



The Rotary Club GOOD NEWS

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The Rotary Club of Menifee meets Thursdays at 12:10 p.m., BJ's in Menifee Market Place, 30208 Haun Road, Menifee, CA 92584
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The Life of Rotary Founder Paul Harris

Born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA, on April 19, 1868, Paul P. Harris was the second of six children of George N. and Cornelia Bryan Harris.

At age three, he moved to Wallingford, Vermont, where he grew up in the care of his paternal grandparents, Howard and Pamela Harris. He attended the University of Vermont and Princeton University and received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1891.

While he was in school, both of Harris's grandparents died, and he spent the five years after graduation traveling around the country and working odd jobs. After arriving penniless in San Francisco in 1891, he worked as a reporter for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and then as a ranch hand, grape picker, actor, and cowboy. He was also a hotel night clerk in Jacksonville, Florida, and a traveling marble and granite salesman.

In 1896, he settled in Chicago and opened a law practice. Along with Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey, he founded the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905 and was elected its president in 1907.

Club membership grew rapidly. Many members were originally from small towns and found an opportunity for fellowship in the Chicago club. Harris was convinced that the club could be expanded into a service movement and strove to extend Rotary to other communities.

In 1910, he met Jean Thomson during an outing with the Prairie Club, a Chicago-based organization for wilderness enthusiasts. Harris and Thomson married three months later and settled on Chicago's South Side.

In the same year, the National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed, and Harris was elected its first president. He held the office for two years and afterward became president emeritus, serving as the public face of the organization and promoting membership extension and service around the world.

He wrote several books about Rotary and his life and travels, including *The Founder of Rotary* and *This Rotarian Age*.

In addition to his work with Rotary, Harris was involved in other civic organizations, including the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, City Club of Chicago, Chicago Bar Association, Prairie Club, and Easter Seals. He was also recognized by the Boy Scouts of America and honored by the governments of Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Peru.

Harris died on January 27, 1947, leaving a rich legacy of fellowship, professionalism, service, and friendship. His passing also sparked an outpouring of donations to The Rotary Foundation from all over the world, allowing the Foundation to greatly expand its programs and services.



The first four Rotarians (from left): Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul Harris.

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Margaret Thatcher

October 13, 1925—April 8, 2013



The Rotary Club of Menifee paid tribute to Baroness Margaret Thatcher, British Prime Minister during the Ronald Reagan years, who passed away April 8 after struggling with Alzheimer's for many years. Besides being a great friend and ally of President Reagan and the subject of a recent biographical movie starring Meryl Streep, the 'Iron Lady' was a long time Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Menifee.

It happened like this: During her term as Prime Minister, the shopkeeper's daughter who rose to great heights was invited and gracefully accepted Honorary Membership due to the influence of the then Sun City Rotarian Lloyd Preece, former Deputy Superintendent of Scotland Yard. Preece had moved from the U.K. and settled in the retirement town alongside the old Highway 395, which became part of Menifee upon the new City's incorporation. Lady Thatcher's membership is documented in Club records, and was also recognized with a photo and article in the 100th Anniversary of the *Rotarian*, the official publication of Rotary International.

A few other notable Rotarians over the years have included Winston Churchill and the present kings of Belgium and Sweden in Europe. The membership list is remarkable in the United States, as well, including several Presidents, California Governor and Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren, two of the first three astronauts setting foot on the moon, Thomas Edison, Wilbur Wright, Edgar Guest (the 'people's poet'), and most of the current elected officials representing Riverside County as Supervisors, as well as in the State Legislature.



On April 4, **Vicki Carpenter** was made an Honorary Member of Rotary Club of Menifee.

CHANGE OF VENUE

the Club now meets at

BJ's Brewhouse

30208 Haun Road

Thursdays

at 12:10 pm

Rose Moore

Guest Speaker—April 21, 2013

"My name is Rose Moore and I am a drug addict." That's how the guest speaker began her presentation. As Rotary President-elect Linda Denver reported, Ms. Moore's background would not give you any clue why she became addicted to prescription drugs. She came from a good family base, was active and a high achiever in high school, spent some time in the military. "I was a good, smart girl who wanted to be liked," she explained. But the profession she chose didn't value those attributes. It was all egocentric with importance placed on image. It was not unusual that her co-workers would be "high" at the job and they involved drugs in their lives. So she joined in.

