



Manhattan Beach Rotary Club

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Cupcakes

It was Monday, May 15, 2017, and our weekly MC, **Dan Saks**, and **President Shannon Ryan** joined pledge leader **John Acker's** daughter, Adelia (who attends **Jim Hunter's** alma mater, AZ), in our salute to the flag. **Gerry Morton** praised Rotary and revealed to us that his father was a polio survivor. **President Shannon**, better late than never, showed up with birthday cupcakes. And we were off!

“Those who have a ‘why’ to live, can bear with almost any ‘how’.”

— *Victor Frankl*

TODAY'S PROGRAM

May 22 — Club Business Meeting. President Shannon Ryan will be our program this morning.

Programs

May 29 — Memorial Day. We are Dark for the holiday.

Save The Date

June 17 — Demotion. Our **President Shannon** will be the guest of honor at the Knights of Columbus Hall.



Celebrate Manhattan Beach

First, we had Celebrate Manhattan Beach to celebrate. Over 40% of the club worked the event, a record 255 meals were served, and the live auction alone grossed \$62K (other numbers are still coming in). Our shining stars were co-chairs **Jordan Holbert and Deb Arnold** and virtual co-chair **Eric Iverson**, but **President Shannon** had lanterns for countless others who helped “light the way.” They included **Jim McFarland, Erin Rothner, Jason Hearne, Sue Vogl, Rich Montgomery, Geoff Bremer, Patrick Fard, Mark Burton David Gendron, Larry Johnson, Norm Levin, Rick Farrell, Lee Walker, Lisa Hemmat, Megan Walker, Mike Doell, Alex Yoffe, Michael Dobak, Bob Lanahan, Ian Jackson, Mark Lipps and Vinny Fazzino.** Oh, and **Ed Kushins** interrupted the proceedings to honor one more member—**President Shannon**, who Ed wants to send to Palm Desert for a luxury stay and dinner.

Good Works

Loli Ramezani presented our check to Shoes That Fit, a group that provides new shoes to elementary school children in L.A. County schools, especially in our locality in Lawndale schools. We heard about their program from Manhattan Beach mom (with an accent that sounded a lot like **Roger Cox**) Vicki Tyler and Jorge Arroyo.....We learned that **Bill Bloomfield** is now dealing with his own cancer, but with a favorable prognosis (with, however, strenuous treatment).....**Nelson Gray** filled us in on our ongoing scholarship program at Central High, where he used to teach, including \$3000 awarded to four students this year.

Palliative Care

Tim Hageman introduced Dr. Glen Komatsu from Little Company of Mary (where both **Jim Hunter** and **President Shannon** are on the Board). Glen has both a neo-natology fellowship and an adult palliative care fellowship, and he focused on the latter of these. He told us, “We help people with their physical, spiritual, emotional and existential suffering.” As much tragedy as he sees, he nonetheless said his work brings him joy through observing the strength and resilience of the human spirit. In palliative care, finding joy brings happiness which promotes success, and joy comes from within, where peace, kindness and generosity are found. He told us stories and then led us in the reading of “The Gift of the Ladybug,” in which horses, feeling sad about the limitations of ladybugs, learn that ladybugs are meant to be ladybugs, not horses.



Grace

Dr. Komatsu pulled no punches in describing his work. The 6-year-old boy who loved “The Gift of the Ladybug” died, as did his brother from the same awful disease, and their parents live on to endure the unbearable pain of this loss. Dr. Komatsu looks to have found a path toward learning the relationship between pain and joy. Some of us may have a long way to go before even stepping foot on that path, much less walking on it, but his focus on peace, kindness and generosity surely shone some light on the “existential” darkness of loss. Peace, kindness and generosity sure sound a lot like Rotary ideas, so it just might be that the spirit of Celebrate Manhattan Beach, and all the good works it will fund, can help light the way.

