

The Wheel

The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Glendora



April 1, 2025

Club Meeting

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

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Foundation
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Club
Director
Club RYLA
Chair
Youth

Program-Matthew Davis, Glendora



One might have expected the Director of the Glendora Schools Show Choirs to talk mostly about music. But despite his impressive resume, which we absolutely had to include:

Matthew Davis is a conductor, singer, and educator who is quickly making a name for himself in the Southern California region. August of 2021 marks the beginning of his tenure as choir director at Glendora High School, Goddard Middle School, and Sandburg Middle School. At Glendora High School, Mr. Davis is in charge of the school's award winning Show Choirs, the Tartan Silhouettes and the Royal Stewarts.

In addition to being a conductor and educator, Davis is a versatile performer having sung backup for notable singers such as Kathleen Battle, Barry Manilow, and most recently Andrea Bocelli. Davis can be heard on the album "John Williams and Steven Spielberg: The Ultimate Collection" recorded with Sony Classical. He has performed under the baton of notable conductors such as John Williams, Jeffrey Kahane, Carl St. Clair, John Alexander, James Conlon, Grant Gershon, and others.

As a conductor, Matthew has conducted full performances of many operas, most notably Mozart's "The Magic Flute" and "Così fan tutte," both of which were with full orchestra, as well as Ravel's "L'enfant et les sortilèges," which was performed with a chamber orchestra. In summer of 2018, Davis was invited to participate in the Chorus America Conducting Academy as a conducting Fellow.

Matthew holds a Bachelor of Arts in Choral Music from the University of Southern California where he studied conducting under Jo-Michael Scheibe, Cristian Grases, and Don Brinegar. He has a Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from California State University, Fullerton where he studied with Robert Istad, Christopher Peterson, and Kimo Furumoto.

Mr. Davis did NOT mostly talk about music. What he spoke about was teamwork, community, camaraderie, self-respect, pride, confidence, healthy competition. In short, almost everything except music. In fact, we almost didn't need to hear from him at all because each of the students he brought with him spoke about how their lives had changed as a result of being in his music program. The Glendora Schools music program is building individuals, building teams and building character. One of the nicest things the students do is to take elementary music students on as mentees inspiring them to start young in the music program. An active Instagram page with over 6,700 followers, <https://www.instagram.com/royalstewarts/> has also built their community and nationwide recognition.

In addition to choral music, the students have the opportunity to learn professional lighting, sound, stagecraft, etc. There are many professional level mentors that Mr. Davis has assemble for the benefit of his students.

Mr. Davis believes fervently that the community and the camaraderie and good sportsmanship that his program emphasizes is the reason they have been so successful. He says it is more important to him that people are happy to see Glendora Schools at a competition than to win that competition, but win they do. With an attitude like that, they are always winners.

Succession - Rotary Style

This is the time of year we are highlighting the importance of structure, planning, and leadership transition within Rotary Clubs. It's true that behind-the-scenes work is crucial to ensuring the smooth operation of the club, and our bylaws and governing documents play an essential role in keeping everything organized. An emphasis on succession planning is key to the long-term success of the club, as it ensures a continuity of leadership while retaining valuable institutional knowledge.

Before president Rudy assumed the gavel on July 1 of last year, he held meetings with the past presidents of the club. Not because he didn't have leadership and Rotary experience, but because he didn't have experience leading the Glendora Rotary Club. The idea of a "past presidents advisory board" is a wonderful one—it provides new leaders with insights and guidance from those who have been in the role before to learn from past successes and especially challenges. It also fosters a sense of continuity, which can be particularly important in maintaining the club's culture and momentum toward achieving its goals.

Each Rotary Club is unique, with its own history, challenges, and strengths; Rudy calls it its own "personality". This means that while following the By-Laws and Constitution is necessary, the ability to adapt and work with the club members by being more open to diverse ideas and suggestions, and consulting with experienced former club leaders, goes a long way in ensuring a more effective and positive leadership succession.