"Addiction is not a disease. Don't believe that! It is a 'behavior maladaptation.' I didn't decide to become a drug addict. I started out light and it proliferated. It was the way I chose to focus on me. I didn't see myself as part of a big picture."

She received three DUI's; the first two on prescription drugs and the third on alcohol. She was also in possession of drugs when arrested. The court showed leniency and requires her to wear an Interlock Device into which she blows her breath before she can start her car.

"A clean break from the drug lifestyle is necessary," Moore emphasized. "My parents paid my bail on the terms that I would live with my sister and her husband." She removed herself from her old friends, hangouts, and job (everything associated with her drug lifestyle) and started from scratch, built on accountability. She started walking each morning, then running a marathon.

Rotarian Paul David, owner of Elevate Fitness in Menifee, gave her a job because he was impressed by her work ethic. She wanted to work there because Elevate represents what she believes in—helping your physical well-being without medication, and being physically healthy.

Moore is now taking courses in drug addiction counseling, working at Elevate, and talking to teens about problems with addictions. "It's around them all the time. Our culture endorses living a comfortable, pain-free, stress-free life. A quick fix is medication. The media, as well as some politicians, encourages a lifestyle with no consequences in the use of alcohol or so-called recreational drugs; where it is claimed that, at the most, criminal results can be classified as simply victimless crimes.

Moore shared additional information: Employers should know that they can't discriminate against a person on prescription medications; they can't even ask about it. Employees can't be terminated because they are under the influence of prescription drugs.

Parents should be sensitive to their children's behavior and question their children when their behavior is unusual or changes. "Involve your children in volunteer opportunities where they help other people and take the focus off of themselves. Love the drug addict for the person you knew before. I was two different people. But keep a distance and protect yourself, too. Lock up your medications. And most important, know where your children are."

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Charles Guillen & Donna Wilder

New Members

Rotary Club of Menifee inducted two new members at the club's April 4 regular meeting at its new meeting place, BJ's in the Menifee Market Place.

Menifee Police Chief Charles Guillen, sponsored by his associate and club member Lt. Charles Wilhite, was welcomed into membership, along with educator Donna Wilder, sponsored by Tom Yuzer.

Ms. Wilder is a transfer from the Temecula Sunrise Rotary, where she was a member for ten years and a past President.

Riverside Sheriff Lt. Guillen is serving as Menifee Police Chief, under the Sheriff's contract with the city. He is a 23-year veteran of the department and lives in San Jacinto. When not on duty, he enjoys off-roading and motocross with his 17-year-old son.

Ms. Wilder is a recently retired administrator and instructor at Mt. San Jacinto College, and still teaches a couple of online courses in the business discipline. She resides in Murrieta and enjoys travel and dancing. Originally from Memphis, Tennessee, Ms. Wilder earned her undergraduate degree at Phoenix University and her Master's at Fielding Graduate Institute.



President-Elect Linda Denver, President Carol Sullivan, Sheriff Lt. Charles Wilhite, new member Menifee Police Chief Charles Guillen, new member Donna Wilder, and Tom Yuzer.

Battalion Chief Jorge Rodriguez

Guest Speaker



Also at the April 4 regular club meeting, the guest speaker was Battalion Chief Jorge Rodriguez of CalFire, which provides fire protection for the City of Menifee.

With the older population of the Sun City neighborhoods, it is the busiest station in Riverside County. CalFire, the state fire agency, provides its services to 21 of the incorporated cities in the county, with a fire fighting staff of about 1,500. It is responsible for the unincorporated parts of the county as well, including the vast area of Cleveland National Forest. CalFire bases its water dropping air tankers and helicopters at Hemet air field. Monthly callouts average over 4,000, with 911 medical emergencies by far the largest number.

While CalFire and county contract with private ambulance firms for most of its territories, residents of the Coachella Valley use CalFire's own ambulance service in that area for a contract fee of generally \$54 per month per household, according to Chief Rodriguez.



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May 30, 2013 at 6 pm

A Blue Tie Affair

*An Elegant Evening at
Menifee Lakes Country Club*

Sheriff Stan Sniff

Guest Speaker—April 25, 2013

The safest place in Menifee on a recent Thursday at noon was BJ's Restaurant in the Market Place. Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Menifee. Also present was Menifee Police Chief and new Rotarian Charles Guillen, who heads the City's protection detachment as a Sheriff Lt. Accompanying him was his guest, Sheriff Lt. Jackie Horton from the Perris substation.