*Yours In Rotary,
Jim Hallett*



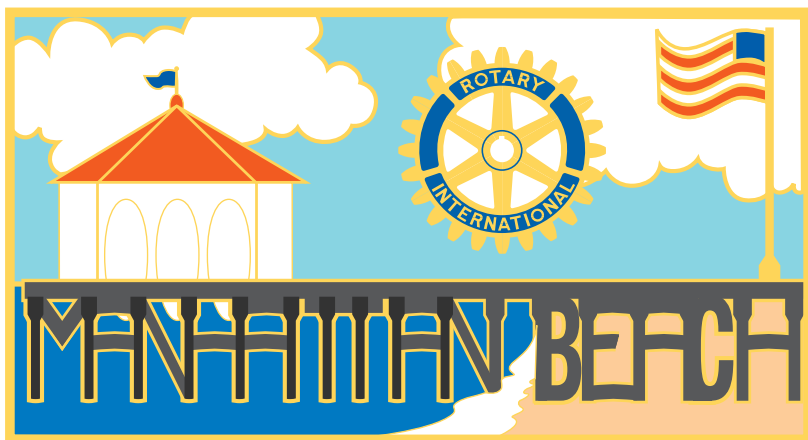
RI Programs

Rotary International offers a broad range of humanitarian, intercultural, and educational programs and activities designed to improve the human condition and advance the organization's ultimate goal of world understanding and peace. Nine structured programs and nine service opportunities help clubs and districts achieve their service goals in their own communities and in communities abroad, fostering fellowship and goodwill in the process.

Rotary Service Above Self

World Community Service has been described as the “quiet revolution of hope.” Isn't it time for you to:

- ... Reach out to someone who needs help.
- ... Develop a relationship with a club in another country.
- ... Become acquainted with customs and culture of a faraway place.



How Well Do You Know Your Piers?

The first Manhattan Beach Pier was all wood construction and built in 1902. It was destroyed in a storm in 1913.

The second (and current) Manhattan Beach Pier was completed in 1920. The Roundhouse on the pier was finished in 1922

The Manhattan Beach Pier was declared a California Historical Landmark in 1995.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Great Web Site

Great web site - find out more about your birthday than you ever wanted to know at www.paulsadowski.com.

Get Involved

Welcome to our New Members! Become more than a member of your Rotary club, become a Rotarian. Get involved in your club, your community and your world through the opportunities offered by our Rotary club and Rotary International.

Long-time Rotarians agree that involvement is the key. Volunteer to serve on a committee that meets your interests, help out with weekly meetings, or as part of a service project team. These activities will help you get to know your fellow club members and understand what Rotary does.

District 5280 also offers opportunities for you to get involved. Attend your district's conference to learn more about Rotary and celebrate the good works of your district. Host the visiting Group Study Exchange team or help organize the district's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program to see what clubs working together can do. These activities will help you meet Rotarians outside of your club, widening your circle of friends and expanding your service potential.

Local Rotary Make-Up Clubs

Rotarians Participate at Weekly Meetings!

Tuesday

Hermosa Beach.....12:15

PV Sunset.....7 pm

Wednesday

Torrance Sunrise.....7:15 am

Redondo Beach.....12:15

Westchester.....12:15

Thursday

El Segundo.....12:15

LA Int'l Airport.....12:15

Lawndale.....12:15

Friday

Palos Verdes.....12:15

For times and locations of local club meetings go to www.rotary5280.org and scroll down to the "District Info" area on the right side and click on the "When/Where Clubs Meet" link for information on all clubs in the district.

Meals On Wheels Schedule

Rotarians Serving Their Community!

May 23 Robert Espinoza

May 30 Patrick Fard

June 06 Rick Farrell

June 13 Vinny Fazzino

June 20 John Gardner

Birthdays

May 19 Monica Farrell Bringleston

May 19 Michael Dobak

May 20 Robert Guilford

May 21 Joel Ruben

May 26 Jim Lambert

Anniversaries

May 22 Mark and Irene Ballance

May 23 Lincoln & Amy Stone

May 24 Geoff & Chris Bremer

May 25 Jim & Mary Ellen Hallett

May 31 Damien & Debra Goldberg

Officers & Directors 2016-2017

Shannon Ryan

President

Mark Burton

President-Elect

Richard Ham

Past President

Jim McFarland

Secretary

John Russo

Treasurer

Jordan Holbert

Director

Ken Deemer

Director

David Gendron

Director

Loli Ramezani

Director

Tim Hageman

Director

John Gardner

Director

Bob Lanahan

Director

Jim Hunter

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Manhattan Beach Rotary - 110 Active Members Strong!

The 2016/17 Rotary year is another growth year. You can see by scanning the classifications below what areas are open. Let's think and then act.

