

# Rota-Monica

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August 5, 2011

## Meeting Cast

Sally Reason gave the invocation, Julia Miele, sat next to President David Bohn, Connie DeGroot introduced our speaker Dr. Anahid Jewett, and Don Dickerson introduced our visitors. We were greeted by Lisa Alexander and Nicole Ryan. Tom Larmore led us enthusiastically in the pledge and our songs, accompanied by Ken Waltzer.



## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Century City Rotarian Gloria Herrera was on hand and was entertained by Con Oyler and Nat Trives. Introduced by Alan "Joe Cool" Glick, Vince Slevin joined us to express his appreciation for the Rotary scholarship he received last May. Vince had been unable to attend the meeting at which the scholarships were awarded. Joanne Baker came as a guest of Jack Gregory. Cynthia Rockwell was Lisa Alexander's guest. Kira Lavac added a little class to the place by accompanying her dad, Frank.



## Announcements

- If you have outstanding invoices owed to the club, please pay up! We would like to encourage you to sign up with a MasterCard or Visa for automatic billing – easier on you and easier on Savi.
- Oct 2 – International Wine Festival at the Annenberg Community Beach House – the club's only fundraiser. Please plan to attend – It counts as a regular meeting!
- August 26 – Our next food service for the homeless will be at OPCC's Turning Point Shelter, 16th and Broadway. We start cooking at 4:00 PM, serve at 6:00 PM, and should be finished by 7:30 PM. Members may come for any or all of the time and are free to bring family and friends. (It's appropriate for kids starting about age 8.) Contact Bill Buxton ([wbuxton@ucla.edu](mailto:wbuxton@ucla.edu)).



Annenberg Beach House

- Nov 6 – Rotary International Foundation Paul Harris Celebration - District Governor Brad Robinson flies on a trapeze with the greatest of ease in his spare time so our celebration will take place at Circus Vargas, Del Amo Fashion Center, 3525 Carson Street, Torrance, CA 90503.

Circus Vargas



Doors open at 11 AM. Adults, \$65/ adults, children under 16, \$35, children under 2, free.

- A new Upward Bound House makeover is coming soon! Stay tuned.

### Fines

Ron Davis was fined for the 67% increase in sales that Santa Monica Ford Lincoln Mercury Subaru has experienced so far this year. Avo Guerboian was fined *again* for promoting himself and his business. This time, Reader’s Fine Jewelers was offering special deals in honor of Avo’s father’s 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Is that lame, or what? Lionel Ruhman was fined for his 57 years of married life...Now, that ain’t lame! And you know...If you’re clever enough to figure out how to beat the Rotary Rent System, you’re ahead of the game. Suzan Allbritton found the “No Fine” table...front and center.



### Presentation – Dr. Anahid Jewett



Dr. Anahid Jewett, Professor and Director of Tumor Immunology Laboratory within the Jane and Jerry Weintraub Center for Reconstructive Biotechnology, UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, explained that “cancer” is our own cells behaving badly (this editors’ words, not Dr. Jewett). She shared statistics that made clear that some types of cancers are much more deadly than others.

While some cancers have genetic risk factors, there are also environmental factors at play: smoking, alcohol consumption, diet, and inactivity can be factors that contribute to cancer cells multiplying. Many of us listened and thought about our favorite foods, couch-potato habits, and stress-filled work days and had to admit there’s room for improvement in taking care of our own health.

| Type of Cancer              | Incidence (new cases) | Mortality   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Breast Cancer               | 1.38 million          | 458,400     |
| Colorectal Cancer           | 1.2 million           | 608,700     |
| Lung Cancer                 | 1.6 million           | 1.4 million |
| Prostate Cancer             | 903,500               | 258,400     |
| Stomach Cancer              | 989,600               | 738,000     |
| Liver Cancer                | 748,300               | 695,900     |
| Cervical Cancer             | 539,800               | 275,100     |
| Esophageal Cancer           | 482,300               | 406,800     |
| Bladder Cancer              | 386,300               | 150,200     |
| Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma        | 355,900               | 191,400     |
| Oral Cavity and Lip Cancers | 263,900               | 128,000     |

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At the center of Dr. Jewett’s laboratory research are natural killer (NK) cells. Normally, the NK cells control the cancer cells, and she is studying them to learn how they kill the cancer cells, what other cells activate or prevent the function of NK cells, how NK cells become inactivated, and what can be done to increase their function.

