

# Rotary Club of Sugar House



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## "Light Up Rotary"

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Thursday Noon - 2375 South 900 East

### OPENING - 12:00 PM

Greeter	Amber Nielsen
Song	America the Beautiful
Pledge / 4-Way	Larry Wright
Inspirational Thought / Prayer	Theresa Milad
Guest Introduction	Garth Briggs
Sergeant at Arms	Barry Bank

**Music:** Craig Kaelin, Piano  
Earl Jones, Conducting

**Song:** America the Beautiful

Oh beautiful for spacious skies  
For amber waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain

America, America  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with  
brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea

### WELCOME SONG

*Song by Wally Williams (Former Club Member)*

Welcome to Sugar House Rotary,  
We're mighty glad you are here  
We'd like to sing you a long song  
But a wrong song might appear  
So sit you down and make some  
friends today...Right Here!

## RCSH

MIKE WELLS  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

### TODAY'S ASPIRATIONS

- 1 I will be thankful for everything I have and not ask for more.
- 2 I will be grateful for every part of my body that functions well and not focus on the parts that don't.
- 3 I will tell those closest to me that I love them.
- 4 I will have a kind word or do a considerate act for someone else.
- 5 I will make sure I have a smile and not a frown or a mask of indifference.
- 6 I will be patient and calm and not immediately react to something I don't like.
- 7 I will recognize that life is a precious gift and live it in this moment rather than promising myself to wait for the weekend or some other future time.

Author Unknown

### CALENDAR

- August 7** – Michael Y  
Intl. projects of the Moran Eye Center
- August 14** – TBA
- August 21** – John McNary
- August 25** – RCSH  
Adoption Awareness  
BSA – Tracy Lodge  
4:30 – 7:30 PM
- August 28** – No Meeting

### SUGAR HOUSE ROTARY CLUB 2014-2015

President -	Dan Sundahl
President-elect -	Don Bean
Immediate Past Pres.-	Harold Weight
Vice President -	Ken Simpson
Director -	Todd Suekawa
Director -	Kevin Jones
Director -	Larry Wright, M.D.
Sergeant at Arms & Chili Open Chair -	Barry Bank
Secretary -	David Baranowski
Treas./ Exec. Sec.-	Michael Tilton

### ROTARY WISDOM

"Learn from the mistakes of others.  
You can never live long enough to  
make them all yourself."

— Groucho Marx



Ron Nethercutt

By Ron Nethercutt, past chair of the Rotarians on the Internet Fellowship and a member of the Rotary Club of Mabalacat, Pampanga, Philippines.

## A REASON TO WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN

One of my unexpected surprises as a member of Rotary came during a large chamber of commerce meeting held at the Trade Center in New Orleans.

A young lady approached me and said "I want to thank you." I asked "Why? Have we met?" She responded by saying she saw my Rotary pin that I was wearing and that she gave thanks to every Rotarian she saw.

She went on to tell me how she had been named a Rotary Scholar and earned a master's degree in international banking at Oxford University, following undergraduate work in accounting. Upon returning from Oxford, she was hired at the largest bank in New Orleans, and after a few short years, she was named vice president for that bank's investments in Latin America. She specialized in bank loans to young people to financially assist in their development.

I'm sure we all have some personal stories to tell about those being helped by Rotary. My own club has a constant flow of young children who we have helped receive both minor and major medical operations.

I share the above story since it came as a complete surprise for something for which I had no personal involvement. Our only link was that Rotary pin.

Do you have a story about wearing your Rotary pin? We would love to hear about it. Please submit your short story to: Lisa Boren at [lisa.boren@scouting.org](mailto:lisa.boren@scouting.org) for publication in the bulletin.

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## EDUCATION: COLLECTIVE WISDOM

When I was researching African American inventors for my children's book, *What Color Is My World?*, I came across James E. West whose discoveries led to our modern microphones. [Note Inserted: James E. West was the first Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.]

When West was eight years old, he tried to repair a broken radio. As he plugged it into the socket, 120 volts of electricity ripped through his body. For most of us, that moment would have deterred us from ever getting near a power source again. But for young West, that mistake inspired him to further his studies in electricity – which led to his triumphs as an inventor.

The study of history involves a long list of mistakes and triumphs, and sometimes it's hard to predict which is which. The lessons of history – even the lessons of our personal histories – aren't always easy to decipher. That's why teaching history is so important.

It keeps our children – and by extension, our society – from having to learn things the hard way. As American philosopher George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Failure to learn from the past is pervasive, whether we're talking about one's personal history.

"Rejoice while you are alive; enjoy the day; live life to the fullest; make the most of what you have. It is later than you think." You've probably said this a time or two; it's attributed to Horace, who said it over 2,000 years ago. Similar ideas can be found even further back in history.

"If you wish to be loved, love." That's a quote that could be in any contemporary self-help book, yet it was uttered 2,000 years ago by the Roman philosopher Seneca. No matter what technological advances we make, humanity at its core is about how we love and what we're willing to do in the name of that love. History teaches us that we all share the same emotions, the same fears, the same dreams.

In the past few years, I have visited dozens of schools to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs. The best part is having the chance to talk with some of the students individually. Many times, a young boy or girl has come up to me and said, "I never thought I could be a scientist. But after reading your book, I'm thinking maybe I can."

That's the best reason of all to teach history: to inspire children to see themselves in ways they might not have imagined before. To broaden their horizons, to give them hope, to encourage them to dream – and then to provide them with the tools necessary to make those dreams come true.

– Kareem Abdul-Jabbar  
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