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Not Your Grandfather's Rotary Club

Occasionally I will watch an old movie on Netflix or re-read an older book by Grisham with a scene about a typical Rotary meeting. The room is filled with older men in dark suits, sitting at tables enjoying their dinners/cocktails as the president announces the next donation check their club will be presenting to a local charity.

A couple of years ago I decided to interview attendees of a local Rotary fundraiser and ask them if they knew what Rotary was all about. Not surprisingly, 90% of the responses were completely aligned with the Rotary clubs that were portrayed in those movies/books of the past.

Rotary today is not your grandfather's Rotary club! With one exception – Rotarians are here to serve, give back, and make the community better, which includes giving checks to chari-

ties. But that is the only exception. Rotarians today are men and women of all ages, and we enjoy rolling up our sleeves and volunteering in the community. This magazine spotlights "today's" Rotarians and the 20 Rotary clubs in Ventura County. To learn more, go to JoinRotaryNow.org. ●

*Sandi and Randy Strong,
Westlake Sunrise Rotarians*



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Rotarians Step In

To Help With New Children's Museum in Ventura County

Imagine a place right here in Ventura County where kids can learn, explore and discover. Imagine no more. A children's museum is coming to Ventura County. kidSTREAM, already providing science, technology, reading, engineering, arts and math (STREAM) programs to youth, will be opening a permanent children's museum in Camarillo.

kidSTREAM will encompass 16,500 square feet of indoor space and another 19,000 square feet of outdoor space on 2 1/2 acres at the site of the former Camarillo Library. The museum is projected to open its outdoor space in 2022.

Rotarians Are Early Supporters.

"Our local Rotarians have been early champions of kidSTREAM. They've helped us spread the word about the museum throughout the county," says Michael Shanklin, who was hired as kidSTREAM's executive director one month before last

year's shutdown and is a member of the Camarillo Sunrise Rotary. His Rotary Club recently held the kidSTREAM 1st Annual Charity Golf Tournament with all proceeds going to museum. "We are so grateful for Rotarian support. They truly have passion for our mission and seeing that our efforts succeed."

kidSTREAM was the brainchild of president and founder Kristie Akl. She was inspired to pursue a dream of a local museum while driving home in bumper-to-bumper traffic with her three daughters from a children's museum in Pasadena. That was five years ago. Since then, kidSTREAM programs have reached about 30,000 kids at community events throughout the county.

"kidSTREAM's mission is to create a wonderful environment for children that encourages critical thinking, innovation and lifelong learning all within the elements of STREAM," says Akl.

Filling A Need.

One of kidSTREAM's biggest challenges is to change public perception of a children's museum from something that is "nice to have," to something that is critically needed. The pandemic brought its importance to light.

"As the pandemic and subsequent school lockdowns continued, it became more and more evident to us that there was an ever-widening educational gap, and kidSTREAM could be a much needed bridge to increase access to hands-on educational learning, especially for children who otherwise wouldn't have access," says Akl.

As part of its outreach, kidSTREAM recently delivered 200 summer learning kits in Spanish to farmworkers to give to their children. The organization created "STREAMing at Home" videos that share hands-on experiments kids could do with household items. The free videos are available on the kidSTREAM website and on YouTube.

"Since public events were canceled, we've used much of the downtime to plan and design the museum and develop fundraising campaigns," says Shanklin. "Not only will the museum be a focal point for STREAM learning, it will become an economic driver for the area. Businesses that are considering relocating or expanding in Ventura County take into account the county's quality of life and its cultural aspects. The museum fills that niche. It will also be a destination point that will draw people from around the region, helping the local hospitality sector. We'll be a significant job creator too. We'll need to fill numerous STREAM instructor openings and offer internships to teens thinking of careers in STREAM."

A Key Donation.

In March, the City Council of Camarillo unanimously approved donating the city's former library site to kidSTREAM, in part, to help fulfill the council's community enrichment objectives. The estimated value of the building and property is about \$900,000. "The City of Camarillo has been extremely gener-



Camarillo Sunrise Rotary past President Dustin Long presents donation check to kidSTREAM President/Founder Kristie Akl and Holly Cole, VP of Finance

ous in its donation," says Shanklin. "It enables us to focus on raising capital for the facility. We estimate the total cost of the project to be \$2.4 million."

Once kidSTREAM opens its doors, it hopes to reach an estimated 150,000 children annually onsite and online, by presenting at schools and participating in community events.

"It is because of the Rotary's underlying motto of 'Service Above Self' that Rotarians have wholeheartedly leaned into this project to help kidSTREAM grow" says Akl. "Thank you, Rotary, for making the dream of kidSTREAM a reality."

For more information about kidSTREAM, go to kidstream.org or contact Shanklin at 661-289-1369, michael.shanklin@kidstream.org.





RYLA Program “Life-Changing” *for High School Students*

By Jim Wisdom

President, Rotary Club of Westlake Village Sunrise

My Rotary moment happened at RYLA in the early 2000's. I was invited by a fellow Rotarian to become a RYLA counselor. I didn't know anything about RYLA, but I decided I would give it a try. RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. It is a worldwide Rotary program that was started in Queensland, Australia in 1959. RYLA is a perfect example of Rotary's passion in developing future leaders.

Our District 5240 has its RYLA Program for four days in a beautiful setting in Ojai called Camp Ramah. We invite about 200 top notch high school sophomores and juniors to step away from their day-to-day responsibilities and learn such things as ethics, leadership, teambuilding, public speaking, and more. The keynote speakers are some of the best I've ever heard.

I was particularly moved by the Diversity Class, where I was one of the counselors. I really didn't know what to expect when I walked into the room about ten minutes after the start of class. The gravity and the tension within the room was palpable. There were about 20 students in the room; ten boys, ten girls, and four RYLA

Counselors (including myself). I can say that the students learn a lot about themselves during the class. In my view, the instructors could charge \$800-\$1000 an hour for the work they do here. They learn that there are usually many other students just like them that are also going through similar hardships in their life. Tears start to flow. Kleenex boxes are passed around the room. Then, you witness students begin to console one another.

After a student attends Diversity Class, you notice the students have a greater empathy toward one another, and a greater understanding about their fellow students. In my view, this class is the cornerstone of what makes RYLA District 5240 so special. The keynote speakers are phenomenal. The talent show is amazing. But it's the Diversity Class that pulls everything together for that four-day experience.

Each year, thousands of young people take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program worldwide. Young people are chosen for their leadership potential to attend an all-expenses-paid camp to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. Rotary clubs and districts select participants and facilitate the event's curriculum. ●

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Bicycle Path Clean-Up
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Boys & Girls Club of Moorpark
Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley
Boys & Girls Club of Ventura
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Conejo Valley
Bumblebee Foundation
Camarillo Boys & Girls Club
Camarillo YMCA
Camp Hope Chris
Cancer Support Community
Cardio Chavitos
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Cerebral Palsy thru Rotary Foundation (India)
Child Development Resources of Ventura County
Children of Promise Orphanage -Tijuana
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Children's Hospital
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Community Conscience
Computer lab in Kenya
Conejo Free Clinic
Conejo Free Dental Clinic
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Cub Scout Pack 3831
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Disaster Communications Services
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Drive through Food Bank
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Fillmore High School Cross Country Team
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Financial Literacy Program
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kidSTREAM Children's Museum
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Simi Valley Boys & Girls Club
Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center
Simi Valley Education Foundation
Simi Valley Police K-9 Unit and Reserves
Simi Valley Senior Center
Simi Valley Unified School District
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Special Olympics
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Teacher education, Columbia
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The Wellness Community
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Tri-Counties Regional Center
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Ventura Botanical Gardens
Ventura College Foundation
Ventura County Community Fund (VCCF)
Ventura County Firefighters
Ventura County Leadership Academy
Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation
Ventura Educational Partnership
Ventura High School AVID Program
Ventura Land Trust
Ventura Medical Resource Foundation
Ventura Musical Festival
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Meet District Governor

Dana Moldovan

She joined Rotary in 2002 and is currently a member of Rotary Club Westlake Village. At the Rotary International Level, DG Dana is the Inter Country Committee (ICC) National Coordinator for USA. She started the first ICC of USA with her country-of-origin Romania in 2003 and has traveled extensively for various Rotary projects including polio campaigns in Nigeria and India.