Dr. Jewett founded a nonprofit foundation, Cure Cancer Now, whose mission is to find the cure for cancer. It was started by cancer researchers with the goal of identifying and funding



the most promising science that will result in an effective cure for cancer. Dr. Jewett acknowledged the existence of other, much larger, nonprofits with the same overall mission, but Cure Cancer Now is basically a volunteer army of cancer researchers with few of the business functions of the more typical organizations. Our own Connie DeGroot is President of the Foundation.

### Thought for the Day (TFTD)

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time” ~ John Lubbock, on Summer

### A 2011-2012 Rotary Fight Song?

Congratulations to the Music Committee for coming up with a winner this week...A theme song for Prez David that we can actually sing (well, sort of) to a tune that our Army vets know all too well:

We are brave, we are bold  
Though we’re 80-plus years old.  
And Rotary keeps rolling along.  
We’ll drink wine, we’ll drink beer  
And do good things through the year  
As Rotary keeps rolling along.

Well it’s Hi Hi Hee, Santa Monica Rotary  
Who is our leader on the throne?  
*(shout)* DAVID BOHN!  
Where e’re we go folks will always know  
That Rotary keeps rolling along.  
*(shout)* KEEP IT ROLLING!  
That Rotary keeps rolling along.

Only one question: What the heck does “Hi Hi Hee” mean?

### Monthly Events

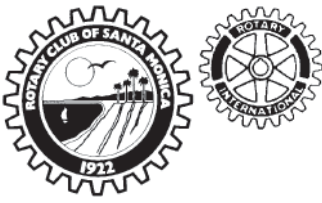
Third Thursday **Breakfast** – Aug. 18, anytime between 7:30am-9:00am at Le Pain Quotidian, 13050 San Vicente, Los Angeles (just east of 26th St.)

First Friday **Tennis** – Sept. 2. See Karim Jaude

First Tuesday **Happy Hour(s)** – Tuesday, Sept. 6. Location TBD

### Calendar of Events

- Aug 12 [The Honorable Wolfgang Drautz, Consul General of German in Los Angeles, Berlin Wall 50th anniversary](#)
- Aug 19 [TBD](#)
- Aug 26 [Jessica Levinson, State Redistricting](#)
- Aug 26 Our first homeless agency project this year will be at OPCC’s Turning Point facility, 16th and Broadway. We start cooking dinner at 4:00 PM, serve at 6:00 PM, and should be finished cleaning up by 7:30 PM. Contact Bill Buxton ([wbuxton@ucla.edu](mailto:wbuxton@ucla.edu)).
- Sept 2 **DARK for Labor Day**
- Sept 9 [Austin Buetner - Head of a blue-ribbon panel to bring an NFL team to LA. \(NFL season starts on 9/8.\)](#)
- Sept 23 [George Rosenthal, Wines of Malibu](#)
- Sept 30 **DARK** for the Club’s only fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 2 (which counts as the meeting). Plan to attend.
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**“Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”**

### LOCAL MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES

|            |                         |            |                                      |                                     |
|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| MONDAY:    | Beverly Hills           | 12:15 p.m. | Beverly Hills Hotel                  | 9641 West Sunset Blvd.              |
| TUESDAY:   | Brentwood (Los Angeles) | 12:15 p.m. | Hotel Angeleno                       | Sunset and the 405                  |
| WEDNESDAY: | Century City            | 12:00 p.m. | Breeze Rest. - Hyatt Century Plaza   | 2025 Avenue of the Stars            |
|            | Malibu                  | 7:30 a.m.  | Pepperdine University                | 24255 Pacific Coast Hwy             |
|            | Culver City             | 12:15 p.m. | Radisson Hotel                       | 6161 W. Centinela Avenue            |
|            | Playa Venice Sunrise    | 7:15 a.m.  | Marina International Hotel           | 4200 Admiralty Way, MDR             |
| THURSDAY:  | Pacific Palisades       | 7:00 a.m.  | Aldersgate Retreat & Cultural Center | 925 Haverford Ave., PP              |
|            | Westwood Village        | 12:00 p.m. | UCLA Faculty Center                  | 480 Charles Young Dr. (UCLA Campus) |

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