</i> – Johrita Solari
9:30 – 11:30 am	Leadership Institute session
12:00 – 2:20 pm	Lunch session – plated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Procession • <i>Rotary Present Keynote Presentation</i> – RI Presidents Rep • Dan Stover Music Competition
2:30 – 4:30 pm	Afternoon Breakout Sessions - D5300 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational Training Team Australia Human Trafficking trip update • Panel discussion with Survivor Programs in D5300 and SoCal • Hands on project – stuffing 300 backpacks for survivors
4:30 – 5:00 pm	D5300 Business Session
6:45 pm – 8:45 pm	Dinner Session – plated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran Recognition • <i>Rotary Future Keynote Presentation</i> – Brad Howard • Changing of the Guard • Recognitions
8:45 pm – 10:30 pm	Hospitality Suites

**Interact/Rotaract
 United Nations
 Breakout**

Saturday ONLY
 9:30 – 11:30 am
 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Interactors, Student Exchange participants, and Rotaractor's from across both districts will meet with the United Nations Leader to discuss global challenges affecting youth. Attendees will discuss solutions and best practices. It is an opportunity for the youth to have a voice in global change.