Dana became a Rotarian to work on projects to help people, especially children in need. She feels that children are the responsibility of all of us and we must make sure they have good conditions to bloom.

In the last several years she was a presenter, talking about Peace & Conflict Resolution & Prevention Projects and Initiatives at Rotary International Conventions, Zone Institutes and Peace Conferences.

Dana also serves on the Board of Directors for several organizations including Mediators Beyond Borders International, which is an approved Service Partner for Rotary International, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County, and is on the advisory board of "Social Entrepreneurship & Change" Master Program of Pepperdine University. She is also a trained mediator and mediated hundreds of cases in the Los Angeles Courts.

Dana's classification is Software Engineering. She has a Master's Degree in both Electrical Engineering & Telecommunications and in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University. She was a partner in a high-tech company that was acquired by a public company. After completing her contract with the buyer, she began working full time on humanitarian projects. She started a nonprofit organization: "Children Skills for Life" whose mission is to help children build their future through education.

Dana believes in The Rotary Foundation and its ability to transform lives. For this reason, she became a Major Donor, a Bequest Society member, a Benefactor and a Paul Harris Society Mem-

ber. She is a strong supporter of the Annual Fund Program because this is what allows us to work on projects and continue to do good in the world.



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Harriet Oberman

Harriet Oberman loves giving back to the community. An active member of Conejo Valley Rotary, Harriett originally joined the Newbury Park Rotary in 2003. Professionally, Harriet is a local CPA. Originally she started her career at Amgen, where she served as director of finance. After 13 years at Amgen, Harriet went into public accounting so she could dedicate herself to advising business owners and healthcare professionals. When she's not working, you can usually find Harriet trekking the globe. She has two very active boys and spends a lot of time on the soccer fields!



Linda Norberg Aviara Real Estate

Linda Norberg has been in Rotary for over 30 years. She was the first woman president of the Rotary Club of Newbury Park. She was active in assisting the club give out High School scholarships for most of those years. She was Vocational Chair, Community Service chair, and assisted with scholarships and Meals on Wheels as often as possible. Linda has been very active in the community, volunteering at the public schools and coaching young girls' softball. Now in Conejo Valley Rotary, she looks forward to many more years of service.



Diego Velasquez

Diego Velasquez, Rotarian for over 30 years, is a two-time Past President of the Rotary Club of Conejo Valley. Diego has been awarded Humanitarian of The Year two times by the local District and helped raise funds to deliver 11,000 wheelchairs in over 10 countries for people in dire need of one. Professionally, he's served as the President of his acoustical ceiling and wall systems business for nearly 40 years. Imagine one of California's largest, family-owned, acoustical ceiling and wall contractors with outstanding experience and quality, and what you have is affectionately known as "Cali Acoustics." DISCOVER www.CALIUSA.com today!



Tim Velasquez

Tim Velasquez, President of the Conejo Valley Rotary Club 2021-2022, grew up immersed in philanthropy! Recently, he was recognized as a "Rotarian of Action" and awarded a "40 Under 40 Honoree" by the Chamber of Commerce. He utilizes social media to promote the club's philanthropy, helping to increase participation and boost online donations for charitable causes. Professionally, he's been recognized by his brokerage as an emerging leader and has numerous 5-star reviews! Utilizing significant construction experience, technology, leverage, proven strategies, and powerful relationships he delivers excellence. He's passionate about helping you achieve your real estate goal. DISCOVER TimVelasquez.com!



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Margarida Eidson

Margarida Eidson is active in volunteering for numerous nonprofit organizations. A mother of four children, she was continually active in PTA and the Boy Scouts. In 2017, Margarida joined the Rotary Club of Ventura East, and she proudly served as club President in 2020/21. Margarida provides bookkeeping services for her clients. This has grown into a much larger business and eventually included Margarida becoming the Director of the Poinsettia Pavilion and continuing to grow her now large bookkeeping clientele. Margarida is dedicated to giving back and making a difference in the community, both locally and globally.



A Big Believer *In Giving Back*

Dr. Thomas Jovicich wears two hats—he's an endodontist in Encino with a practice dating back to 1988 and he's the owner of UNITS® Ventura County, a portable storage unit company serving communities throughout the county. Jovicich actually wears a third hat. The long-time Ventura County resident is a volunteer who is always looking for ways to give back to the community.

Jovicich currently owns a traditional storage business outside the Phoenix area. When the UNITS franchise became available in Ventura County, he jumped at the chance to own a business close to home.

Jovicich opened UNITS Ventura County in January 2021 in the middle of the pandemic when many stores and offices were shut down. Even so, he has been busy. Storage containers are dropped off at business and residential locations when customers have short and long-term storage needs, usually as the result of construction or repair work or when needed to move locally or long distances.

Since UNITS Ventura County has opened, Jovicich has used the time to tell people about his locally owned and operated stor-

age service. He also offers nonprofits the opportunity to use the containers at no cost. "If a charity has a need for a temporary storage unit, it just needs to contact us and we'll arrange a drop off," says Jovicich.

Committed to Charity Work. Jovicich's family belongs to Calvary Community Church in Westlake Village. Prior to the pandemic, the family would prepare food and feed the homeless every Tuesday night at the church. "It's important to pay it forward," says Jovicich. "I made it a point to pass along this giving attitude to my kids." Jovicich expects the Tuesday night food preparation and distribution will resume this summer.

"What I like about Rotarians is they are like-minded people who understand the importance of helping others," says Jovicich. "I hope I can bring my skills as a people person and problem solver to Rotary when club events and other activities ramp up. It always makes me much happier to give than to receive."

For information about UNITS Ventura County or to learn more about its nonprofit program, go to unitsventura.com or call 805-888-5988. ●

A Growing Trend

Attracts Younger Rotarians

In June 2020, the Rotary Young Professionals Satellite Club of Westlake Village Sunrise was chartered. Community members in their 20s and 30s were immediately drawn to this club as a way to give back to the community as Rotarians and followers of the Four-Way Test. The club quickly grew and its members were particularly interested in the newest “Area of Focus” by Rotary International – Protecting the Environment.

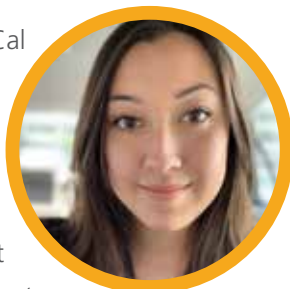
The Young Professionals are a diverse group and work closely with the other Westlake Sunrise Rotarians to learn about Rotary and develop project ideas to make a difference, both locally and globally. It is also a great way to meet other Young Professionals in the community and engage in business networking. To learn more, email us at westlakesunrise@joinrotarynow.org.

Here is a spotlight of three of our Rotarian Young Professionals.

