

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA MONICA
Community and Youth Service
Jay Smith III, Director



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Community and Youth Service committees of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica are dedicated to fostering fellowship, education, physical and mental health, and community involvement within the club and throughout our community by identifying significant avenues for involvement and organizing the talent and energy of club members for the good of all.

Funding for these activities and scholarships are provided by the pledges that club members make that are collected by the President through fines. In recent years, the club has made over \$50,000 available to our community through the activities of these committees.

LONG-TERM COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Several major projects are either relatively permanent or at least of multi-year duration and provide substantial ongoing benefit to different groups in the community. Most of them require regular and recurring participation on the part of club members and several have become strongly identified with Rotary in the broader Santa Monica and Westside communities.

To distinguish these significant projects from short-term assistance or single-event activities, we have grouped these headliners together in our organizational structure.

A. MENTAL HEALTH/HEALTHY AGING - Robert Segal

Objectives

- 1 Continually refine and upgrade Helpguide.org to bring it to new levels of excellence, develop new articles, and update existing articles.
- 2 Increase the use of Helpguide.org in the Rotary community and in District 5280 specifically
- 3 Demonstrate to club members the benefits of active use of the Internet as a resource for help in dealing with important problems
- 4 Develop a broader financial base to support Helpguide's operations



Robert Segal

Projects

- 1 Engage additional volunteers and integrate them with Helpguide's paid staff and existing corps of volunteers
- 2 Continue to attract donations to help underwrite the cost of producing and maintaining Helpguide.org



Monika White



Frank Lavac

B. GIVE OF YOURSELF – Frank Lavac

Objectives

- 1 To increase the awareness of Club members of the vital importance of organ and tissue donation as a community and national service.
- 2 To educate members through literature and presentations to the Club.
- 3 To inform Club members of the new registry DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA, which is a private, nonprofit, confidential, state-authorized organ and tissue donor registry, which will make it easier to clearly and succinctly state and share one's decision about organ and tissue donation.
- 4 To encourage Club members to support donation by registering their commitment to become organ and/or tissue donors.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Santa Monica Rotary Club has a strong track record of encouraging and facilitating participation by its members in the events and activities of other social service charitable nonprofit agencies in the community. Members research opportunities and requirements of community events and, where appropriate, help to organize their fellow Rotarians to support and participate in these activities in a way that is satisfying to the individuals but also focuses the community's attention on the leadership capacity of the Rotary Club.

While most of these involvements are arranged year-to-year, several have become almost permanent fixtures on our club's activities calendar. Members look forward to these mainstays every year.



Frank Lavac

C. RED KETTLE DAY – Frank Lavac, Myles Pritchard

Objectives

- 1 To successfully compete with all other local service clubs to raise money for the Salvation Army in coordination with its December Red Kettle Day Project.
- 2 To further Rotarian awareness and understanding of the Salvation Army's mission to meet human needs in our community.

Projects

- 1 Assist in December Red Kettle Day with Rotarian volunteers as bell ringers.
- 2 Solicit donations from our own club.
- 3 To be #1 at the annual Service Club Counting party hosted by First Private Bank & Trust.



Myles Pritchard

OTHER HANDS-ON COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

D. EARTH ANGELS – Ann Greenspun



Ann Greenspun

Objectives

- 1 To provide ground transportation for patients who need transfers between local hospitals, or between inter-regional transportation such as Angel Flight (Santa Monica Airport location) to a local hospital.

Projects

- 1 Engage volunteers to provide ground transportation to patients.
- 2 Transport patients for treatment at local hospitals.

E. BEACH CLEAN-UP – Jane Hall



Jane Hall

Objectives

- 1 Hands-on community service activity to clean up and care for our natural environment.
- 2 Develop fellowship amongst Club members.

Projects

- 1 One-day hands-on collection of garbage strewn on Santa Monica Bay beach.

F. OPCC FEED HOMELESS & OTHERS IN NEED – Bill Buxton



Bill Buxton

Objectives

- 1 Feed homeless, single mothers and their children, and others in need four times per fiscal year.
- 2 Develop fellowship amongst Club members.

Projects

- 1 Procure ingredients, prepare and serve meals to homeless, single mothers and their children, and others in need once per Quarter at OPCC facilities. (Different facility each Quarter.)

COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the most satisfying year-round tasks of the club is to solicit and review applications for grants and scholarships and award the checks to the deserving recipients. Grant and scholarship committees are among the most popular committees for club members to devote their time and energy while learning about some of the outstanding organizations and individuals who are our neighbors.



Alan Glick



Alan Young

G. SCHOLARSHIPS AND YOUTH AWARDS – Alan Glick & Alan Young

Objectives

- 1 Review and award annual scholarships.

Projects

- 1 Award the following annual scholarships (typically 7 awards of either \$1,000 or \$750):
 - a. Santa Monica College (Nick Holt Scholarship)
 - b. Olympic Continuation School (John English Scholarship)
 - c. Santa Monica College (Archie M. Morrison Scholarship)
 - d. Santa Monica High School (Russell Hart Scholarship)
 - e. St. Monica High School (Thomas Fox Scholarship)The schools recommend students to the Committee which then selects the winners.
- 2 Award 3 additional \$1,000 scholarships through contributions by Rotarians including the Morgan Segal award for outstanding creative writing, the Con Oyler award for an outstanding Crossroads High School student, and the Harding, Larmore, Mullen, Jakle, Kutcher & Kozal award to an outstanding New Roads High School student. Winners are selected by the Committee.



Susan Annett

H. COMMUNITY AND YOUTH GRANTS – Susan Annett

Objectives

- 1 To allocate our financial resources in a way that will make an impact on the human needs of our community.
- 2 To provide financial support to non-profit organizations thereby promoting the welfare of youth or others in need in our community.

Projects

- 1 To solicit and review grant applications from non-profit community organizations.
- 2 To encourage emerging and innovative community non-profit organizations that serve youth and other segments of our community to apply for funding.