The Rotary Club of Glendora is rich in tradition, experience, expertise and creativity. In case you haven't noticed, our club is growing in numbers with true people of action. With the amount of significant, difference-making projects and events we are involved in, we are poised to continue the important work in our community and around the world. If you want to be part of the leadership of the club, we want to hear from you!

[Click here to review the club documents.](#)

The "Foundation of Rotary" is the Rotary Foundation

All the good that Rotary does in the world is funded by the Rotarians and non-Rotarians who give to the Rotary Foundation. Many Rotary clubs are proud to be 100% Paul Harris Sustaining Clubs (every member giving at least \$100/year), many clubs are proud to be 100% Paul Harris Society Clubs (every member giving \$100/month) but all Rotary clubs encourage their members to support Rotary International.

The easiest way to give is via a recurring donation on Rotary Direct. Here are the step by step instructions.

Step One: Log in to "My Rotary" at rotary.org then click on the big "donate" banner or use the drop down menu to select "my account" and then "my donations".

Service
Chair

Events

4/11 Rotary Choral
Program
4/11-4/13 District
Assembly &
Conference -
Disneyland Hotel

4/17 Citizen of the
Year Banquet -
Boyers Honored

May - D5300
Corazon Superbuild

6/10 - DEMOTION

MEETING
PROGRAMS:

4/8 Field of Heroes
Program
4/15 Bob Kuhn Craft
Talk
4/22 Joe Cina - Club
History and
"Navigating the Club
Website"

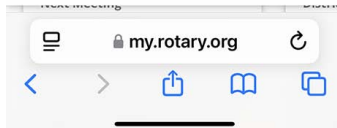
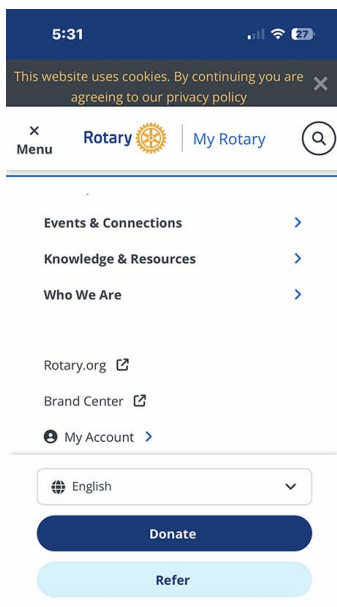
July 3 - 6 Field of
Heroes

MOVIES IN THE
PARK SCHEDULE:

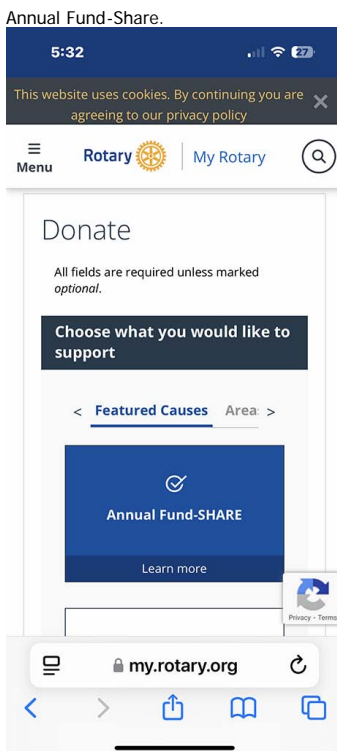
July 11-Movie in the
Park
July 18 - Movie in
the Park
July 25 - Movie in
the Park
August 1 - Movie in
the Park
August 8 - Movie in
the Park