Tiffany Strong

Tiffany Strong graduated from Cal State Northridge in 2018 with a BA in Theatre. After free-lancing as an opera stage manager for about 6 months, she began working at the Disneyland Resort as an Assistant Stage Manager for live entertainment around the parks.

Tiffany grew up very involved in many different Rotary projects and events. She was particularly moved by the Feed The Needy program and attended many fundraising events to help support community nonprofits. Tiffany was fortunate to have attended the RYLA program as a high school junior, and she was a member of Newbury Park High School’s Interact club in 2013. In addition to her volunteerism in various Rotary events, she also held the position for organizing Give Back Events for various causes through Chili’s restaurant in Newbury Park from 2012-2015.



Stephanie Payton

Stephanie Payton is a business analyst at Sage Publishing overseeing global data and business intelligence for the company’s enterprise systems with project work across multiple business units including sales, marketing, finance, supply chain, and editorial/publishing.

Stephanie enjoys her community service time in Rotary, and brings with her significant volunteer experience as the president of a homeowners association and president/chair of the Staff Senate at George Mason University representing over 3000 non-faculty employees.



Chris Strong

Chris Strong is a voice actor and has been the trusted voice of numerous local Rotary International clubs and awareness campaigns/videos. He also lends his voice to Informative videos for the Oxnard City Fire Department, corporate training videos, explainer videos, commercials and multiple audio books. Chris enjoys being the go-to guy for all projects, ranging from specialty characters, friendly and caring informational reads, aggressive and explosive announcers.

The ability to create a new fun character voice or provide a “Guy Next Door” vibe, while having a great time doing it, fuels his passion to provide the best audio for all clients.

Chris grew up around Rotary and has always enjoyed participating in club activities and events to help support local charities. Prior to his voice acting career, Chris managed a restaurant and handled all community outreach activities to help raise money for local nonprofits in the community. ●





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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.



Barbara Orechoff

This tribute ad is in memory of Rotarian Barbara Orechoff. Barbara's success in business was a testament to her work ethic, integrity, and aspirations for others. She proudly served as president and the community service chair of the Moorpark Morning Rotary Club, was a founding member of the Moorpark Toastmasters, volunteered her financial expertise at the Moorpark Active Adult Center, read to children regularly at Arroyo West school, and led multiple efforts for USC. First and foremost, she believed in being of service to others. "It's paying it forward if I'm able to help out," she said



Jeff Blum

Past President of the Conejo Valley Rotary and proud Rotarian since 2002, Jeff Blum is a prolific community leader who has served on many non-profit boards in the Ventura County area. He has an extensive background in conceptualizing and producing successful fundraisers and is the creative founder of 1998's "Hands Across the Parklands" benefiting the National Park Service and the "Calabasas Pumpkin Festival", now in its 28th year. When not strategically planning fundraisers, Jeff is strategically planning his clients' retirement as a Vice President and Financial Planner as Senior Partner of Saddle Peak Wealth Management of Raymond James.



Derrick Isa

Derrick Isa, past President of Conejo Valley Rotary, is proud to support and give back to the community by donation and volunteerism to Casa Pacifica, MANNA, Mary Health of the Sick, and Thanksgiving Meal deliveries. At Telesis Physical Therapy we are committed to bringing excellent care in a warm, family like atmosphere. We are dedicated to achieving your health care goals through our motto, "Progress in motion". We specialize in outpatient physical therapy for the non-surgical and surgical patients and advanced manual "hands on" therapy skills. We are proud supporters of Rotary!



Judy Williams, JWRealEstate805

Judy Williams, is an agent at Aviara Real Estate, has been active in giving back to the community for 35+ years. Over the years she was involved with volunteering at all the local schools from K-12th grade, Booster President and member of local sport organizations. She has volunteered with Interface, Meals on Wheels, NAPW and more. She is very passionate about helping people. She is proud to be a Rotarian.



Denise Vivero

In 2000 Denise Vivero started Vivero Accounting Services to provide unique and personalized bookkeeping and administrative services to both individuals and small businesses in many different industries. She is an Intuit Quickbooks ProAdvisor and certified in both Desktop and Online Software programs. Denise has been a member of the Rotary Club of Conejo Valley since February 2011 and has served as International Chair and Treasurer as well as President in the 2015-2016 Rotary year.



Randy Strong

Randy Strong, President of ACT Strong Marketing, has been active in the community for over 30 years. He serves as chairman of the board for My Stuff Bags Foundation, founding board member of the Nomad Foundation, and previously served on the Conejo Valley & Miller Family YMCA boards as well as the Senior Concerns board. Randy has recently started a new 501 (c) 3 called Building Your Community, with a focus on strengthening communities by increasing their philanthropic base. ACT Strong Marketing specializes in nonprofit marketing consultation for nonprofit organizations. We proudly support the great work of Rotary!



About Our Club

We are a fun-loving club of 50 members doing good in the community. Chartered in 1955, we have great speakers at our lunch meetings at noon on Wednesdays. Each year we give eight high school scholarships and host a track meet for middle school kids. We do international projects and host Youth Exchange students from other countries. For Earth Day, we gave carrot seeds and a bucket to every 2nd grader in town. We also give Business Ethics Awards and helped build a house for Habitat for Humanity. During the recent times of Covid, we packed food boxes and gave a grant to FoodShare, established an Exemplary Service Award and distributed 2000 free bottles of hand sanitizer.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

- Scholarships for deserving high school students
- Viva La Comida fundraising dinner
- Camarillo Rotary Magic Show
- Hap Rapp Memorial Track Meet for kids
- Care for Kids Golf Classic to support Casa Pacifica
- Sponsorship of Interact Club at Camarillo High School
- Grants to local nonprofits such as Hospice and Interface
- Camarillo YMCA and Boys & Girls Club

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About Our Club

Our members lead active and fulfilling careers and lives; professionals who thrive on beginning the day early so that much may be achieved. Sunrise Rotary provides the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who achieve much and give back, while enjoying the journey. Jump-start a productive day with engaging presentations and discussions on essential, local and global topics while sharing a delicious breakfast in the beautiful surrounds of Spanish Hills Country Club. Team up with fellow members for fun and profitable fundraising activities and attend social events that promote strong member relationships.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

- Rotary Foundation Educational Scholarships – local students
- We are the Charter Organization for
Cub Scout Pack 3831 and Boy Scout Troop 858
- kidSTREAM Children's Museum – here in Camarillo,
reaching all of Ventura County
- Boys and Girls Club – Camarillo
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) –
High School Student Leadership Camp
- 4 Way Test Student Essay Contest
- Peace Pole installation at Camarillo Library
- Donated 10,000 N95 masks to local Hospitals,
Dentist Assoc., Senior Care Facilities
- Donated to the Hill and Woolsey Fires
Relief and Recovery Fund
- Rotary International: worldwide eradication of polio,
clean water, emergency supplies
- Rotary Youth Exchange for Students; program
for International learning

Contact Us

CamarilloSunriseRotary.com





About Our Club

We are a dynamic group of professional men and women who provide leadership, encouragement and support to fellow community members of all ages. We create opportunities for individual growth to both members and guests by placing service above self to help our community thrive and to enrich each other's lives. We are your friends and neighbors. We are leaders in the community. We would like YOU to join us.

Rotary Club of Oxnard Honors Special Teachers

The Rotary Club of Oxnard continues to recognize outstanding teachers in the Oxnard School District, the Oxnard Union High School District, and the Rio School District. The Teacher Recognition Program continues the efforts of the Rotary Club of Oxnard to thank those in the community who demonstrate outstanding Service Above Self, the motto of Rotary International.