John Acker – Financial Planner
 Kathleen Adams – Financial Advisor
 Susan Adams – Aerospace
 Paul Allman – Personnel Training †
 Deborah Arnold – Business Software Consultant
 Tim James Auringer – Automotive Dealer
 Wade Austin, Jr. – Photography
 Mark Ballance – Information Technology
 Harris Bass – Business and Tax Law
 Bill Bloomfield – Commercial/Laundry †
 David Boochever – Consultant/Computer †
 Geoff Bremer – CPA †
 Monica Farrell Bringleson – Non-profit Development
 Jan Buike – Social Worker
 Mark Burton – City Councilmember
 Karla Cameron – Beverage
 Marc Castellani – Wealth Management
 Richard Chase – College Professor
 Roger Cox – Business Consultant †
 Mark Danaj – City Manager
 Steve De Baets – Truck Refrigeration
 Ken Deemer – Private Investor
 Steve Delk – Restaurant
 Michael Dobak – Advertising
 Mike Doell – Moving & Storage †
 Donn Ennis – Oil Refinery Engineer †
 Robert Espinosa – Fire Chief
 Patrick Fard – Martial Arts
 Richard Farrell – Video Production (ret.)
 Vinny Fazzino – Builder/Engineer
 John Gardner – Banking
 David Gendron – Specialty Finance
 Dr. Damien Goldberg – Ophthalmologist
 Nelson Gray – Honorary Member †
 Robert Guilford – Business Consultant
 Tim Hageman – Police Officer
 Jim Hallett – Criminal & Family Attorney †
 Richard Ham – Aerospace Engineer
 Jay Harkenrider – Real Estate Residential †
 Dave Harris – Wealth Advisor †
 Wendell Harter – Honorary Member
 Jason Hearne – Computer Animator
 Lisa Hemmat - Restaurateur
 Jordan Holbert – Graphic Designer
 Dave Hornbecker – Office Supplies †
 John Hugunin – Community College Professor
 Jim Hunter – Property Management †
 Eric Iverson – Web Developer
 Ian Jackson – Mortgage Banker †
 Tom Jeffry – Attorney - Health Care †
 Dan Jensen – Real Estate
 Lawrence Johnson – Investment Banker †
 Don Jung – CPA Business Manager
 James Kennedy – Energy Consultant
 Brad Koppel – International Trade

Ed Kushins – Home Exch. Executive
 Jim Lambert – IT Consulting
 Bob Lanahan – Systems Engineer
 Norm Levin – Business Theatre
 Mark Lipps – TV Distribution
 David Long – Executive Recruiter
 Steve Lore – General Contractor
 Jim McFarland – Title Insurance
 Barbara Matles – Travel Agent
 Mike Matthews – Education
 Randy Meadors – Architect
 Richard Montgomery – Advertising
 Dennis Morehead – Property Mgt †
 Gerry Morton – Nutritional Products
 Steve Murillo – Mortgage Broker †
 Lindy Murrell – Communications
 Wayne Nelson – Marketing
 John Osten – Commercial Publishing
 Dr. Ray Padilla – Dentist
 Dr. Patricia Panucci – Orthodontist
 Matthew Peck – Accounting
 Dave Peters – R.E. Invest/Develop/Mediation
 Dan Quisenberry – Attorney
 Loli Ramezani – Senior Services
 Don Redman – Mfg Executive (ret.)
 Jan Rhees – Residential Real Estate †
 John Rhind – Accounting †
 Dennis Ridge – Printing
 Dr. Deborah Robertson – Veterinarian
 Roger Rombro – Attorney - Family Law
 Erin Rothner – Interior Design
 Joel Ruben – Attorney - Real Est. & Bus. Lit
 John Russo – Retired
 Shannon Ryan – Financial Planner
 Daniel Saks – Insurance
 Russ Samuels – Fitness & Personal Training
 Dr. Les Silverman – Optometrist
 Ronald Sokol – Attorney
 Charlie Steinmetz – Investor - Real Estate
 Bob Stephenson – Accountant Corporate †
 Lincoln Stone – Business & Immigration Law
 Kathleen Terry – Management Consultant †
 Herb Trachtenberg – Aerospace Engineer †
 Dr. Chris Ullman – Chiropractic †
 John Van den Akker – Property Mgt/Invsts †
 Sue Vogl – Journalism
 Megan Walker – Caterer
 Lee Walker – Insurance - Casualty
 Jason Wallace – Attorney - Real Estate
 Ingo Werk – Manufacturing
 Duke Winsor – Honorary Member †
 Larry Wolf – Real Estate Broker/Owner
 Scott Yanofsky – Contractor
 Alexander Yoffe – Attorney
 Tom Zimmerman – Finance

† Active Past Presidents

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