Birthdays

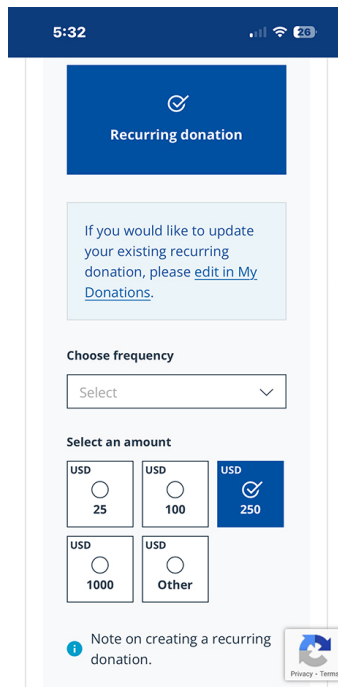
Monica Garcia
April 3rd
Steve Garrett
April 10th
Jessica Graham
April 30th



Step 2. the next screen will show you a selection of funds within the Foundation you can donate to. If this is your first time donating, we suggest the Annual Fund-Share. This is the fund that returns a portion of the interest to the District in three years which funds grants here at home. It is also one of the funds which contributes towards your Paul Harris Fellowship. Click on

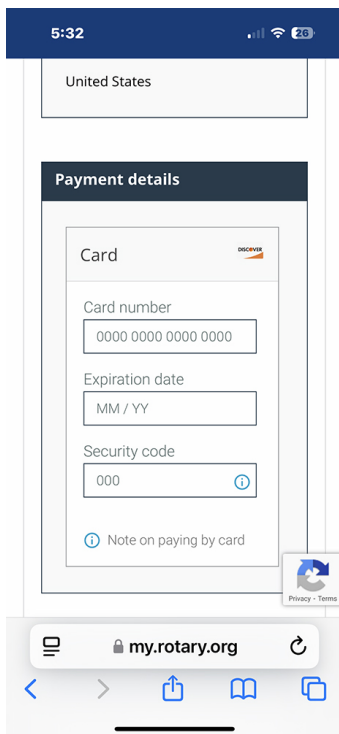


Step 3 - Select a one-time or recurring donation and select an amount.



my.rotary.org

Last Step - enter your credit card details. If you ever need to change or cancel your donation, it is very easy to do so on your "my donations" page.



Your club, your district, Rotary International and people all over the world appreciate your generosity!

Fines & Meeting Notes

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

The club welcomed Tim Moore, President-Elect of the Monrovia Rotary Club, Gino Fracchiolla and Sara Coughlin "the tech wizards", guests of Steve Garrett, prospective members, Mike Antenese, David Smith, Ryan Mangini, Capt. Shelly Gold.

The guest speakers today were Matthew Davis, who is in charge of the Glendora High Schools award-winning Show Choirs and several of his students from the Royal Stewarts.

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

Foundation Director, Craig Henderson, reports that the club has given \$8,045 in donations towards the goal set of \$10,000. Only a few months left in the Rotary year so get those donations in. Keep in mind, the best way is "Rotary Direct", monthly online contributions on rotary.org The Polio Plus Goal was exceeded by \$276 so donations to Pauline will benefit the Glendora Rotary Charities for the remainder of this Rotary year. March was a good month for Pauline, she was pleased with the generosity of the club with an even \$300 in her belly.

April 1 Fines and Recognitions:

A big thank you to the following for their generosity in filling Pauline's belly at the April 1 meeting: Dennis Franklin, Falamak Zaltash, Joe Cina, Trevor Benson, Tim Moore, Gary Boyer, Gino F., David Smith, Christine Smith, Rudy Hayek, and GHS student Wyatt Mills.



Giving Spotlights

Tim Moore, officially the President-Elect of the Monrovia Club, but unofficially an adoptee of the Glendora Club, is the very first contributor to the new Rotaract Club by way of his \$100 donation towards Trevor's Paul Harris Fellow. Thank you Tim!