Basketball Tournament

Since 1948, thousands of boys and girls (3rd to 8th graders) have participated in this tournament, which teaches young athletes the value of competitive athletics, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

- Longest Running Student Basketball Tournament in the U.S.!
- Teacher Appreciation
- Student Scholarships
- We raise funds for essential causes, including the eradication of polio, education of our youth, and opportunities for student growth and leadership.

Contact Us

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Rotary's New Area of Focus: Protecting the **Environment**

Rotary International is committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. The Rotary Foundation will enable Rotarians and their community allies to take action in these ways:

- Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
- Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation
- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices
- Addressing the cause of climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases
- Strengthening ecosystems and communities affected by climate change
- Supporting education initiatives that promote behavior that protects the environment
- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently
- Addressing environmental justice issues and public health concerns



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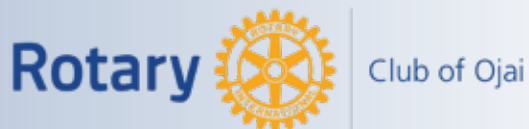
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Past President Rotary Club of Moorpark Morning
Moorpark Chamber of Commerce Board Member
Multiple Paul Harris Fellows
Supporter of Polio Plus
Co-Founder of Moorpark Field of Valor
Moorpark Film Festival Planning Committee
VC Taxpayers Association Board Member
Co-Founder of Holiday on High Street
MUSD Citizens Bond Oversight Committee
Past VC Boy Scouts Ronald Reagan District Chair
Past Moorpark Planning Commissioner
Past Moorpark Parks & Recreation Commissioner
Past Board Member of Simi Valley Boys and Girls Club
Past Board Member of Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley
Past President of Moorpark High School Aquatics
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About Our Club

Our Rotary Club of Ojai is very active internationally and locally. We meet on Fridays at 12 noon, on Zoom. Our previous venue is being renovated and our search for a new home continues. We plan to reconvene in person ASAP, with a hybrid format. Our Annual fundraiser, the Taste of Ojai, is scheduled on October 24, 2021. This event celebrates local cuisine and restaurants.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

Our ongoing International projects include infant and maternal health among Nomads in Niger, COVID handwashing stations, and desks for a new school building; at a school for extremely impoverished children in India – desks and a playground; job training for street children in Ghana; and medical care in Roatan.

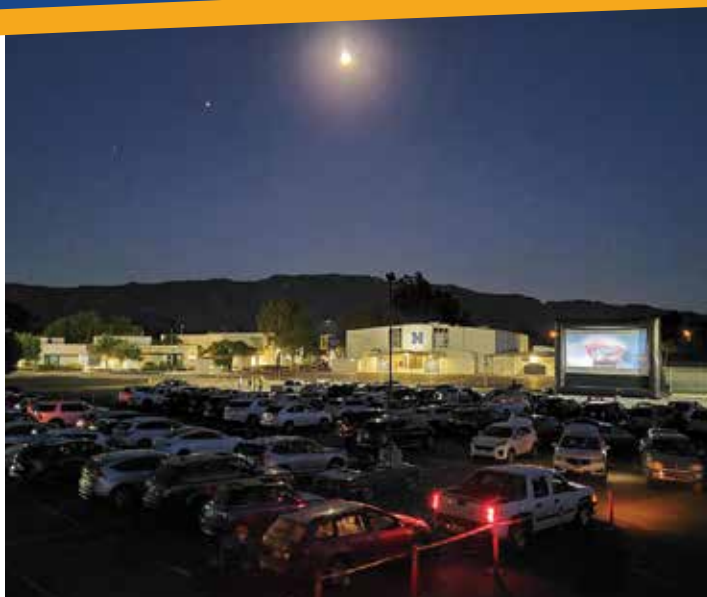
Our current Community Service projects include a Movie Night fundraiser in your car at Nordhoff High School; Adopt-a-Senior gift card exchange at holidays; Arbor Day Tree planting; and Auction fundraiser for Ojai Family Shelter.

We also donated \$30,000 to 21 local nonprofits responding to Covid-19; recognized Community leaders through the Living Treasures program, a joint project with Ojai Rotary-West; recognized 2 area students per month who exemplified Peace in Action; sponsored two high school students to Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA); and conducted job-type portfolio interviews with 8th grade students.

Charities Supported: Boy Scout Troop 504, OjaiCARES cancer resource center, Secure Beginnings, Ojai Unified School District, Ojai Valley Green Coalition, Center for Regenerative Agriculture, Food for Thought, Ojai Performing Arts Theater, Ojai Music Festival, Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, Ojai Film Festival, Biocitizen youth summer camp, Ojai Valley Family Shelter, HELP of Ojai, Prashanti School in India.

Contact Us:

OjaiRotary.org





About Our Club

The Rotary Club of Ojai West meets on Tuesdays at 7 AM. Our location is to be determined with the end of the pandemic. We have been meeting by Zoom since the beginning of the pandemic and will continue with hybrid meetings.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

Ojai Summer Band Performs seven concerts in July and August in Libbey Park. The town bandstand has a small-town feel, with balloons, popcorn and lemonade.

Floating Classroom A 45-foot pontoon boat takes children on an educational experience on Lake Casitas.

Dictionary Project Distributes a dictionary/reference book to every third grader in the Ojai Valley.

Scholarships Awards Scholarships to graduating seniors in the Valley.

The Ojai Wine Festival A large beer and wine festival which funds scholarships and local agencies.

Help of Ojai Senior food projects, emergency shelters, homeless aid, turkeys on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Secure Beginnings Furnishes pre- and post-natal education and a diaper bank.

Girl's Empowerment Workshop
Conducts confidence building workshops.

Meals on Wheels

Ojai Community Hospital "I got vaccinated" stickers for the shot clinic.

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About Our Club

For decades, Rotary has been an active, engaged presence in Santa Paula. Our club includes third-generation members and happily welcomes newcomers seeking camaraderie, community, and meaningful service. (And a chance to join in the weekly sing-alongs.) Pre-pandemic, members gathered each Monday for lunch. Like millions around the world, we relied on Zoom to join meetings in 2020 and instituted a weekly Zoom Happy Hour to boost morale (and exchange mixology tips). Now, we're excited to resume in-person lunches – with appropriate distancing and protocols, of course.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

This past year, our pandemic-response projects included:

Ad hoc pandemic response committee working with local agencies to provide funds and resources to families and households.

Financial support for efforts as varied as a "virtual stock show" for FFA and 4-H clubs affected by the cancellation of the Ventura County Fair and a drive-through Senior Prom organized by high school students.

Along with supporting Rotary International's altruistic and service initiatives, including the polio vaccine effort, our usual yearly activities include:

A month-long Pumpkin Patch fundraiser each Halloween, with a corn maze, hay pyramid, petting zoo, and ever-popular beer garden (Covid-cancelled in 2020)

Annual community Christmas basket distribution to 400+ households; toys, holiday meal foods, and more important than ever in 2020

Robust scholarship program for local college-bound high school seniors. Club volunteers read and evaluate each application, weighing need, merit, and readiness. This year, \$37,000 awarded!



Sponsorship and contribution to local museums, schools, arts, and educational institutions and fellow service groups

Participation in the semi-annual Santa Paula Beautiful day of volunteering; working alongside other clubs and individuals. Members paint curbs and spruce up parks, tend the community rose garden – whatever needs doing, we do!

