



Verandas Beach House
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7:15 AM



In Memory of Wendell Harter
July 27, 1920 – January 15, 2018

I am sorry to bring you more sad news...

Wendell Harter has passed away at the age of 97 as a result of heart failure while at his home on Monday, January 15. Wendell had been a dedicated member of our club for over 29 years.

There will be a memorial service on February 24 at the Manhattan Beach Community Church at 11 a.m. to honor Wendell's life. Please keep Wendell's wife Madelyn and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Yours in Rotary with Kind regards, Mark

“Gentleness, self sacrifice and generosity are the exclusive possession of no one race or religion.”

Mahatma Gandhi

Today's Program

Bill Bloomfield's Craft Talk will give new members an introduction and “old” members an update.

Les Silverman and Wendell Harter



It was Monday, January 29, 2018, and President Mark Burton led us in mourning, accompanied by a poem read by Paul Allman, for Les Silverman. (As I sit down to write this, I have just seen President Mark’s email informing us that Wendell Harter has also died. I think to myself that maybe I should just go silent this week in their memory, and then I realize that they would want nothing more than to have the good work of Manhattan Beach Rotary go forward in their absence.)



Dennis Morehead



President Mark recognized Dennis Morehead, Past President and current Chair of our Scholarship Committee, as Rotarian of the Month. (New members: if you haven’t met Dennis, and you don’t hunt him down, you may miss meeting him for some time—he is the quiet man of our club, never calling attention to himself, except when dressed as a weasel, and getting him to take the public podium of the presidency required some serious arm-twisting. So make his acquaintance—it’s an enriching experience. But don’t bet with him on the golf course.)

CMB

Jordan Holbert (despite the joys and tribulations of new motherhood) and Debbie Arnold (despite her work in India and time spent hanging out with mountain gorillas) have once again volunteered to co-chair Magic In Giving...er, I mean, um, Celebrate Manhattan Beach (no more MIG in your calendar book; learn to scribble CMB). We shall gather to celebrate on May 4, a Friday evening, at the now upscale Westdrift (formerly the Marriott), with a portion of the proceeds going to the Roundhouse Aquarium’s OTS (Oceanographic Teaching Stations) project. For auction items, Mike Doell has already landed us the Goodyear Blimp and Barbara Matles has already landed us six nights in a Cabo villa. Jim McFarland, Kathleen Terry and Richard Montgomery are working on auction items.

Make Manhattan Beach Rotary Great Again

Ken Deemer announced his Board, promising to “Make Manhattan Beach Rotary Great Again.” Here they are:

- President—Ken Deemer
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Manhattan Beach City Finances

Our speaker was City Finance Director Eternal and Interim City Manager Bruce Moe, who always highlights his talks with this quote: “When it’s bad out there, it’s good here, and when it’s good out there, it’s great here.” And so it is, carried by tailwinds like our stability, AAA credit, clean audits, balanced general fund, secure reserves and long-term labor contracts. But, OK, there are some serious headwinds, including pensions, storm water mandates, street lighting and workers comp. We have to plan for a possible \$70 million unfunded pension liability. And we’d like to fund some capital improvements. Our consistent financial success comes from conforming budgeting to strategic planning. Our multiple funds include the \$71 million general fund and \$50 million in other funds. Property taxes are up 36% over the past 5 years. Sales taxes vary, with on-line sales reducing our city’s income. The Westdrift remodel will help raise our transient occupancy tax revenues. Building permits also add to revenues. One of the City’s great strengths is its dedicated and motivated work force.

The Great Dissenters

We closed the meeting with the happy news that Dan Jensen pocketed \$948 by picking the 15th marble, and then we headed into our work week with thoughts of Les Silverman, not yet knowing that Wendell Harter had joined Les in moving on to whatever’s next. Being who I am, I naturally carried one additional thought with me. There were no two greater thorns in the sides of our conservative members in this club than our beloved, and quite vocal, liberals, Les and Wendell. We are a non-political group, but one cannot talk about Les and Wendell without remembering their politics. They put their political views out there pretty much any chance they could get to the podium, and I for one enjoyed their antics and will miss them. They were a constant reminder of the broad range of conversation that this club has always welcomed, even when most might disagree. They pushed the envelope, and we were richer for it.