Also in the spotlight is PDG and Glendora Rotarian, Steve Garrett. A couple meetings ago, he challenged club members to match \$500 that he was offering so that the club could purchase one \$1000 Shelter Box. The Rotarians who raised their hands were Dennis Franklin, the Hayeks, Tim Moore, and Jeff Porter and Dan Alle from the Sierra Madre Rotary Club. Thank you to those Rotarians. With the fires here and the tornado activity on the east coast, Shelterboxes will be needed.

Family of Rotary

So nice to see Past President Andrew Dilwicius on April 1. Andrew has been racking up the frequent flier miles between Glendora and Nashville and Minnesota. Due to his schedule, Andrew has stepped down from his position as Secretary on the Rotary Club BOD. Thank you to Kathy Boyer for stepping in for the remainder of this Rotary year.

Spring Trails Day This Saturday!

April 5 is around the corner...mark the morning on your calendar for Spring Trails Day. The Rotary Club will be grilling for the volunteers up at Big Dalton. They will be hungry and tired and always appreciate our burger, chips and drinks. Christine Smith will have more details for us next meeting but if you can mark off that day from about 10:30 to 1:30 for now, that would be great.

District Assembly and Conference

It's not too late to sign up for either! Take a look at the flyer attached.

52nd Rotary Choral Festival

One of the projects the Rotary Club of Glendora is most proud of and most known for in the school district is our sponsorship of the annual choral festival at the Haugh Performing Arts Center at Citrus College. Joe Cina, event chair, needs 16 ticket-takers/scanners to help efficiently scan tickets and get the crowd into the auditorium when the doors open at 6:30pm. This is not a big time commitment. After scanning the tickets, you are able to go hear the concert (if you purchased a ticket) or head out to other commitments. Parking is a breeze. If you will NOT be spending Friday night at District Assembly/Conference we urge you to help Joe out on this important project.

Conference & Assembly at Disneyland

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2025 Conference News
March 19, 2025

2025 Conference Hotel



Disneyland Hotel & Resort
1150 West Magic Way
Anaheim, California 92802

[Meal Package and Hotel Registration \(Click Here\)](#)



22 Days Until Conference - Join us for an unforgettable District Conference at Disneyland!



A special message from Governor Driebe ~
Are you ready for an amazing experience at Disneyland? If you are, then make plans to join us on April 12 for the 5300 and 5180 Joint District Conference at the Disneyland Hotel. Arrive on Friday, and you will be in on a very special surprise! Saturday is packed with great speakers, meaningful breakout sessions and much more. Stay on Sunday and enjoy discounted admission to Disneyland Park. Don't miss this chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Register today and let's celebrate Rotary together!

*A special message from Governor Turner ~*Fellow Rotarians, have you signed up for our joint district conference yet? What an incredible spot to get to "Play at Rotary" together with new friends from around California and Nevada. Let's enjoy some of Disney and Rotary Magic with this adventure. This isn't just another conference - it is an opportunity to connect, learn, and celebrate the impact of Rotary in the most enchanting place on earth!

If you are all plugged in, great! If not, come play! Recharge your Rotary spirit while enjoying an unforgettable experience. Register now and let's make this conference one for the books! Service, Fellowship and Disney Magic - all in one place!

Conference Highlights

HOTEL DISCOUNTED RATE ENDS MARCH 20, 2025 - REGISTER TODAY!



From left to right: RI Representative Dave McCleary, UN Representative Mattias Sunholm, Saturday breakfast keynote speaker Johrita Solari, Saturday dinner keynote speaker Brad Howard, Saturday breakout speaker Ramesh Ferris.

2025-2026 District Training Assembly

Assembly is for ALL Rotarians!



When: Friday, April 11, 2025
 Time: 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
 (doors will open at 8:30 am)

The coffee will be hot and you will enjoy a day of fellowship, learning, team building, idea sharing, and

inspiration.

- Grants Management Certification
- Public Image
- Foundation
- Community Based Projects
- Membership
- International Projects
- Governance Training

Your free registration includes early morning pastry, fruit and beverage; and, mid-morning finger foods and beverage. The beverages include tea, water, and coffee.