Contact Us

SantaPaulaRotary.org

About Our Club

Located in a charming agricultural small town, Rotary Club of Fillmore counts among its members fourth and fifth generation locals as well as new residents who have only been here a few years. Regardless of their individual timelines, the Rotarians here seek to serve the community as a group, through a myriad of programs and functions while supporting each other along the way. "Service Above Self" is our guiding principal whether working in the historic downtown, the growing suburbs or in the hills surrounding the area.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

Meals on Wheels in Fillmore (during pandemic and continuing) Care Card Project with Interact includes making cards for the shut-ins, nurses, Greenfield Care Center in Fillmore & Fillmore Country Club an Independent and Assisted Living Facility in Fillmore.

Provided snacks during the pandemic to emergency room nurses at the Santa Paula Hospital.

Interact Club of Fillmore High School made a video and recruited other clubs at Fillmore High School to thank our first responders.

Donations/Volunteer Projects

- Fillmore High School Swim Team
- Rancho Camulos Clean-Up day
- Fillmore High School Cross Country Team
- Citizen Patrol Bike Rodeo
- Fillmore Sheriff's Explorers
- Dictionary Project
- Josh the Otter Water Safety & Literacy Project
- Three Angels Haiti
- Bicycle Path Clean-Up
- Santa Clara Valley Hospice

- Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley
- Cub Scouts
- Piru Youth Sports
- One Step a la Vez
- Interact Club of Fillmore High School
- Relay for Life of Heritage Valley
- Community Coats & Toy Drive (volunteered as well)
- Scholarships to graduating seniors in the Fillmore Unified School District
- RYLA
- Paint a Home Community Project

Contact Us

FillmoreRotary.org

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About Our Club

We are a highly active, engaging, caring, friendly and especially empowering club. During the pandemic, the club meetings went on via Zoom with creative Guest Speakers from across the country. Our socials went on via zoom with creative watercolor paint classes, yoga and wine events, cooking events and more.

Our fundraising events included three Drive-In Movie Night extravaganzas during the pandemic, with very special evenings for our guests complete with; holiday décor, tunnel of lights, Santa and the Elf, Skyscrapers (we built) and the entire Incredibles family.

Our #ConejoHeroes project honored essential workers in our community during the pandemic. The goal of our project was to help build our community morale and rally around those who worked the front lines for us during our time of need.

We also teamed up with other local Rotarians at the Conejo Valley YMCA to freshen up the grounds for the children who will be attending their summer camps. We also added a day of shopping with underprivileged youth at a local Target store during Christmas while being respectful of Covid-19 restrictions.

We are planning a new event December 12, 2021. This event "Holidays in the Village" will give our guests an opportunity to experience a traditional European winter festival with light up displays that will dazzle them as they walk this traditional European marketplace.

Artisan stands and vendors offering lovely gifts and ideas for loved ones, European foods as well as the traditional hot mulled wines and more. The Holidays in the Village will feel like our guests are celebrating their holiday season in Europe, at least for a day.



Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

Our club donates funds and provides volunteer time to:

- Harbor House of Thousand Oaks
- Senior Concerns of Thousand Oaks
- Manna of Conejo Valley
- Boys and Girls Club of Greater Conejo Valley
- YMCA
- Meals on Wheels.

Contact Us

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About Our Club

The Rotary Club of Westlake Village Sunrise has been making things better around the corner and around the world for 36 years. We meet every Friday morning for breakfast at 7:00 am at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks. We invite you to be our guest and learn more about Rotary! Check out our website at WestlakeVillageSunriseRotary.org.

We hold numerous fundraising events throughout the year. 100% of our proceeds of these fundraisers are earmarked to many local charities, including YMCA of Southeast Ventura County, Many Mansions, and to Rotary grants helping the underprivileged in Niger and Honduras.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

Our local community projects include:

- Manna Food Bank
- Feed the Needy
- Meals on Wheels
- Many Mansions
- My Stuff Bags Foundation
- Art Trek
- ASA Soldier Appreciation Month

Our club has also supported:

- Boy Scouts
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Conejo Free Clinic
- Children's Hospital
- Casa Pacifica
- Westminster Free Clinic
- Fit 4 the Cause
- Alzheimer's Association

Contact Us

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About Our Club

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Conejo Valley! We are part of the greatest humanitarian organization of the World and the only local club that meets after work in the evening! We are a smaller, more intimate club that is known locally for being mighty and getting wonderful things done locally and internationally.

We're known for providing Thanksgiving meals that feed over 5,000 local children and families in dire need with respect and honor, providing K9s for Warriors, helping distribute over 11,000 wheelchairs to those who desperately need one, and starting the first local drive-in movie charity event!

Some recent projects we've undertaken during COVID19 are responsibly distributing masks to nursing homes in need, supplying gift cards for groceries to families and individuals that lost employment, participating in a global grant to bring ventilators to Colombia, helping Casa Pacifica with volunteering, and much more!

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

- Wheelchair Foundation
- Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families
- K9s For Warriors
- Mary Health of the Sick Convalescent Home
- Bumblebee Foundation
- Community Conscience
- My Stuff Bags
- Amigo Baby Inc
- Tri-Counties Regional Center
- Gold Coast Health Plan
- Child Development Resources of Ventura County Inc
- Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project
- Westminster Free Clinic
- Charity Karaoke Sing For A Cause
- Gift of Life International
- Cardio Chavitos



- Cancer Support Community
- Food For People
- St. Paschal Catholic Church
- Economic Development Network
- Fundación Ayudanos A Vivir
- Fundación Divina Infancia de Jesus

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About Our Club

Imagine a group of Rotarians who welcome 20,000 local people and over 300 vendors at a yearly street fair supporting over 70 charities. We are the Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks. With over a 100 friendly, service-focused members, we are the biggest and the oldest club in the Conejo. It is energized by business, medical, legal, and non-profit professionals in its membership.

Our club members produce three main events at home as well. The Street Fair, a day-long Chili Cook-Off event, and a Midsummer Eve Wine Event. Every dime earned from these events is given to charities.

The Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks has built its own foundation. One of its key funding sources is the Midsummer Eve Wine Festival to benefit the Ventura County Special Olympics and other Thousand Oaks Foundation projects.

In addition to these big fundraisers, club members truly enjoy one another. Weekly lunches at the Los Robles Banquet Center radiate not only good food and programs but laughter and lasting friendships. Who wouldn't gravitate toward others who value "Service above Self?"

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

- Rotary Dreamcatcher Playground
- Special Olympics
- Westminster Free Clinic
- Conejo Free Dental Clinic
- Hospice of the Conejo
- Senior Concerns
- Backpacks for Foster Children
- Manna
- Youth Citizenship Awards
- Many Mansions
- Lutheran Social Services



- Rotary Youth Leadership
- Children of Promise Orphanage -Tijuana
- Castro Limon Children's Cancer Hospital – Tijuana
- Piyali Girls School – Piyali, India
- Organic Farming Project – Calcutta, India

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Sharing Our ROTARIAN MOMENTS

In my 39 years as a Rotarian I have done over 100 projects and the one that has been the most rewarding for me is the "Wheelchair Project". While I had many "Rotary Moments" the one that really touched my soul was the moment we gave a wheelchair to an injured soldier in Colombia. As a result of stepping on a land mine, this soldier was missing both legs, one eye, and had lost hearing in one ear.

Even with his health issues this soldier was telling me that when he fully recovered he was going to work hard to support his immediate poor family. It was amazing to see this soldier in such a challenging condition, and still you could feel in his words "that his heart and

mind were still alive and full of beautiful dreams".