Sheriff Sniff described in detail the functions of the Sheriff's Department. First, the Sheriff is the only elected top cop in the County. All City Police Chiefs serve "at will," meaning they may be fired at will by the City Managers or Councils. Besides providing law enforcement for all the unincorporated sections of Riverside County, which is roughly the size of the State of New Jersey, the Sheriff's Department provides police protection by contract with most of the incorporated cities. In Southwest Riverside alone, Perris, Menifee and Temecula rely for policing from the Sheriff's Dept.

The third mission of the Sheriff is to operate the County jails, which Sheriff Sniff admits are becoming revolving doors for non-violent criminals, due to a Northern California judge ruling against so-called cruel and inhumane overcrowding and the consequent dumping by the cash-strapped State of California from State prisons to the overcrowded County jails. New jail space is hoped for but, in the present economic times, is an idle dream.

Riverside County operates with about 4,000 sworn officers and needs more to perform its varied functions

but, of course, as Sniff pointed out, plans for necessary growth are also currently on hold.

When asked about his personal background, Sheriff Sniff recalled starting as a street cop in a small town in the desert. He then had a career change from chasing criminals, issuing tickets, and the usual mundane things to protecting his Country by joining the Army, retiring as a full Colonel.

Returning to law enforcement, Sniff joined the Riverside Sheriff's Department and, after rising through the ranks, ran for the top job and was first elected 7 years ago.

Although Rotary is a non-political organization and speakers are careful to avoid politics, he was asked a direct question by an audience member about his intentions for 2014. Yes, Sheriff Sniff plans to run for re-election.



Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff, Sheriff Lieutenants Jackie Horton and Charles Guillen, and Menifee Rotary President Carol 'Red' Sullivan

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2012-2013 Leadership

President—Carol “Red” Sullivan
President Elect—Linda Denver
Vice President—Ruth Bol
Secretary—Judy Handwerker
Treasurer—Mike Castillejos
Immediate Past President—Paul David
Foundation—Tom Yuzer
Club Administration—Linda Denver
Public Relations—Bob Roark
District Governor—Jean Easum
Newsletter—Jan Lunday

May Birthdays

05/01 **Mark Handwerker**
05/01 **Georgette Wilhite**
05/04 **Ruth Bol**
05/14 **Anthony Rosilez**
05/18 **Carolyn Baustian**

May Rotary Anniversaries

None

May Wedding Anniversaries

None

Rotary Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do ...

- **Is it the TRUTH?**
- **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

Membership

BLAZE, STU—619-301-5211
Restaurateur
BOL, RUTH — 234-4319
Pediatric Dentist
CALLAWAY, DR. LINDA — 672-1851
School Superintendent
CASTILLEJOS, MIKE — 672-1971
Bank Manager
CROSBY, CAL “CROZ” — 246-2202
Realtor
DAVID, PAUL — 246-3530
Health Club Trainer/Owner
DENVER, JOHN — 672-1731
Real Estate Broker
DENVER, LINDA — 672-1731
Retired Educator
GREENBERG, DR. JONATHAN—943-6369 x126
School Superintendent
HANDWERKER, JUDY — 672-9860
Fiduciary
MARTIN, DENNIS — 926-4665
Tax Preparation
PADILLA, GREGORY—602-317-0338
Hospital Administrator
PRATHER, DAWN —756-4888
Charity Management
ROARK, ROBERT “BOB” — 800-824-6561
Insurance Agency Owner
ROSILEZ, DR. ANTHONY— 926-9244
School Superintendent
SMOLINSKI, JOE — 672-0777
Mortuary Management
SULLIVAN, CAROL “RED” — 672-1523
Clinical Research
TAYLOR, IVETTE — 679-2222
Financial Advisor
WILHITE, CHARLIE — 816-0420
Law Enforcement
WOLONS, DOROTHY— 672-1991
Chamber of Commerce CEO
YUZER, TOM — 679-8541
University Fund Raising

Honorary Members

BAUSTIAN, CAROLYN — 301-6071
SOTERO, MARJORIE — 679-8211
WESTFALL, LINDA — 830-6380
WILLIAMS, REAGAN
WILSON, JIM—301-5604
WRIGHT, PAUL—679-3429

All area code 951 unless otherwise indicated.