ROOM DISCOUNTS END MARCH 20!

The theme for this year's Conference is Rotary Past, Present and Future - the arc of Rotary. From what we were, to what we are, to what we can be. Your conference team has been hard at work to create a program that will deliver on that theme.

Friday dinner. The conference journey begins on Friday evening with a program that includes the recognition of Major Donors, opening remarks by RI Representative, PDG Dave McCleary, a keynote address by Mattias Sundholm, the Strategic Communications Officer with the United Nations, and recognition of those Rotarians that are no longer with us. It will be a night of laughter, a few tears, and inspiration. In addition, we will get a glimpse into the bond between the United Nations and Rotary International - the only non-profit to be a Charter member with a seat in the United Nations. We will then head off to hospitality where we can mingle, laugh, and enjoy fellowship.

Saturday breakfast. On Saturday, we begin the day with the Four Way Test Speech Contest at Breakfast. We will hear our Hensel Ethics Essay student scholar share their winning essay while we wait for judges to convene. Our keynote speaker, Johrita Solari, will share insight into Rotary's past and what we were - setting the stage for the afternoon. We will conclude with a special presentation by Shelter Box USA CEO, Kerri Murray.

Saturday morning breakout. Immediately following breakfast, attendees are invited to attend the Disney Leadership Institute Presentation for a glimpse into the world-renowned training offered by the Institute. The second portion of the breakout will feature Ramesh Ferris, a polio survivor, Rotarian and Rotary leader. This breakout is where the *Magic of Disney meets the Magic of Rotary*.

Saturday lunch. Saturday Lunch is sure to pull at your heart as it will showcase the impact of Rotary in Action. We begin with the procession of flags by club presidents and club leaders. After lunch, we recognize the work of Rotarians during and after the life-changing fires that scoured southern California. We will hear from our RI Rep, Dave McCleary about Rotary present and where we are today - setting the tone and pace for the future. We will then be uplifted by the Dan Stover Music competition and the Speech Contest winner from District 5180 before heading off to our afternoon breakout sessions.

Saturday afternoon breakout. The afternoon is dedicated to our work to end human trafficking. The session begins with a look at the recent trip to Australia with our Vocational Training Team. While in Australia, they worked with educators, law enforcement, government agencies and other NGOs to discern ways to end trafficking in all forms. The next portion of the session is a panel discussion with local leaders, Rotarians, and a survivor, sharing their experiences and how we can help. We will end the session with a hands-on project - stuffing 200+ backpacks for survivors. It is certain to be an emotionally charged session of passion, hope, and impact.

After the session you will have time to choose your own adventure before heading back to dinner.

Saturday dinner. During the dinner session we will honor those members among us that have served in the Armed Forces. Each veteran will receive a token of our appreciation for their service. In addition, each veteran will receive a gift that could only be approved by a Congressional leader. It's a secret, so we cannot share more. If you are a veteran in the district, we truly hope you can make it to the Conference, where we can thank you properly for your service! Our keynote speaker, Brad Howard, will share Rotary Future and what we can be - bringing the arc of Rotary to life. We will have final remarks by the RI Rep, a Changing of the Guard, and head off to Hospitality.

On Sunday you can wake up and enjoy the Disneyland Park, California Adventure, or Downtown Disney shopping!

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
- 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
- 4 Way Test speech contest
 - *Rotary Past* Keynote speaker – Johrita Solari
- 9:30 – 11:30 am Leadership Institute session
12:00 – 2:20 pm Lunch session – plated
- President Procession
 - *Rotary Present* Keynote Presentation – RI Presidents Rep
 - Dan Stover Music Competition
- 2:30 – 4:30 pm Afternoon Breakout Sessions - D5300
- 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
- Veteran Recognition
 - *Rotary Future* Keynote Presentation – 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.