I cried with him, but these were tears of joy because he was getting a wheelchair to help to reach his dreams.

Thank you, Rotary, for this marvelous moment of my life.

Diego Velasquez
Past President,
Rotary Club of Conejo Valley



My passion in Rotary is the support of veterans and working to empower women to end child trafficking. Many years ago we did a project to provide goods and services for low income children in Newbury Park .

My involvement in the National Immunization Day in India was one of my Rotary moments. Also, adopting a village in Honduras was very special to me, as well as working to educate

kids in Nicaragua who were living in garbage dumps. Having said that, I am proudest of raising \$70,000 in one year for K9's for Warriors and getting that charity support throughout the Rotary District.

Evie Greene
Past President, Rotary Club of Westlake Village Sunrise



One of my favorite projects this last year was building garden boxes for the Moorpark Boys and Girls Club.

As I was picking up my kids from the Boys and Girls Club of

Moorpark I was told that they were hoping to start a gardening project for the kids.

When my club heard about the need, we quickly had a committee formed to make this dream a reality. After pricing to build the boxes themselves, we found a source who could make the boxes less expensively than the wood cost, and we ordered 8 boxes.

Peach Hill Soils generously donated soil to the project and the committee helped move the boxes to their new home, filled them with soil and one member even donated some seedlings from her garden to get the kids started on their new adventure!

Chris Barrett
President, Rotary Club of Moorpark Morning

Every year the Westlake Village Rotary Club hosts a Holiday Shopping Spree at Target with kids from the Boys & Girls Club. Our club budgets \$125 for each child. It was at one of these recent events that I had my "Aha Rotary Moment". I was paired up to shop with a quiet, young girl and noticed the girl's parent was making comments about her selections. I got the impression that she was choosing things for other people, not herself.

The shopping spree is really supposed to be all about the child and for the most part they really enjoyed picking out items they normally couldn't buy themselves. This little girl didn't seem to be picking anything for herself and that made

me sad. I asked her if she had any clothes on her list and she said she wouldn't know what to pick out. Having two girls myself I assured her that this was my expertise! Together we picked out all kinds of clothes and I could see her eyes sparkling as we picked out jeans and multiple shirts that could match.... socks, sweaters, leggings. \$125 goes a long way with Target's sales, but we were going to go over budget, so I was happy to cover the difference because she was so excited.



As we were about to check out she turned to me and said, "Thank you. All of my clothes are hand-me-downs and I've never picked something out in a store for myself." It took everything I had to smile and tell her it was my pleasure - I just wanted to cry and take her back to buy everything in the department! The impression and feeling we leave these kids with is lasting and I look forward to it every year!

Kimmy Tarpe

Past President, Rotary Club of Westlake Village



I am proud of several projects our club has done recently.

Breakfast with a Rotarian - We invited high school students that wanted to learn about certain careers to join our meeting. We paired each with someone in that field. Students could ask the Rotarian anything about the business.

Lunch with Rotarians - We went to the high school with pizza in hand and we sat at the library tables and spoke to students about the working world. We had 25 Rotarians with 2-3 students at each table.

John Baxter

Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise



Sharing Our ROTARIAN MOMENTS

There are several projects by the Rotary Club of Ojai that I think are outstanding, but there are two youth service projects that I am most proud to share.

First is the Portfolio project that interviews over a two-day period 7th and 8th grade students one-on-one to prepare them in the future when they are interviewed for a job. They share a bio and work they have done over the last school year and dress appropriately.



The second project is the celebration of National Arbor Day where the club has lunch with elementary school students. We sit with the students and teacher during lunch and then the students put on a program related to trees and their value.



Some read poems, sing, act or share what they have done concerning trees. After lunch we complete the planting of trees with Rotarians assisting the students on how it should be done. A proclamation is read and presented to the school and a little history about National Arbor Day is given. This has been done for 20 years at the club with adjustments made during covid-19.

*Allan West
Rotary Club of Ojai*

The Oxnard Rotary has sponsored the boys and the girls annual middle school basketball tournaments for over 50 years. These tourneys stretch from January to March. We have 30 to 50 teams in total in the age classification groups. We work with the City of Oxnard Recreation Department. These are the oldest middle school basketball tourneys in the United States.

*Patrick Mullin
Rotary Club of Oxnard*



The club project I am most proud of is the scholarships that our club awards to Ventura students. This year Ventura East awarded over \$125,000.00 so far and will be presenting 5 more to local nursing students. My personal Rotary Moment was actually a year in the making. I was District Polio Chair for district 5300. Over the year I learned so much not only about the fight to end Polio, but the obstacles involved with inoculations. I couldn't be prouder of being a Rotarian.

*Cal Magro
President, Rotary Club of Ventura East*

Rotary's Group Study Exchange was a life changing event for me. The opportunity to travel abroad representing our District to another District in another country, and to meet so many Rotarians from another country who have experienced such a different life experience and serve Rotary in such a different way was such an eye opener!

*Diane Galvin
Rotary Club of Moorpark*

In 2005, about 12 years after I joined Rotary, I came across a newspaper article on the front page of the LA Times which reported the extreme poverty, hunger and lack of water in the country of Niger, West Africa. In the article, a woman from Ojai by the name of Leslie Clark had been working on raising money to help several groups of nomads in that country and was facing a daunting task of helping all the people affected by a recent drought. I decided to reach out to Leslie and explore possibilities of Rotary assistance.

Within the next few months, I decided to learn as much as I could about writing Rotary grants for international projects. I was amazed to find that many Rotarians in other clubs were so willing to help in this learning process – people like Ron Block (Newbury Park club), Diego Velazquez (Conejo Valley club) and Kay Bliss (Ojai Rotary). With their help in the grant process and in raising money, we were able to write a grant for over \$65,000! The grant provided for the digging of 15 new fresh-water wells, herd replacements for food and milk, school supplies, and a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Since 2006, we have continued to bring Rotary together in providing much needed services to the Nomads in Niger. We have written 20 grants in collaboration with 50 Rotary clubs, raising over \$600,000! These grants have brought more food and water, while building schools, providing school supplies,



and adding a medical clinic and eventually created a midwife training program. Our efforts have saved thousands of lives!

This shows the power of Rotary as so many clubs and Rotarians worked together to make a difference!

Randy Strong

Past President, Rotary Club of Westlake Village Sunrise



I am most proud of our YES program that supports youth. The program brings in high school age youth for the day.

YES! (Youth Empowerment Summit), is organized by the three Rotary Clubs in Simi Valley and was created to help empower young people to gain a greater understanding of issues, both personal and school related, through interaction and problem solving with peers and adult leaders. YES! hopes to create life-changers in our youth by developing effective leadership, communication, decision-making skills and strong values.

I've seen vast improvements in their attitude and demeanor toward the last part of their day.