Yours in Rotary, Jim Hallett

Programs

February 12 – International Overview. John Matthews, Rotary International director for the western region, will discuss Rotary International and the foundation.

February 19 – We are Dark to honor President’s Day

February 26 – Craft Talk Duo. New members **Bruce Greenspon** and **Brendan Harrington** will deliver their craft talks.

Dear Dr. Silverman and members of the Manhattan Beach Rotary Club,

Thank you so much for inviting me to speak and for your help with my Girl Scout silver award project collecting used glasses! I really enjoyed speaking at the meeting and meeting you all. I wanted to give you an update on the project. I was able to get over six hundred pairs of glasses and they were sent to New Eves, which will distribute them all over the world to people who would otherwise be unable to see clearly. I was ultimately successful in receiving the award, and I wouldn't have been able to do it if it weren't for your help.

Sincerely, Jillian Cherry

Save the Date

Tuesdays Thru May 22 – Richstone Mentors Click on Link to Register –

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17EaZcMTwhwhN-p93Mo2ZHnIQcusKUtWPdpn1j9IR3WQ/htmlview>

Monday, February 5 – Book Club members will discuss “The Story of Philosophy” by Will Durant at **Charlie Steinmetz’s** house. Host **Dick Chase**; moderator **Rick Farrell**.

March 16-18 – Calling all skiers. **James Kennedy** is organizing a family ski trip to Mammoth. Contact him if you are interested.

Friday, May 4 - Celebrate Manhattan Beach, our major fundraiser of the year, hosted at the newly remodeled Westdrift Hotel, Manhattan Beach.



Volunteers Needed

Crutches 4 Africa – Ed Kushins is leading our effort to collect mobility devices to ship to a country in Africa. Contact Ed if you have crutches or other devices to donate.

Rotary Reads – Volunteer 20 minutes to read to students at our five elementary schools in Manhattan Beach. To register go to

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**Local Rotary Make-Up Clubs
Rotarians Participate at Weekly Meetings**

Tuesday

- **Hermosa Beach – 12:15 pm**
- **Hawthorne LAX Lennox – 6:30 pm**
- **Palos Verdes Sunset – 7:00 pm**
- **Torrance Del Amo – 12:10 pm**

Wednesday

- **South Bay Sunrise – 7:15 am**
- **Redondo Beach - 12:15 pm**
- **Westchester - 12:15 pm**

Thursday

- **El Segundo - 12:15 pm**
- **Lawndale – 1st Th 7 am 3rd Th Noon**

Friday

- **Palos Verdes - 12:15 pm**

Meals on Wheels Schedule

February 6	Barbara Matles
February 13	Mike Matthews
February 20	Jim McFarland
February 27	Richard Montgomery
March 6	Dennis Morehead
March 13	Gerry Morton

Richstone Tutoring (Tuesdays, 4-5 pm)

February 6	Mark Burton & Bill Bloomfield
February 13	John Hugunin
February 20	Roger Cox & Jamie Cappetta
February 27	Jim Hunter & Dave Long
March 6	Erin Rothner & Ian Jackson

Birthdays

February 9	Jason Wallace
February 10	Ron Sokol
February 12	Don Redman
February 14	Dennis Morehead
February 21	Eric Iverson
February 21	Larry Wolf

Anniversaries

February 13	Ingo & Mary Werk
February 18	Rick & Susan Farrell
February 26	Wendell & Madelyn Harter
February 27	Don & Pamela Redman
March 1	Lisa Hemmat-Lupercio & Levi Lupercio
March 14	Jason Wallace & Terrill Burnett

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