Laura Berger, Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise



About Our Club

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Ventura – the friendliest club in Rotary! These are some of the things we do:

- Ventura Fireworks – 4th of July (coming back in 2022)
- River Haven Homeless Camp
- Coats for Kids
- Holiday Party for children
- Reading to elementary school students
- Restaurant Raids – supporting local restaurants challenged to survive COVID-19 closures.
- “The Four Way Test” Essay contest
- Dictionaries for elementary school students
- Perspectives on Peace scholarship contest
- Free Eye Clinic – together with Ventura Lyons and Ventura Salvation Army
- Farm-to Table fundraiser with Girl Scouts of America in 2021

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

- Camp Hope Chris
- STEMbassadors Inc.
- Ventura High School AVID Program
- Boys & Girls Club of Ventura
- Girl Scouts of America
- Ventura YMCA
- Ventura County Leadership Academy
- Ventura Rotaract
- EPIC “Lift Off”
- Salvation Army of Ventura
- Westside Community Development
- Ventura Land Trust
- Ventura Medical Resource Foundation
- Ventura Educational Partnership
- Rubicon Theater
- Ventura Musical Festival
- Ventura College Foundation
- Food Share



- Ronald McDonald House at VCMC
- Habitat for Humanity
- “Perspectives on Peace”
- Project Understanding
- Ventura Unified School District
- Turning Point Foundation

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About Our Club

We build our community through special projects. Our members believe that collectively we can impact change. For over 50 years the Rotary Club of Ventura South has continued to play a vital role in empowering nonprofits and local organizations to change the lives of our Ventura community. Through organized efforts in our community, we have been able to offer support to local nonprofits who are making a difference.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

Ronald McDonald House

Our Foundation is currently supporting the construction of the new living room for parents of children staying at Community Memorial Hospital.

Boys & Girls Club of Ventura

The Rotary Foundation allocates funding to support essential afterschool programs for young people ages 6-12.

Turning Point Foundation

Through our annual Mardi Gras Celebration, the Club supports the Turning Point Foundation that offers essential services for those struggling with mental illness.

Dictionary Project

We provide dictionaries annually to Will Rogers School to help support literacy.

Backpack Project

Through our partnership with local schools, we gather, pack, and distribute backpacks annually with school supplies for families and children.

Red Kettle Project

Through the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Project, we raise funding for those in need during the holiday season.

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About Our Club

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Ventura-East. Our club was chartered 55 years ago. Ventura East Rotarians meet for lunch from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Poinsettia Pavilion. A delicious lunch, fellowship and networking, a short business session and usually an informative speaker who presents current and timely topics.

Rotarians practice our pledge of "Service Above Self" through our five Avenues of Service committees: Club Service, Community Service, International Service, Vocational Service and Youth Service. Leadership training for our youth is an important part of what we do, sponsoring an "Interact" Club at Buena High School and sending High School Juniors to a program called RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, a 4-day retreat for self-development and leadership experience.

We have two major fundraisers each year to support our charitable work. In October, we throw a fun filled adult costume party called "Nightmare on the Hill." It is a very popular event. Our second fundraiser is Poinsettia Sales for the holidays. Volunteer Rotarians deliver the cases of beautiful plants for each order to home or business. These fundraising events allow us to continue our services to our local community and to the world.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

We support the Boys & Girls Clubs, Food Share, 805 Food Program and the Ventura Botanical Gardens. This year in June we awarded \$50,000 in scholarships to local High School Seniors with plans to attend colleges and universities. Our club just awarded \$125,000 in scholarships to those students pursuing vocational programs. At Christmas, we adopted a local retirement home, and gave each resident a Poinsettia plant. We also helped collect donations for the Salvation Army.

On an International basis, we partner with "GoCare" in support of a project in Nicaragua, offering health care, educational oppor-



Rotary Club of Ventura South Mardi Gras



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tunities, computer labs, English language lessons and much more. A new project for us is partnering with "The Mossy Foot Project" based in Ventura and providing medical and rehabilitation services through their project in Ethiopia.

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About Our Club

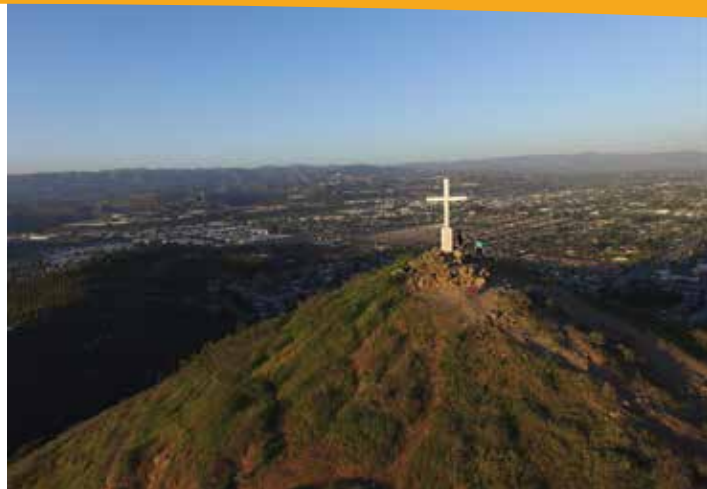
The Rotary Club of Simi Valley is one of the earliest clubs chartered in the area and serving the community is a labor of love for our members. We are proud of the many community projects – local and global that we have initiated over the last 55 years.

Our community projects and fundraisers include Blood Drives, Lighting the Cross on Mount McCoy, Holiday Bike Build, Volunteering to help the Free-Clinic, Madera Road Clean-up, and recognizing Community Heroes. Youth Services is a very important focus for our club. We sponsor the Royal High School Interact Club, annual Youth Exchange Students, sponsor attendees of RYLA, and participate in the YES! program developed by the three Simi Valley Rotary Clubs.

RC Simi Valley Member Rocky Rhodes donated a kidney to fellow Honorary Member Tony Falato, husband of our President Evelyn Loker. Both Tony and Rocky continue to thrive in health and drive support for kidney donations and support through our Club and other organizations. As a recent result of their continued effort, a local Simi Valley resident received a donor just last year.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

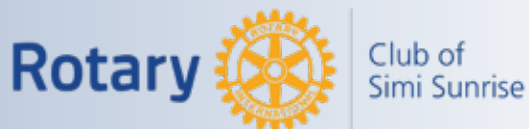
- Simi Valley Boys & Girls Club
- Samaritan Center
- Simi Valley Senior Center
- Free Clinic of Simi Valley
- Ventura County Firefighters
- Bicycle donations for children in need
- YES! Youth Empowerment Summit
- Student Scholarships
- Boy Scouts
- YMCA
- Military Veterans
- Meals on Wheels
- Senior Concerns



- Soaring Spirits International
- For the Troops
- Coalition for Family Harmony

Contact Us

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About Our Club

Community service has been one of the hallmarks for the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise. This past year, though we had to remain social distanced, our club was able to provide so much for our community. We were able to provide Thanksgiving dinners to our seniors and bikes for our local children during the holidays. We spent time helping an elderly neighbors clean their yards and installed smoke detectors in mobile homes. We provided meals to our local police and hospital, held a school supply drive, and collected coats and sweaters for the Samaritan Center.

Our environment is always at the forefront of our Club. We participated in the cleaning of the Arroyo during Earth Day 2021, scrubbing graffiti off our hillsides, and continued to maintain Happy Face Hill. On Memorial Day, our club planted flags around the Happy Face and then donated these flags to the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) post here in Simi Valley. Our club has been busy promoting a project near and dear to our members – the need for a kidney donor for one of our members' wife. Through different social media campaigns, along with painted rocks placed throughout Simi Valley, this project will create a hero out of a donor, and we want to help that happen.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

Adventist Hospital Simi Valley
American Cancer Society
Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts
Care and Share
For the Troops
Free Clinic of Simi Valley
Many Mansions
Meals on Wheels
Nancy Reagan Breast Center
Relay for Life
Samaritan Center of Simi Valley
Simi Valley Boys & Girls Club
Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center



Simi Valley Education Foundation
Simi Valley Police K-9 Unit and Reserves
Simi Valley Senior Center Thanksgiving Eve Dinner
Simi Valley Unified School District
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For information about any of our schools, go to www.simivalleyusd.org/simischools to find the contact information for all of our schools. All SVUSD schools have virtual tours and other information posted on their websites for prospective students and their families, and all will welcome your questions. We cannot wait to meet you!

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Monte Vista School
(K-12 Independent Study/
Homeschool)
Simi Institute for Careers &
Education (Adult School)



About Our Club

The Rotary Club of Simi Sunset is the perfect club to join to help give back to your town and globally. We are a bunch of fun-loving folks dedicated to helping others in our community. Our club has a very welcoming vibe and we welcome all new members enthusiastically. So, what do we do besides meet, drink and be Rotarians? We hold events to raise money for local causes:

Simi's Endless Beer Fest

We bring you almost 2 dozen craft breweries with over 50 beers, ciders, and seltzers to taste. Come enjoy top notch food trucks, live music, and unlimited beer tastings!

Johnna's Tea Party

Johnna's Tea Party is an annual party where guests throw on their fancy hats, eat delicious food, drink tea and mimosas, and be entertained. Its purpose is to help provide assistance to the Marcelle Erian Cancer Foundation. Johnna's Tea Party has been a local community event since 2009.

Shoes for Little Souls

A community service project in partnership with The Samaritan Center and Kohl's Department Store in Simi Valley. The goal is to help homeless (or at risk) families get back-to-school clothing for their children.

Reading by 9

Through the years we have donated thousands of books to local elementary schools. And the best part for club members is delivering the books and reading one to the entire class!

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

- YMCA of Simi Valley
- Free Clinic of Simi Valley
- The Samaritan Center
- Por Amor - Columbian charity helping children with Spina bifida
- Alberto Chedrani School in Honduras
- Rotary's Polio Plus program



- Welcome To Simi Sign maintenance
- Simi Senior Center food bank
- Tierra Rejada clean up
- Christmas Bicycle Assembly for underprivileged children
- Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley
- Samaritan Center

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About Our Club

We are a philanthropic club, seeking to make a difference in both our local community and working with other clubs throughout the globe to make this world a better place for all. Our members include some of the key influencers of Moorpark, including the Mayor, Chief of Police, CHP Lieutenant, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, business owners/leaders, local developers, etc.

We work together to volunteer our time in service projects and fund-raising, to either do the work or make donations to charities and related organizations. Globally, we've partnered with international Rotary clubs to help provide Covid relief/supplies in India & Brazil, and Rotary International is leading the fight against another disabling & life-threatening virus that many have forgotten – Polio!

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

- Moorpark Food Pantry
- Boys & Girls Club of Moorpark & Simi Valley
- School Supplies for local youth
- Adventist Health Foundation
- Lord's Table
- Kiwanis Club of Moorpark
- CASA
- Moorpark Police Volunteers
- Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation
- Sgt. Ron Helus Memorial Car Rally
- American Legion
- H.O.Y. - Help Our Youth Today
- Tierra Rejada Roadside Clean-Up
- Moorpark High School Interact Club
- Moorpark High School Chorus & Band
- Scholarships for High School Seniors
- Honoring our Officers of the Year
- Active Adult Center
- HOBY Youth Leadership
- Moorpark Little League
- Rotaplast International



- Special Olympics
- Friends of Barnabas (Honduras)
- Children's Hospital in Bucharest (Romania)
- PACE Learning Center for girls (India)
- Mother's Milk (India)
- Cerebral Palsy thru Rotary Foundation (India)

Contact Us

moorparkrotary.com

FB: RotaryClubofMoorpark

About Our Club

The Rotary Club of Moorpark Morning is a group of business leaders, educators, non-profit leaders and civic professionals who meet regularly and perform community service in Moorpark. People join our club for networking opportunities, fellowship, friendship and most importantly to do more to serve their local and global communities.

Our club meetings are Thursday mornings from 7:00am to 8:15 am. Each meeting includes a delicious breakfast and a featured speaker.

The Rotary Club of Moorpark Morning has hosted the Moorpark Beer Festival for the last nine years. In 2019, our club founded the Moorpark Film Festival, a three-day festival that screens independent features and shorts at the historic High Street Arts Center in Moorpark. Every Memorial Day, our club celebrates Veterans by hosting the Moorpark Field of Valor, a patriotic tribute honoring all Veterans for their dedication and service to our nation. Two hundred flags are proudly displayed, each dedicated in memory of a friend or family member who proudly served in the armed forces.

Club Highlights & Beneficiaries

- Financial Literacy Program
- Rotary reader Program
- Drive through Food Bank
- Adopt-A- Road Project
- Moorpark High School Interact
- Moorpark Food Pantry
- Polio Plus
- Ruben Castro Charities
- Moorpark Volunteers in Policing
- Moorpark Police Explorers
- RYLA
- Moorpark College and Career Center



- Moorpark High School AVID
- Arroyo West Active Learning Academy
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WHERE AND WHEN WE MEET

Camarillo

Wednesdays at 12 Noon
340 Mobil Ave.
Camarillo
CamarilloRotary.org

Camarillo Sunrise

Tuesdays at 7:00 am
Spanish Hills Country Club
999 Crestview Avenue
Camarillo
CamarilloSunriseRotary.com

Conejo Valley

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Zoom application (online) and
Los Robles Greens Golf Course
Banquet Room
299 S Moorpark Rd.
Thousand Oaks
ConejoValleyRotary.org

Fillmore

Wednesdays at 7:00 am
El Pescador Restaurant
1305 Ventura St. (Hwy 126)
Fillmore
FillmoreRotary.org

Moorpark

First 3 Fridays of Each Month
Meeting on Zoom until return
to in-person meetings
Moorpark Country Club
(Location may change)
MoorparkRotary.com

Moorpark Morning

Thursday mornings at 7:00am
Lucky Fools Pub
Historic Downtown Moorpark
Near the corner of Moorpark Ave.
and High Street
MoorparkMorningRotary.com

Ojai

Fridays at 12 noon, on Zoom
Searching for a new venue for
in-person meetings (hybrid format)
OjaiRotary.org

Ojai West

Tuesdays at 7:00 am
Location is TBD with the
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Oxnard

Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon
Courtyard by Marriott
600 East Esplanade Dr.
Oxnard
OxnardRotary.com

Santa Paula

Mondays at 12:00 Noon
Flight 126
824 E. Santa Maria St.
Santa Paula
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Simi Valley

Tuesdays at 12:00 pm
99.1 The Ranch Radio Studio
Simi Valley Town Center
Simi Valley
SimiValleyRotary.org

Simi Sunrise

Thursday mornings 7:00 am
The Junkyard Café
2585 Cochran St.
Simi Valley
RotaryClubofSimiSunrise.org

Simi Sunset

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
Currently online,
but in-person meetings soon
Wood Ranch Golf Club
301 N Wood Ranch Pkwy
Simi Valley
SimiSunsetRotary.org

Thousand Oaks

Thursdays at Noon
Los Robles Greens Golf Course
Banquet Room
299 S Moorpark Rd.
Thousand Oaks
ThousandOaksRotary.org

Ventura

Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon
Currently meeting weekly on Zoom
In-person coming soon
The Derby Club at Seaside Park
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Ventura
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Ventura East

Thursdays at 12:00 Noon
Poinsettia Pavilion
3451 Foothill Road
Ventura, CA 93003
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Ventura South

Mondays at Noon
Tower Club
300 Esplanade, 22nd Floor
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Fridays at 7:00 am
Los Robles Greens Golf Course
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